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**China** allowed its yuan to sink yesterday and U.S. President Donald Trump said the two sides will talk “very seriously” about their war over trade and technology following tit-for-tat tariff hikes and Trump’s threat to order American companies to stop doing business with China. More on p11

**Thailand** Police in Phuket said yesterday that Norwegian Roger Bullman, 54, charged with manslaughter in the death of a British tourist has been released on 400,000 baht (\$13,070) bail but is barred from leaving the country, with his passport confiscated.

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**Afghanistan** Two yellow burqas are on display at a television station in Kabul, bright versions of the blue ghostlike garments some women in the capital still wear. For the young women at Zan TV they are relics, a reminder of a Taliban-ruled past that few of them can recall. More on p13

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**Brazil** Leaders of the Group of Seven nations said yesterday [Macau time] they are preparing to help Brazil battle fires burning across the Amazon region and repair the damage as tens of thousands of soldiers got ready to join the fight against blazes that have caused global alarm. More on p14-15

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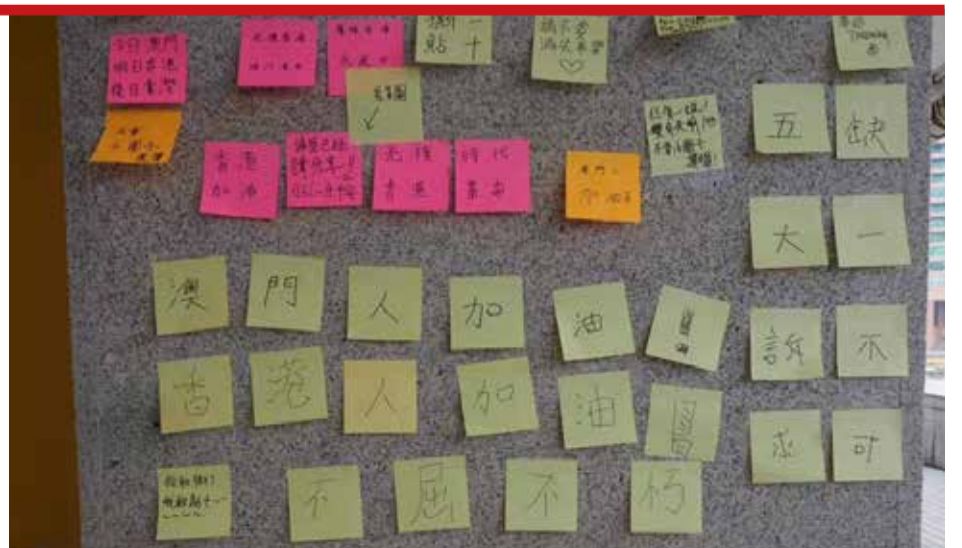
# 94% FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

NEW MACAU ONLINE SURVEY



## LENNON WALL FOR DEMOCRACY SCRAPPED

A Lennon Wall which appeared Sunday at Nam Van Lake Plaza in support of democracy in Macau and Hong Kong was removed later on that day allegedly by the authorities



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DAN GOLD

Cases of sexual crimes have been reportedly growing in Macau over the last few months. In one case, a local 20-year-old woman filed a sexual harassment complaint against a local driving instructor for two incidents earlier this month

CRIME

# POLICE REPORTS INDICATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES ON THE RISE

RENATO MARQUES

CASES of sexual crimes have been reportedly growing in Macau over the last few months. During yesterday's joint press conference from the police forces, held at the Public Security Police Force (PSP) facilities, the same force reported two more cases, one related to "sexual harassment" and another to "indecent exposure."

Additionally, the Judiciary Police (PJ) used the same opportunity to report a case on sexual activities but, this time, in relation to an alleged criminal organization that was found to be exploiting prostitution in Macau.

## DRIVING INSTRUCTOR BEHAVES INAPPROPRIATELY

In the first case, reported by the PSP, a local 20-year-old woman filed a sexual harassment complaint against a local driving instructor, a man over 60 years old.

The woman said to the police that the man had on several occasions touched her thighs, waist, and breasts during the driving classes, adding that on one of the occasions, he tried to force her hand onto his sexual organ.

The harassment had reportedly occurred on two different occasions on August 18 and then on August 20.

According to the report to the PSP, the suspect touched the wo-

man while she was driving the car around Estrada da Ponta da Cabrita in Taipa.

The woman finally disclosed the incidents to her parents who prompted her to file the complaint.

The police detained the suspect on August 24 around 5 p.m. at the Border Gate checkpoint.

Upon questioning, the man admitted to having touched the woman but said it was accidental and not intentional, explaining that he wanted to see if she had driven the car over the road line so he leaned his body on top of her lap to reach for the driver's door and open it to check.

According to the PSP spokesperson, the provided explanation and reported frequency of such incidents made the man's account of events seem implausible, particularly as his only explanation for the moment when the woman accused him of trying to force her hand into his pants was that he was "just kidding."

The PSP said that there is enough evidence to send the case to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) under the charge of sexual harassment.

## AREIA PRETA EXHIBITIONIST CAUGHT AGAIN

In the second case reported by the PSP, a male over 20 years, said to be a caretaker at a building condominium, was arrested for the

indecent exposure of his genitals to a woman at the Areia Preta Urban Park.

The victim reported the case to the PSP around midnight yesterday saying that while she was resting in the garden area, a man who was wandering around suddenly smiled at her and then exposed his genitals to her by masturbating in front of her.

The police started a search for the suspect, finding someone who matched the victim's description around an hour later.

Brought into the police station, the man confessed to the crime

saying that he had done it because he felt "lustful" towards her.

During the investigation, the police also found out that the same man had been detained previously back in 2016 for the same crime.

He was sent to the MP and charged with indecent exposure.

## PAIR LINKED TO PROSTITUTION RING

Earlier in the same press conference, the PJ spokesperson had reported that the force had received a report over the unlawful activities of one 33-year-old male

from the mainland that led to his detention and the detention of an 18-year-old female accomplice in a prostitution exploitation case.

The victim, a 27-year-old woman (also from the mainland) who met the man on the internet in June, reported the case.

She told the police that the man offered to help her to come to Macau to perform prostitution-related activities.

Under the agreement, any money made from the arrangement would firstly be held by the man who would later share it with the woman, taking a share for himself.

According to the victim, since she accepted the deal, she had come to Macau on four different occasions to offer prostitution services, charging between HKD1,000 and 1,500 to each client. According to her calculations, she should have earned around HKD80,000.

On August 18, she came once more to Macau but felt unwell and wanted to stop the activity. She approached the man and asked for her share of the money but he refused to give it to her, and she pressed charges against him.

The PJ then deployed officers to a hotel room reported by the victim, where they found the man and the woman.

Taken to the PJ headquarters, they confessed to the crime.

According to further investigation by the PJ, it is suspected that such criminal organization includes another two suspects still at large.

The pair detained will be accused of holding and managing a criminal organization with the purpose of exploiting prostitution.

## DEAD BODY FOUND FLOATING IN MACAU SEA

THE body of a male aged between 30 and 40, 1.72 meters tall and wearing white and red clothes, was found floating in the Macau sea, the Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesperson informed.

The Customs Service discovered the corpse on August 24 around 11 a.m., transporting the body to the Outer Harbour and informing the PJ of the finding.

According to the PJ, the body was fully dressed and had one silver chain around the neck. No documents or other possessions were found that could be used to identify the person.

The force also said that the preliminary investigation found no wounds or any suspicious evidence of a potential fight or struggle on the body.

The PJ is now trying to identify the body. This

case will continue in an investigation.

In a separate case, the body of a woman was discovered in Nam Van Lake last week by the Fire Services Bureau.

The body was initially spotted ashore near the Nam Van Lake Aquatic Activity Centre, along Av. Panorâmica do Lago Nam Van. When PJ inspectors arrived at the scene, the body had been moved to dry land by the firefighters.

As per their preliminary inspection, there was no sign of injury on the body that could cause suspicion, according to the PJ. The bureau also disclosed the fact that no traces of personal property or identification document could be found.

The deceased was aged between 20 and 30 years old, according to the police report. **RM**

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NEW MACAU ASSOCIATION

# Survey: 5,351 residents voted in favor of universal suffrage

LYNZY VALLES

A total of 5,351 votes were cast in favor of having a Chief Executive elected by universal suffrage.

The result of the "Vote on Universal Suffrage for Chief Executive Election 2019," organized by the New Macau Association (ANM, from the Portuguese acronym), showed that 93.9% were in favor of such an election process, while 236 (4.1%) voted against it, with 111 (2%) abstentions.

The activity aimed to provide a platform for citizens to speak out about political reform and universal suffrage during the election of the Chief Executive. However, according to the association, due to the limited publicity resources, it is only possible for the associa-

tion to appeal through street booths and social networks.

The number of voters was said to be in line with the organizer's expectations. Members of the association said that they believed that there were still those who were concerned about universal suffrage yet had not voted for various reasons.

The vote was originally scheduled to end at 12 p.m. on August 25. However, since August 15, the website has been continually suffering from cyberattacks mainly from the mainland. Consequently, the association said it had decided to end the voting activity on August 24 after a "prudent assessment" of the risks at stake.

On August 22, the ANM received specific information indicating that the above situation wou-

ld likely intensify, and that members of the association might be at risk. Service interruptions also occurred on the website for the vote on August 23, leaving the participants unable to cast a vote.

Although the association said that the voting activity was carried out peacefully in full accordance with the law, it admitted that it has been continuously experiencing technological and political threats and attacks, which constitute a violation of the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens.

"The ANM deeply regrets this. Meanwhile, the ANM appeals to everyone with political differences to respect each other," the association said in a statement.

"Although the result of the vote is not legally binding, the ANM emphasizes its hope that such

results can serve as an important reference for the coming SAR government," it added.

The association expressed its belief that the coming government should strive to reinstate political reform within Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng's term of office and set a timetable and guidelines for stepping towards the common societal goal of universal suffrage for the Chief Executive election.

Lawmaker Sulu Suo previously told the press that the association received threats from people who tried to surround their offices and call for the website to be taken down. Suo said they were insulted because they held different political opinions.

Police authorities are aware of this and have taken videos of the threats.

## HO ION SANG CALLS FOR REGULAR 'LARGE-SIZE' GARBAGE COLLECTION

Lawmaker Ho Ion Sang wrote an interpellation asking the government for measures to handle the recycling of large-scale garbage such as furniture. Ho noted that local residents, for their convenience, drop large-size furniture at trash collection points across town, which in turn compromise garbage collection processes. Ho pointed out that Macau has not created an effective and environmentally-friendly management system for large-size trash handling. Ho suggested that collecting large-size garbage could be arranged once every other month or more regularly, and that support to vulnerable groups should be studied. He further proposed a paid large-size furniture collecting service to improve local residents' awareness of their responsibilities in handling their own garbage. In addition, Ho asked about the schedule to launch a furniture renewal program, previously discussed by the government.

## AMARAL TRAFFIC LIGHTS SUSPENDED UNTIL TOMORROW

The traffic lights at Praça de Ferreira do Amaral are expected to remain suspended until tomorrow, according to the Transport Bureau (DSAT). A set of traffic lights at the city's busiest bus stop were damaged on Sunday night as a result of engineering projects carried out in the area. The DSAT is currently undertaking emergency repairs for the lights, and it is estimated that it will be three days before the lights can resume operation. Public Security Police Force officers have been dispatched to the location during rush hours to maintain traffic order.

## MGTO STUDIES DIVERTING TOURISTS TO SLOW SEASON

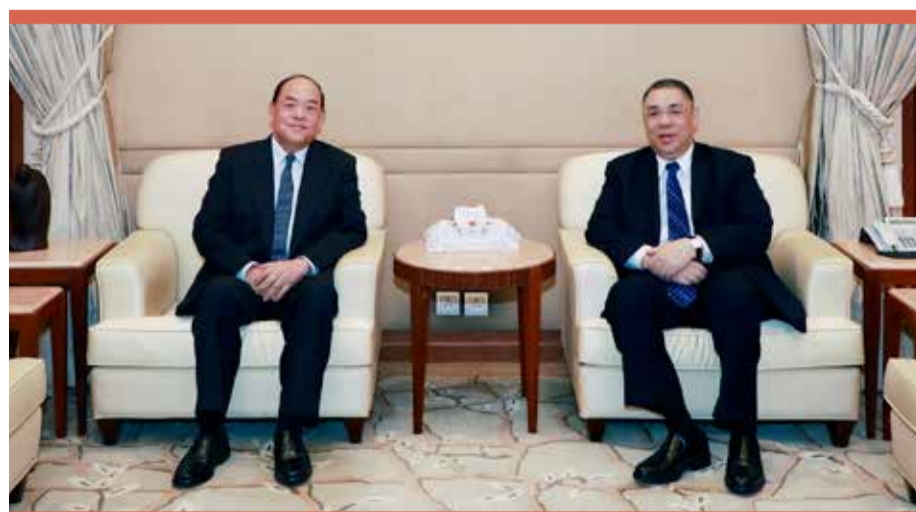
The Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) will study the feasibility of organizing special activities for the slow tourism season, according to MGTO Director Helena de Senna Fernandes. The purpose of the study is to figure out ways to attract tourists who would otherwise travel during peak season and incentivize them to come during the slow season to reduce crowds and pressure throughout the year. "We will consult with the public which activities we can organize together with public [associations]," said Fernandes. Whether they should "consist of new activities, or current activities organized at another time of the year" is under consideration. The MGTO head claimed that her office will review its own activities as well.

# Chui Sai On offers congratulations to CE-elect

INCUMBENT Chief Executive Chui Sai On met yesterday with the Chief Executive-elect, Ho Iat Seng, where the two officials agreed to keep in close touch in order to ensure a smooth transition to a new administration.

In the meeting held at the Government Headquarters, Chui congratulated Ho for securing a high number of the available votes in Sunday's election. Ho secured 392 votes from a possible 400.

In the days to come, the government will render its full support in terms of resources and facilities to accommodate Ho's needs in forming a new governance team,



said Chui.

Meanwhile, the government will continue to press ahead with existing policy plans, with a view to maintain social stability and harmony, accor-

ding to the Government Information Bureau.

These plans are important, said the Bureau, in the context of the celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the Macau Special

Administrative Region (SAR) and the installation of the next-term government administration.

Chui also said the local government will submit a report to the central

government regarding the election result and the proposal that Ho be appointed as the next Chief Executive of Macau. The report will be submitted once the necessary legal procedures had been completed.

Speaking in yesterday's meeting, Ho expressed his gratitude regarding the preparations of the Chief Executive's role and the local government in relation to the transition period. The Chief Executive-elect said his team would work closely with the Chief Executive's Office in order to ensure the transition occurs in a smooth and orderly manner. **DB**



**PATRIOTIC EDUCATION**

# LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY CANNOT BE FORCED, SAYS EDUCATION OFFICIAL



Students at Macau's Hou Kong Middle School write a letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping

A high ranking official of Macau's education authority has remarked that patriotic education cannot be forced, according to a report by public broadcaster TDM.

Leong Wai Kei, the Acting Director of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), appeared to cast doubt on the effectiveness of patriotic activities among the youth.

"Actually, patriotic education should really not be forced or pushed. Love comes from the heart," said Leong.

"We have been imple-

menting patriotic education through different activities, and through teaching," said Leong, adding that "when you know someone or something, and when you build a relationship with that person or that thing, you will probably love them because of that [relationship]. Love cannot be forced."

Patriotic education is a policy and education movement that has been regularly updated since 1990, in China, targeting the youth. It is a selective history education which aims at highlighting the brutality of former foreign aggressors

while neglecting Chinese leaders' atrocities and mistakes.

In mainland China, patriotic education aims at training the nationalist and anti-western victim mentality.

The actual Chinese characters for patriotic education translate as "Love the Country Education".

According to Leong, the DSEJ has been training local students' feelings for "family-country" through theory and practice sessions. Local schools and students have participated in DSEJ's theory and prac-

tice sessions without being forced to do so.

Leong said that it was more effective to gradually build a sense of belonging.

The DSEJ's mainland youth exchange program, student visits to a military camp and flag-raising activities all help students to develop a comprehensive knowledge about the country and Macau, said Leong, thus building a sense of belonging.

In Leong's opinion, currently, local students' feeling of "family-country" has been continuously growing, and local youths are willing to participate in abovementioned activities.

In order to substantiate her opinion, Leong noted that in 2019, one-third of Macau's high school graduates chose to go to universities in mainland China. JZ

**EDUCATION**

# UM graduate awarded for study on migrant workers

THE Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Global Health Conference's undergraduate student poster contest will award its first prize to a sociology graduate from the University of Macau.

Huang Lei will be presented an award for her poster that presents a study examining the spatial and sociodemographic correlates of the weight status among Filipina migrant workers in the SAR.

The winning paper is titled 'Fast Food Restaurant Density and Weight Status: A Spatial Analysis among Filipina Migrant Workers in Macau (SAR), People's Republic of China'.

The upcoming conference – where Huang will be awarded – will be held at the University of Hong Kong.

According to a statement issued by the university, the study collected data from nearly 4,000 Filipina migrant workers in Macau, including the participants' demographic characteristics, health-related behaviors, height, weight, and body fat percentage.

The study has found that nearly 65% of the participants are either overweight or obese and that the increased density of fast food restaurants has been associated with the unhealthy weight status of female migrant

workers in Macau.

The study suggests that health interventions to improve diet and physical activity should be promoted among this population.

Huang's poster is based on a migrant health study she was involved in as an undergraduate research assistant in the Global and Community Mental Health Research Group of the FSS.

During her undergraduate studies, Huang received the Henry Fok Foundation Scholarship for three consecutive years and was awarded the Jorge Alvares Foundation Academic Prize for her outstanding academic achievements. LV

**WEATHER**

# TYPHOON MAY APPROACH MACAU BY LATE-WEEK

ANOTHER typhoon may brush past the city later this week as a tropical cyclone set to mature the South China Sea is thought on a path taking it to China's Hainan Island and then Vietnam.

The trajectory of the typhoon, mapped last night using weather website Windy, is subject to change in the days ahead, raising the possibility it could meander closer to Macau.

The wind speed is expected to get stronger by Thursday afternoon.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau predicted that the weather today may include a

few showers with Force 2 to 4 south to southwesterly winds with gusts.

Towards the end of the week, the bureau is expecting thundershowers from the coming Friday to Sunday – similar to the Hong Kong Observatory's predictions, noting that the weather in the neighboring region will become "unsettled towards the weekend."

Last week's Typhoon Bailu made contact with the Philippines when it intensified into a tropical depression from a low-pressure area. The tropical cyclone left at least two dead and two other injured after it barreled through parts of the

country's Luzon island.

The tropical storm swept also across southern Taiwan, triggering landslides and flooding and leaving at least one dead before it hit southern China on Saturday morning.

Tropical storm Bailu brought heavy rain and winds of up to 118km per hour as it crossed the southern half of Taiwan.

The island braced itself for landslides, floods and high seas, and closed businesses and schools. Airlines canceled more than 350 flights.

Some 34,000 soldiers were also deployed in the south amid fears of flooding. LV

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# Lennon Wall appears at Nam Van Lake in call for democracy

JULIE ZHU

**A** Lennon Wall appeared at Nam Van Lake Plaza, on Sunday, in support of Macau and Hong Kong people and the call in these two cities for democracy. The wall was removed later on the same day, according to a report by All About Macau.

On Sunday, approximately 53 notes were attached on the wall. The notes left on the wall included messages such as "all five demands must be fulfilled", "Go Macau People, Go Hong Kong People," and "no small-circle election". Empty note papers and pens were also left on the floor for free use by the public.

Despite the fact that no criminal activities were related to the Lennon Wall, several police officers from the Judiciary Police (PJ) appeared at the scene to carry out an investigation.

"If you don't say, I thought there was a murder case," one commented on Macau's Lennon Wall on Lihkg Forum, a forum website

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with a user base mostly from Hong Kong.

Four middle school students from the site – two girls and two boys – were questioned in relation to the wall for more than one hour until they were eventually released from by the police. None of them were arrested.

A journalist dispatched to the scene was also requested to present an ID card, which was only returned to the journalist about 20 minutes later.

None of the four students admitting to creating the wall, although one of the female students left a memo on it. This student said she

felt "helpless" and "odd" when she was questioned for over an hour by police officers. She added that the police officers did not explain the reason for the questioning to any of the students.

Moreover, according to this student, there were also memos with insulting words on the wall,

however, the four students claim to have removed them.

One of the boys who was questioned stated that he learnt about the Lennon Wall online, and thought it was a valuable chance for Macau to have a channel for people to voice their opinion, which triggered his interest in visiting the site.

"The Macau [government] does not listen to the people. Many things are not close to reality and are far away from public opinions," the male student said, according to the same report.

"We want to use this channel to voice our opinion to the government and to make more people learn about it."

The male student highlighted that he is simply a young person who wishes the best for Macau, does not want Macau to become chaotic, and wants to support other places in a peaceful manner.

The students left the scene at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Thirty minutes later, the wall was cleaned up.

Recently in Hong Kong, various pro-democracy Lennon Walls were created across the whole city.

The Macau Nam Van Lennon Wall was most likely removed by the Macau authorities. However, in Hong Kong, Lennon Walls were defaced several times by hundreds of masked people and other ordinary people.

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# Museum of Art launches exhibition of Chen Zhifo

STAFF REPORTER

**J**OINTLY organized by the Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Nanjing Museum, the exhibition "Quietness and Clarity: Works of Chen Zhifo from the Collection of the Nanjing Museum", has been launched in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao Museum of Art (MAM). The exhibition is currently being held on the fourth floor of MAM between August 24 to November 17 and is one of the integral programs of "Art Macau".

This exhibition features a total of 166 works, including paintings, sculptures, sketches, manuscripts and painting tools by Chen Zhifo, which is the largest exhibit for now, according to the curator, Wan Xinhua, the deputy director of the Nanjing Museum.

Chen Zhifo (1896 - 1962) is a master of Chinese gongbi ("meticulous painting") bird-



and-flower paintings, an expert in Chinese painting theory known for embracing both Eastern and Western cultures, and a pioneer of Chinese modern applied arts in 20th century.

Wan said that this exhibition is "very precious, featuring a practitioner [Chen Zhifo] on Chinese and Western culture [who] comes to the intersection of Chinese

and Western culture, allowing people to experience the integration and exchange of different cultures."

"Around 1949, China underwent great changes. Many artists like Chen Zhifo used brushes as weapons to express their feelings about that era. They have experienced the transformation process from art for art to art for life," said Wan. "The exhibition

consists of two exhibition halls – one with paintings and statues, and the other with manuscripts and sketches – the world behind the art of Chen Zhifo".

Li Mingchang, deputy director of the Nanjing Museum, said, "in March 2018, the director of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Mu Xinxin and his entourage visited the Nanjing Museum to organize 'Quietness and Clarity: Works of Chen Zhifo from the Collection of the Nanjing Museum' in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the return of Macau. After more than a year of preparation, this exhibition was held. [...] I am very grateful to the staff of the Macao Museum of Art for their efforts and support."

MAM will hold various educational activities, including thematic talks, in September and October. Admission to these activities is free, according to the press release by the museum.

## CCM CELEBRATES END TO 'ARTY SUMMER'

**T**HE Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) welcomed kids and parents to the ARTmusing Fun finale party last Sunday, bringing a series of activities from arts and crafts to games and short performances. Conceived to inspire and entertain both young and mature audiences, the event marked the end of this year's summer activities at CCM.

The jamboree attracted a lively crowd of over 5,000 people, according to organizers.

The audience was free to stroll around storytelling and bubble clowning corners besides participating in numerous other activities, from face painting, costume try on and paper puppet-making to a mini-cinema screening local animations.

This artistic family celebration closed with a lively mini-concert by The Singing Club where CCM's young voices interpreted a cheerful line-up of songs inspired by nature and illustrated by simple choreographed moves.

This year's "ARTmusing Summer" brought in a pack of performances and artistic activities to town, from July to the end of August. Designed for very young children, this edition brought international productions like the puppet show Little Max and dance theatre Flights, coupled with an eclectic series of workshops for all tastes.

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MAINLAND tourists can experience some of Macau's specialty food products without setting foot in the city by visiting shops at and around the Gongbei underground plaza, in Zhuhai

It is convenient to access Macau specialty products in the neighboring mainland city, since it generally takes only 30 minutes to cross from Zhuhai to Macau.

Shops claiming to sell authentic Macau souvenirs can be found at the major entrance of the Gongbei underground plaza.

A Koi Kei Bakery type of souvenir store, named "Imported Snacks", is located at the north side of Gongbei underground plaza, where it sells cookies and



A store with a red-colored sign that reads "Koi Kei Heong" in Gongbei, Zhuhai. Despite this shop advertising itself as a Zhuhai branch, its parent company is not Macau's Koi Kei Bakery

meat jerky in the style of the Macau SAR.

The shop advertises that it sells "Hong Kong and Macau special food, Macau cookies." In addition to cookies from Macau, the shop sells other allegedly imported snacks.

Macau's specialty bakeries are common at the Gongbei underground plaza, with simi-

lar shops also found in the general vicinity of the plaza.

Just about 200 meters north of the Gongbei underground plaza, another Macau bakery can be found next to the Gongbei Port bus stop, named "Koi Kei Heong Macau Souvenir".

However, the characters are slightly different, with the third character, heong, meaning "to smell good". Despite this shop advertising itself as a Zhuhai branch, its parent company remains unclear.

Macau has Koi Kei bakeries and stores selling Heong Kei meat jerky. However, according to the Koi Kei Bakery website, this Macau company has not opened a store anywhere on the mainland.

The Macau bakery, Heong Kei Meat Jerky, is also not the operator behind Koi Kei Heong Macau Souvenir in Zhuhai.

In 2015, Heong Kei Meat Jerky issued a statement clarifying that it has no relationship with mainland China's "Heong Kei Food" bakeries.

Previously in Zhuhai, different imitations of Macau's Koi Kei Bakeries were spread in various districts. At the Wanzai Macau Street in Zhuhai, Koi Kei and Koi Hong were two of the brands imitated from Macau's famous bakeries.

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Advertisement for France Macau Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on August 28th, 2019, featuring 'The Londoner' and 'Introduction to The Londoner Macao'.

Advertisement for France Macau Chamber of Commerce business luncheon on September 20th, 2019, featuring 'EU Trade Policy and the US-China Trade Dispute: Challenging Times for EU?'.



# Tensions escalate in Hong Kong protests as police weapon fired

NATALIE LUNG, AARON MC NICHOLAS, ANNIE LEE & KARI LINDBERG

**T**ENSIONS flared in Hong Kong on a weekend that began with the formation of a peaceful human chain across the city and culminated two days later with police firing a weapon and using water cannons for the first time.

In a 12th straight weekend of protests, violent clashes erupted between police and protesters Sunday evening in the New Territories district of Tsuen Wan. They came the day after Chief Executive Carrie Lam met with former officials and other prominent figures to build a dialogue that can resolve the crisis rocking the former British colony.

Police arrested 86 people ages 12 to 52 over the weekend for alleged offenses including unlawful assembly, possession of weapons and assaulting police officers, police officials said at a Monday briefing. Senior Superintendent Kong Wing-cheung said police used 215 tear gas canisters and 74 rubber bullets along with sponge bullets and bean bag rounds, over two days. Twenty-one police were injured, they said.

That's more than 10% of the tear gas canisters - and almost 20% of the rubber bullets - fired since the protests began 12 weeks ago.

The return to violence followed a peaceful mass march the previous weekend that had fueled hopes of a reset after a period of escalating clashes between protesters and police. Historic protests opposing legislation allowing extraditions to China began in June, and have since widened into a broader movement against Beijing's grip on the city that shows no signs of ending.

Anson Chan, the city's former No. 2 official and a member of the pro-democracy camp, said Monday that there was "not much point" in Lam's dialogue unless she was prepared to consider

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protester demands, including withdrawing the extradition bill and appointing a commission of inquiry into the unrest. "It's all very well to have a dialogue, but if the dialogue leads absolutely nowhere, then this will just add to the increasing frustration and anger felt on the part of the protesters," Chan told Bloomberg TV.

## LOSING PATIENCE

In the latest warning from Beijing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency published a commentary Sunday, saying that the protests had turned into a "color revolution" and underscoring the central government's right to intervene in such cases. Previously, official sources had only described the movement as having some characteristics of a color revolution aimed at overturning the city's constitutional institutions.

"It's not only the Chinese cen-

tral government's authority, but also its responsibility to intervene when riots take place in Hong Kong," the Xinhua commentary said Sunday, drawing on comments by late paramount leader Deng Xiaoping.

President Donald Trump said

sembling in Shenzhen ahead of "apparent large-scale exercises."

## 'BEST OPTION'

The Hong Kong police defended the decision by one of its officers to fire a warning shot into the sky Sunday, calling it "the best

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FORMER HK OFFICIAL

option" to disperse hundreds of protesters who were charging toward a fallen officer with metal poles and other weapons. Six officers drew their guns during the scuffles, police said.

"Our officer's life was in great danger," Yolanda Yu, a police senior superintendent, said at an earlier briefing Monday that started with video footage of black-clad protesters attacking the police. "The use of force was indeed necessary and reasonable. It was to protect any person, including the officer himself, from death or serious bodily injury."

Yu also stood by the move by an officer who kicked a person whi-

le holding his revolver, calling it a "natural reflex."

Police for the first time used water cannon trucks to clear barricades set up by protesters in Tsuen Wan and fired tear gas to disperse people who had occupied roads. Running battles continued into the night, with streets cleared at about 8:30 p.m., around the time that the gun was discharged.

People came out to protest despite a day of often-heavy rain. "The rainy weather is good for the protesters but it's bad for the police, who are wearing heavy gear. It also makes their tear gas ineffective," said Gloria Mak, a 25-year-old assistant to a Japanese company.

## ATOLL ON BUSINESS

The unrest continues to take a toll on business, including Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. which is taking a tougher stance on staff and said it would show no tolerance toward employees supporting or taking part in illegal protests ahead of "planned activities" by trade union members around its operational hub Cathay City yesterday. Those events were later rescheduled for tomorrow.

The MTR Corp. suspended subway train services to stations near the planned Tsuen Wan march. Operations Director Adi Lau Tin-shing said the current situation represented the rail company's biggest challenge in its 40 years of operation.

Police also said "radical protesters" in Saturday's clashes in the Kwun Tong area of Kowloon used electric saws to damage a number of smart lampposts, and hurled bricks and petrol bombs at officers. Police said 32 people were arrested Saturday.

The same day, Lam invited about 30 people to a meeting organized at the Government House, including ex-transport chief Anthony Cheung and Cardinal John Tong, the former bishop of Hong Kong, RTHK reported. She said the meeting was not a "dialogue platform," but a gathering to share ideas on how to build dialogue.

"I do not expect dialogue to easily resolve the deadlock, stop demonstrations, or to provide solutions to problems," Lam said in a Facebook post. "But continuing to fight is not the way out."

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## AFTER UNDERWHELMING FIRST YEAR, CAN CASINO IMPROVE FORTUNES?

PHILIP MARCELO, BOSTON

**AEROSMITH**, New England Patriots cheerleaders and a five-tier birthday cake: Massachusetts' first Las Vegas-style casino threw itself an indulgent birthday bash on Saturday.

But one year after opening in western Massachusetts, MGM Springfield has underperformed its lofty revenue promises and already shed hundreds of jobs. And for some, the promised downtown revival has been underwhelming.

With a new rival in the form of the \$2.6 billion Encore Boston Harbor casino and potentially more competition in Connecticut, can the \$960 million entertainment complex meant to revive a struggling region turn arou-

nd its own fortunes?

Casino president Michael Mathis promises the gambling, hotel and entertainment complex is retooling for its second act, even as he and city leaders tout the resort's success in spurring new economic investment, drawing millions of new visitors to downtown and employing thousands of city residents.

"We're just ramping up. There's a lot of upside," he told The Associated Press ahead of the festivities. "The dominoes are falling, but not as quick as we've liked."

Mathis concedes casino officials underestimated the challenge of drawing loyal customers away from regional powerhouses Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. The Indian tribe-owned Connecticut resorts saw gambling revenues

decline this year, though not as bad as some feared with MGM's entry.

Going forward, MGM plans to double down on high quality, non-gambling entertainment, like Aerosmith's slate of four concerts this week, Mathis said. The casino is also overhauling its slot machine offerings, introducing new amenities for high rollers and continuing to press for legalized sports gambling in Massachusetts, he said.

"This is a competitive market and each place has to find their niche," Mathis said. "Great entertainment and a unique property, I think, will be ours."

The adjustments will reap marginal benefits but likely won't be game changers, suggests Colin Mansfield, a casino expert at the

ratings agency Fitch.

"Many of its regional competitors are focused on the same initiatives," he said. "From an amenity perspective, the tribal casinos have much more destination-style offerings that MGM Springfield lacks."

But unlike the troubled new casinos in upstate New York — which have faced bankruptcy or ownership changes just a year after opening — MGM Springfield will eventually find its footing, predicts Paul DeBole, a gambling expert at Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts.

"MGM knows how to run a profitable casino," he said. "Even in a saturated market."

Through July, MGM Springfield has generated just over \$250 million in gambling revenue

despite initially projecting more than \$400 million in year one — and much more in succeeding years. The casino also opened with 3,000 workers, but is down to roughly 2,300 as the company reduces its global workforce.

Mathis said he doesn't anticipate further local job cuts. He's quick to note that more than 40% of those employed are residents of Springfield — exceeding initial goals — and that the casino brought in roughly six million visitors its first year.

Still, some downtown shop owners complain the promised spillover to Main Street hasn't materialized. Some storefronts near the casino remain vacant and a few new shops have already opened and shuttered.

The resorts' unconventional design — a low-slung brick facade that blends with the historic streetscape and a generous outdoor plaza — was meant to encourage casino patrons to explore downtown and breathe new life into Main Street.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno says there are other signs the economic boom is underway. Meals tax revenue is up 16% from the same period last year, and hotel tax revenue is up 55%, he said.

Actor Mark Wahlberg and his family plan to open a Wahlburgers eatery next to the casino, while a developer is restoring a historic downtown theater and pairing it with a new boutique hotel.

MGM is also working with the city to transform another key downtown property into dozens of units of market-rate housing — a critical requirement of its agreements with the city and the state.

Downtown-area crime, meanwhile, is down 9% from the same point last year, according to Sarno.

"This has been a huge shot in the arm," he said. "The spin-off effects are happening. It's brought an air of momentum. People feel confident in the city." AP

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands China holds 'Drug Prevention for a Harmonious Family' seminar



Sands China co-organized a seminar titled "Drug Prevention for a Harmonious Family" with the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) on August 21.

The seminar was held

at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre, attended by around 35 employees from various departments.

The seminar was held in support of the Macau SAR

government's 2019 International Day against Drug Abuse campaign, with topics covering drug concepts, alcohol-related harm, and how to best refuse drugs.

It aimed to enhance awareness of drug abuse and build a drug-free society. The speaker for the seminar was Tang Sut I, head of IAS' Drug Abuse Prevention Division.

In a press release distributed yesterday, one of the participating team members is quoted as saying, "We as parents are concerned about the social issues faced by teenagers nowadays. This seminar taught me invaluable lessons and helped me understand the importance of protecting our children from drug abuse."

### MGM Cotai wins 'Best New Meetings Hotel - Asia' award



MGM Cotai has been recognized as the "Best New Meetings Hotel - Asia" by M&C (Meetings & Conventions) Asia Stella Awards.

Hubert Wang, President, Hospitality & Chief Financial Officer of MGM China Holdings said, "MGM Cotai is thrilled to receive this industry-specific accolade that recognizes our excellence in delivering innovative and professional hospitality experiences to our individual and corporate guests."

"Adding to the state-of-art meeting space

is our team of talented and dedicated professionals, who are committed to providing the best solutions to our clients, and who in return, have earned the respect from guests around the world, and from industry peers alike," as stated in a press release on August 22.

Stella Awards is a meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) industry-specific accolade. In 2019, a total of 25 awards across seven different categories were awarded.



# China lets yuan sink, Trump says serious talks to start

JOE McDONALD, ZEKE MILLER & DARLENE SUPERVILLE, BEIJING

**C**HINA allowed its yuan to sink yesterday and U.S. President Donald Trump said the two sides will talk “very seriously” about their war over trade and technology following tit-for-tat tariff hikes and Trump’s threat to order American companies to stop doing business with China.

The escalations prompted warnings that the chances of a settlement of the fight that threatens to tip the global economy into recession were disappearing. But Trump, speaking at the Group of Seven meeting of major economies in France, said serious negotiations would begin.

“We are going to start talking very seriously,” Trump said. He said the Chinese “mean business.”

Trump gave no details. Negotiators already were scheduled to meet next month in Washington following talks in Shanghai in July that ended with no signs of progress.

The Chinese central bank allowed the yuan to decline to 7.1468 to the dollar in tightly controlled trading. It was a relatively modest change from Friday’s low point of 7.0927 but its weakest rate since January 2008. The yuan has lost 6.5% from this year’s high on Feb. 28.

Chinese leaders have promised to avoid “competitive devaluation” to help exporters in the face of Trump’s tariff hikes. But regulators are trying to make the state-set exchange rate more market oriented. That allows investor jitters about the tariff war and its impact on Chinese economic growth to push the yuan lower.

Last week, Trump announced more tariff increases and said



he was ordering American companies to stop dealing with China. He said later he was threatening to use emergency powers under a 1977 law that targets rogue regimes, terrorists and drug traffickers.

That came after Beijing announced tariff hikes on \$75 billion of American imports in retaliation for earlier U.S. increases.

“This tit-for-tat escalation shows how unlikely a trade deal and de-escalation have become,” Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics said in a report.

Chinese leaders have hardened their position, especially after Trump imposed curbs in May on technology sales to telecom equipment giant Huawei, China’s first global tech brand.

“It does not appear likely they will yield in the face of more economic pressure,” UBS economists Tao Wang, Ning Zhang and Jennifer Zhong said in a report.

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Commerce in Shanghai appealed to both sides to avoid further penalties and reach a settlement.

“This is not a market from which American companies can withdraw,” the chamber president, Ker Gibbs, said in a statement.

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Trump said Friday he would raise planned tariffs on \$300 billion of Chinese goods from 10% to 15%. The U.S. Trade Representative said tariffs already imposed on another \$250 billion in Chinese imports would rise from 25% to 30% on Oct. 1 following a public comment period.

That was in response to Beijing’s announcement of tariff in-

creases on \$75 billion of American imports. The Chinese government said it also would go ahead with penalties on imports of U.S.-made autos and auto parts that were announced last year but suspended while the two sides negotiated.

The government said those increases would take effect in two batches on Sept. 1 and Dec. 15. That matches the timeline for Trump’s plan to extend tariff hikes to \$300 billion of Chinese imports.

A foreign ministry spokesman warned Beijing would “safeguard its legitimate rights” if Trump’s latest increase goes ahead.

“Threats and intimidation won’t work on us,” said Geng Shuang.

The two sides are deadlocked over how to enforce any deal. China insists Trump’s punitive tariffs must be lifted as soon as a deal takes effect. Washington says at least some must stay to make sure Beijing keeps any promises it makes.

Chinese exporters have been battered by a plunge in sales to the United States, their biggest market. But Communist leaders are resisting pressure to roll back plans for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics and other technologies.

Europe and Japan echo U.S. complaints that Beijing’s industrial plans violate its market-opening commitments and are based on stealing or pressuring companies to hand over technology.

Some American officials worry they might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

The weakness of the yuan, also known as the renminbi, or “people’s money,” is among U.S. grievances against Beijing. American officials complain a weak yuan gives Chinese exporters an unfair advantage and helps swell the U.S. trade deficit with China.

## Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif in Beijing for talks

**I**RANIAN Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif is meeting with his Chinese counterpart in Beijing following a surprise visit to the Group of Seven summit in France.

Zarif held talks with Wang Yi yesterday afternoon at a state guesthouse in western Beijing.

China has been a close Iranian economic partner and is among the signatories to the 2015 nuclear accord, which has been unraveling since President

Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the agreement.

Zarif made a five-hour visit Sunday to the seaside resort of Biarritz, where he met with Macron and French, German and British diplomats.

His visit to Beijing comes amid heightened tensions between China and the U.S. over their spiraling trade dispute and unrest in Hong Kong that Beijing accuses Washington of encouraging or even directing. AP



Foreign Minister Wang Yi (right) welcomes his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing



# US EXPORTS TO LOBSTER-LOVING CHINA GO OFF CLIFF AMID TARIFFS

PATRICK WHITTLE, PORTLAND

U.S. lobster exports to China have fallen off a cliff this year as new retaliatory tariffs shift the seafood business farther north.

China, a huge and growing customer for lobster, placed heavy tariffs on U.S. lobsters — and many other food products — in July 2018 amid rising trade hostilities between the Chinese and the Trump administration.

Meanwhile, business is booming in Canada, where cargo planes are coming to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Moncton, New Brunswick, to handle a growing bump in exports. Canadian fishermen catch the same species of lobster as American lobstermen, who are based mostly in Maine.

The loss of business has brought layoffs to some Maine businesses, such as The Lobster Co., of Arundel, where owner Stephanie Nadeau has laid off half the 14 people she once had working in wholesale.

“They picked winners, and they picked losers, and they picked me a loser,” Nadeau said. “There is no market that’s going to replace China.”

America has exported less than 2.2 million pounds of lobster to



China this year through June, according to data from the U.S. federal government. The country exported nearly 12 million pounds during that same period last year. That’s a more than 80% drop.

In Canada, exports to China through June were already

approaching 33 million pounds, which is nearly as much as all of 2018.

The value of Canada’s exports was nearing \$200 million in U.S. dollars through June and was almost sure to outstrip last year’s total of more than \$223 million.

America’s exports through June were valued at less than \$19 million, more than \$70 million behind where they were through June 2018.

Lobster prices paid by American consumers have remained fairly steady during the trade

dispute, and there remain many buyers for U.S. lobster. But the loss of China as an overseas market is happening at the end of a decade in which the U.S. seafood industry has experienced exponential growth in lobster exports to the country. The U.S. exported about 800,000 pounds of lobster in China in 2010 and more than 20 times that last year.

The American lobster industry is looking to open up new domestic and international markets to make up for the loss of China, said Marianne LaCroix, who directs the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative. Maine lobsterman Brian Rapp will attend a trade show in Hong Kong and a trade mission to Dubai in September to promote U.S. lobster, she said.

“China is so large that you have to look at a number of new markets to replace that business,” LaCroix said.

In Canada, the boost to business has helped the industry but also led to uncertainty about its future, said Geoff Irvine, executive director of the Lobster Council of Canada.

The American and Canadian lobster industries overlap, with some businesses operating on both sides of the border, and it’s more beneficial to the lobster industry at large for trade to go on unimpeded, he said.

“Whenever there’s any kind of uncertainty, it makes people worry,” Irvine said. “Everybody would like to see the entire lobster industry open and free.” **AP**

## TECHNOLOGY

# Vietnam prefers its mobile networks to be free of Huawei

JOHN BOUDREAU & NGUYEN DIEU TU UYEN

Vietnam is intent on being the first Asean nation to provide a 5G network - without China’s tech powerhouse Huawei Technologies Inc.

Viettel Group, Vietnam’s largest mobile carrier owned by the Defense Ministry, will deploy Ericsson AB’s equipment in Hanoi and Nokia Oyj’s technology in Ho Chi Minh City, said Viettel Chief Executive Officer Le Dang Dung. It will use 5G chipsets from Qualcomm Inc. and another U.S. company. The carrier, which uses Ericsson and Nokia for its 4G network, is also developing its own equipment, he added.

“We are not going to work with Huawei right now,” Dung said in an interview at the company’s Hanoi headquarters. “It’s a bit sensitive with Huawei

now. There were reports that it’s not safe to use Huawei. So Viettel’s stance is that, given all this information, we should just go with the safer ones. So we choose Nokia and Ericsson from Europe.”

Vietnam’s smaller carriers appear to be shying away from Huawei, as well. MobiFone Corp. is using Samsung Electronics Co. equipment while Vietnam Telecom Services Company, or Vinaphone, entered into a partnership with Nokia to deploy its 5G network, according to local media.

“I think Huawei is having difficulties in Vietnam right now, since other companies don’t use them as well,” said Dung, whose carrier has about 60 million customers in the nation of about 96 million people.

The Southeast Asian country is quietly siding

with the Trump administration, which has barred Huawei from buying U.S. technology over national-security concerns. Vietnam’s decision to shun Huawei appears to make it an outlier in Southeast Asia, where other countries such as the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia are open to deploying Huawei’s technology.

Dung insisted Viettel’s decision not to use Huawei for its 5G networks was a technological one and not tied to geopolitical considerations.

“We decided not to use Huawei, not because of the U.S.’s ban on Huawei - we just made our own decision,” he said. “Many other countries, including the U.S., have found evidence that showed using Huawei is not safe for the security of the national network. So we need to be more cautious.”

Still, Vietnam’s government has in the past cast suspicions over technology from neighboring China.

Government officials vowed to review the use of Chinese technology in 2016 after cyber attacks on the nation’s two major airports in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi that they blamed on a hacker group from China.

Years of territorial disputes between the two Communist countries have eroded trust in China among Vietnamese. A Pew opinion poll released in 2017 found just 10% of Vietnamese view China favorably.

## MARITIME TENSION

The Southeast Asian nation is already involved in a tense standoff with Beijing over the presence of a Chinese surveying ship along with Coast Guard escorts in oil-producing waters off Vietnam’s coast. In mid-2014, China dragged an

exploration oil rig into contested waters off Vietnam, leading to deadly anti-China protests in Vietnam.

“Vietnam can’t trust China,” said Le Hong Hiep, a fellow at the Singapore-based ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. “They can’t risk their critical infrastructure just because they offer something cheaper than other companies.”

Excluding Huawei could limit Viettel’s pricing and technology options, said Nikhil Batra, a senior telecom research analyst at IDC.

“Huawei is deeply entrenched in this stuff,” Batra said. The Chinese company is more technologically advanced in 5G networks in some areas than its competitors, he said. “But they have to face all these headwinds in terms of security.”

As mobile networks become more entwined with

a country’s economic and national security, governments are taking a closer look at what technology is deployed.

“Governments treat telecommunications just like utilities and water pipes - as national infrastructure assets,” Batra said. “Everything is dependent on networks.”

Vietnam has another reason to avoid Huawei technology: its desire to increase security and economic ties with the U.S., said Carl Thayer, emeritus professor with The University of New South Wales in Australia. Deploying the Huawei 5G infrastructure could make the U.S. reluctant to share some intelligence with Vietnam, he added.

“The U.S. is putting pressure on every country not to get involved with Huawei,” Thayer said. **BLOOMBERG**



AFGHANISTAN

# Young women barely remember Taliban but fear a return

CARA ANNA, KABUL

**T**WO yellow burqas are on display at a television station in Kabul, bright versions of the blue ghostlike garments some women in the capital still wear. For the young women at Zan TV they are relics, a reminder of a Taliban-ruled past that few of them can recall.

Their generation is the most vulnerable, and perhaps the most defiant, as the United States and the Taliban near a deal on ending America's longest war. Worried about losing what they've gained over nearly two decades, they are demanding a voice in high-level talks to determine their country's future.

"For me, I will not submit myself to the Taliban," said Shogofa Sadiqi, Zan TV's 25-year-old chief director, who believes the insurgent group will have less impact as it faces a new generation. She described the burqas as a symbol of the challenges women have faced over the years and practically shuddered when asked if she'd worn one herself. Never, ever. "I don't like it," she said, switching to English to make her feelings clear.

About two-thirds of Afghanistan's population is 25 or younger, with little or no memory of life before 2001. That's when a U.S.-led invasion pushed out the Taliban, who had sheltered al-Qaida and its leader Osama bin Laden before the 9/11 attacks and imposed a harsh form of Islamic law that kept women out of public view.

Now this young generation watches as U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad negotiates a troop withdrawal in return for Taliban assurances on countering terror groups. With talks focusing on security, little else is assured. Few know what the Taliban are thinking or what they



Shogofa Sadiqi (right) chief director of Zan TV speaks with a staff member at her office in Kabul

will do as international forces leave and the world's attention moves on.

The insurgent group has recovered from its defeat and now controls roughly half of Afghanistan. With its position stronger than ever it has rejected negotiations with the Afghan government, though intra-Afghan talks on political and security issues are meant to follow a U.S.-Taliban deal. The Taliban could join the government.

As for women's rights in this still highly conservative country, the U.S. has said it will be left for Afghans to decide.

For Karishma Naz, a 23-year-old music presenter on Zan TV — "Woman TV" in the Dari language — the uncertainty is unsettling. She doubts the Taliban have changed their beliefs and imagines two options if the "dark days" return: she will stay at home by force or leave the country, an option unavailable for many young Afghan women.

"Why are there no women to

represent and defend us?" Naz asked, worried about losing the career in front of the camera that she'd wished for as a child. But as the seconds counted down to her live broadcast she adjusted her pink headscarf, straightened up and put on a smile.

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SHOGOFA SADIQI  
ZAN TV CHIEF DIRECTOR

Her generation has seen Afghan women become street artists, CEOs, a member of the Supreme Court and the first female winner of the televised talent show "Afghan Star." Young Afghan women have formed an all-female orchestra and competed in the Olympics. A woman opened the country's first yoga studio, another leads the state-run film production company and a third held a Kabul street concert with her rock band earlier this year.

They have equal rights under the post-2001 constitution, but reality often lags behind. Women still have to stand up to conservative relatives, community members and judgmental strangers. A bill criminalizing violence against women still hasn't been passed.

Little has changed in areas controlled by the Taliban, who have said girls can be educated and even work in politics and the judiciary, though not as president or chief justice.

"This research could not identify a single girls' secondary school open in an area of heavy Taliban influence or control," said a report last year by the Overseas Development Institute, which interviewed more than 160 Taliban fighters, officials and civilians in seven of the country's 34 provinces.

Maryam Sama, a 27-year-old member of Parliament, said much still needs to be done even in areas under government control. About half of all girls in Afghanistan still don't attend school, more than half are married before age 19 and

domestic violence is widespread despite billions of dollars in humanitarian aid since 2001.

"But if we turn into an Islamic emirate we will have no voice," Sama said, referring to the Taliban's name for its self-styled government. "If anything happens in Afghanistan, if anything goes wrong, all the responsibility goes back to the United States and the people at this (negotiating) table."

One of the few women who spoke with Taliban leaders during their meetings with representatives of Afghan society this year in Moscow and Qatar is former lawmaker Fawzia Koofi, who pushed past her uncomfortable memories of the Taliban's rule to attend in the interest of peace.

Taliban representatives told her they regretted many things that had occurred and said women were forced to stay at home because of the insecurity at the time. She didn't believe it.

The Taliban still don't support women's rights according to international principles, she said. A Taliban statement at the Moscow talks said the group is committed to women's rights within the framework of Islam "and then Afghan tradition." It also criticized immorality and indecency "under the name of women's rights."

"I think the new generation of people in Afghanistan will not be able to accept this kind of approach," Koofi said.

She told the Taliban that a girl born in the final months of their rule would now be 18. "She knows how to use all the technology and the opportunities of the world, and if you try to oppress her or deprive her of her rights, definitely she will use her abilities to inform the world," she recalled during an interview.

Then she excused herself for a meeting, one that was a reminder of how fragile Afghan women's gains can be.

A young former TV presenter was shot dead on her way to work in Kabul earlier this year. Her parents accused her husband, and they told Koofi they've faced attacks from people angry that he, the man, was blamed. Could she help? AP

## Family of Thai Muslim who died in army custody seeks justice

**R**ELATIVES of a Muslim man who died after interrogation in Thai army custody say they'll pursue justice in his case to see if his death was caused by torture.

Abdulloh Esomuso was arrested July 20 on suspicion of being a Muslim separatist insurgent and was

found unconscious the next day in his cell at the Ingkhayut army base in the southern province of Pattani. He died in a hospital on Sunday.

A hospital statement said the cause of death was pneumonia, and Deputy Prime Minister Gen. Prawit Wongsuwan said

Monday that Abdulloh's death wasn't caused by the government. The army has been accused repeatedly of using torture to combat an insurgency in the area.

Abdulloh's cousin Mohammad Rahmap Mame said his family won't give up on finding out what happened. AP





LUIS ANDRES HENAO  
& MARCELO DE SOUZA,  
PORTO VELHO

BRAZIL

# Bolsonaro causes global outrage over

**B**RAZILIAN President Jair Bolsonaro has insulted adversaries and allies, disparaged women, blacks and homosexuals, and even praised his country's 1964-1985 dictatorship. Yet nothing has rallied more anger at home and criticism from abroad than his response to fires raging in parts of the Amazon region.

The far-right populist leader initially dismissed the hundreds of blazes and then questioned whether activist groups might have started the fires in an effort to damage the credibility of his government, which has called for looser environmental regulations in the world's largest rainforest to spur development.

In response, European leaders threatened to end a trade deal with Brazil and other South American nations. Thousands of people have demonstrated in cities across Brazil and outside Brazilian embassies around the world. #PrayforAmazonia became a worldwide trending topic. Pope Francis added his voice to the chorus of concern, warning that the "lung of forest is vital for our planet."

Bolsonaro finally took a less confrontational approach Friday and announced he would send 44,000

soldiers to help battle the blazes, which mostly seem to be charring land deforested, perhaps illegally, for farming and ranching rather than burning through stands of trees.

Some say it's not enough and comes too late.

"No democratic government has suffered such international criticism as Bolsonaro is going through," said Mauricio Santoro, an international relations professor at Rio de Janeiro State University. "By breaching international environmental agreements, Brazil has been discredited, blurred and unable to exercise any type of leadership on the international stage."

Brazilian military planes began dumping water on fires in the Amazon state of Rondonia over the weekend, and a few hundred of the promised troops deployed into the fire zone. But many Brazilians again took to the streets in Rio de Janeiro and other cities to demand the administration do more. Some held banners that read: "Bolsonaro is burning our future."

Bolsonaro has previously described rainforest protections as an obstacle to Brazil's economic de-

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Brazilian actress Sonia Braga shows her hands painted red, representing blood, during a protest in defense of the Amazon

velopment. Critics say the record number of fires this year has been stoked by his encouragement of farmers, loggers and ranchers to speed efforts to strip away forest. Although he has now vowed to protect the area, they say it is only out of fear of a diplomatic crisis and economic losses.

"The international pressure today has a bigger impact than the demonstrations by Brazilians on the streets," Santoro said.

The leaders of the Group of Seven nations said yesterday that they were preparing a plan for helping Brazil battle the fires and repair the damage.

French President Emmanuel Macron said the help would involve both technical and financial mechanisms "so that we can help them in the most effective way possible."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said her country and others will talk with Brazil about refores-

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# Amazon fires

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tation in the Amazon once the fires have been extinguished.

"Of course (this is) Brazilian territory, but we have a question here of the rainforests that is really a global question," she said. "The lung of our whole Earth is affected, and so we must find common solutions."

Fires are common during Bra-

zil's dry season, but this year has set an alarming record. The country's National Space Research Institute, which monitors deforestation, has recorded more than 77,000 wildfires in Brazil this year. That is an 85% rise over last year, and about half of the fires have been in the Amazon region.

"We've had eight months without any type of concrete action in defense of the Amazon," said Rómulo Batista, a member of Greenpeace Brazil's Amazonia Campaign. He said the flames licking over swaths of the Amazon are a reflection of Bolsonaro's environmental policy.

"The government created a sense of impunity among farmers who were willing to commit illegal acts to deforest," he said.

"Thousands of species of plants and animals are being killed, many of them that we don't even know. The population of nearby cities is suffering terrible damage because they're breathing that air and it's causing them respiratory problems. And the rise in deforestation can completely alter the rain patterns by region and devastate agriculture, even in South America."

Bolsonaro has argued with critics who note that the Amazon produces vast amounts of oxygen and is considered crucial for efforts to contain climate change. But Batista predicts the fires will prove a turning point and the pressure by G-7 leaders will shift Bolsonaro's view on the environment.

Brazil's federal police agency announced yesterday [Macau time] that it would investigate reports that farmers in the state of Para, one of those most affected by the blazes, had called for "a day of fire"

to ignite fires Aug. 10. Local news media said a group organized the action over WhatsApp to show support for Bolsonaro's efforts to loosen environmental regulations.

Justice Minister Sergio Moro, who oversees the police, said on Twitter that Bolsonaro "asked for a rigorous investigation" and said

"the criminal fires will be severely punished."

Merkel noted Bolsonaro is putting "significant forces" into the effort to save the rainforest.

But Bolsonaro has had a tense relationship with foreign governments — including Germany's — and non-governmental groups that he accuses

of meddling in his country's management of the Amazon.

Macron's office on Friday complained that the Brazilian leader "had lied to him" about environmental commitments.

Asked if he would speak with Macron, Bolsonaro said Saturday: "If he calls me, I will answer. I am being extremely well-mannered with him even though he called me 'a liar.'" AP

## Thousands of people have demonstrated in cities across Brazil and outside Brazilian embassies around the world

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TIME: 10am-9pm (Sundays to Thursdays)

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10am -2am (Fridays to Saturdays)

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## Offbeat

### INDONESIAN WALKING 700 KILOMETERS BACKWARD TO SAVE FORESTS



An Indonesian man is walking more than 700 kilometers backward from his village in eastern Java to the country's capital to raise awareness about deforestation.

Medi Bastoni began his arduous expedition on July 18 from his home on the slope of Mount Wilis, a dormant volcano in East Java province that has been affected by deforestation.

The 43-year-old is expected to arrive in the capital, Jakarta, last week. He hopes to meet President Joko Widodo, and ask him to re-plant trees on Mount Wilis and elsewhere.

"I'm doing this to raise people's awareness of deforestation," Bastoni told The Associated Press on Thursday when he reached Jakarta's satellite city of Bekasi, about 22 kilometers east of the capital. "I need the president's support to help reforestation efforts, hand-in-hand with other communities."

Indonesia for many years has chopped down its rainforests faster than any other country, profiting paper and palm oil conglomerates while causing social and environmental problems. Rapid forest loss and greenhouse gas emissions have made Indonesia the fourth biggest contributor to global warming after China, the U.S. and India.

This isn't Bastoni's first backward walk. The father of four completed a 73 kilometer walk last year from East Java's town of Tulungagung to the peak of Mount Wilis in a similar effort to raise awareness about deforestation.

Bastoni has attached a rearview mirror to his backpack that helps him avoid bumping into objects along his way. He walks at least 20 to 30 kilometers a day and sleeps in mosques or police stations along the way. In many cities and villages, cheering supporters offered him meals, drinks or a place to overnight.

He failed his target of reaching the capital a day before Indonesia's Independence Day on Aug. 17 due to a swollen leg that forced him to rest for a few days. Initially, he was scheduled to attend the ceremony at the presidential palace.

"I hope I can touch the heart of Pak Jokowi to start the re-green effort by giving me a tree," Bastoni said, referring to popularly name of the president.

## TV canal macau



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| 13:00 | TDM News (Repetição)          |
| 13:30 | Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)    |
| 15:00 | Agua de Mar                   |
| 15:45 | Zig Zag                       |
| 16:20 | Sim Chef! Sr2                 |
| 16:50 | Quem Quer Ser Milionário      |
| 17:45 | Amor Maior (Repetição)        |
| 18:40 | Castelos e Palácios da Europa |
| 19:35 | Os Nossos Dias Sr.2           |
| 20:30 | Telejornal                    |
| 21:15 | Linha da Frente               |
| 21:50 | Filhos da Nação Sr.3          |
| 22:25 | Amor Maior                    |
| 23:15 | TDM News                      |
| 23:50 | Motel Bates Sr.2              |
| 00:35 | Telejornal (Repetição)        |
| 01:20 | RTPi Directo                  |

## cinema



### CINETEATRO

22 - 28 Aug

#### ONE PIECE STAMPEDE

ROOM1

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

Director: Takashi Otsuka

Starring: Chô, Hiroaki Hirata, Katsuhisa Hôki

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

#### DORAEMON THE MOVIE:

NOBITA'S CHRONICLE OF THE MOON EXPLORATION

ROOM1

4:30pm

Director: Jeong-beom Lee, Shinnosuke Yakuwa

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Sang Hyun Uhm, Jung-jae Lee

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

#### BODIES AT REST

ROOM2

2:15, 5:50, 9:30pm

Director: Renny Harlin

Starring: Nick Cheung, Richie Jen, Zi Yang

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 94min

#### TOY STORY 4

ROOM2

4:00pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min

#### LITTLE Q

ROOM2

7:30pm

Director: Wing-Cheong Law

Starring: Allie Chan, Ming Hu, J.J. Jia

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 107min



#### THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2

ROOM3

2:30pm

Director: Thurop Van Orman

Starring: Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Leslie Jones

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 96min

#### DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD

ROOM3

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

Director: James Bobin

Starring: Isabela Moner, Eugenio Derbez, Michael Peña

Language: English (English & Chinese)

Duration: 102min

## this day in history



### 1979 IRA BOMB KILLS LORD MOUNTBATTEN

The Queen's cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten, has been killed by a bomb blast on his boat in Ireland.

One of the earl's twin grandsons, Nicholas, 14, and Paul Maxwell, 15, a local employed as a boat boy, also died in the explosion.

The attack was followed only hours later by the massacre of 18 soldiers, killed in two booby-trap bomb explosions near Warrenpoint close to the border with the Irish Republic.

The IRA has already admitted carrying out the attack on Lord Mountbatten.

A statement from the organisation said: "This operation is one of the discriminate ways we can bring to the attention of the English people the continuing occupation of our country."

Lord Mountbatten, aged 79, and his family had traditionally spent their summer holiday at their castle in County Sligo, north west of Ireland.

They were aboard his boat, Shadow V, which had just set off from the fishing village of Mullaghmore, when the bomb detonated around 1130 BST.

A witness said the blast blew the boat "to smithereens" and hurled all seven occupants into the water.

Nearby fishermen raced to the rescue and pulled Lord Mountbatten out of the water.

But his legs had been almost severed by the explosion and he died shortly afterwards.

Other survivors were pulled out of the water and rushed to hospital.

At least one person is believed to be in a critical condition.

The attack has called into question the security arrangements surrounding the Mountbatten party. Lord Mountbatten never had a bodyguard.

The local police kept watch on Classiebawn castle for the one month a year Lord Mountbatten spent there.

But his boat was left unguarded in the public dock in Mullaghmore where it was moored.

The village is only 12 miles from the Northern Ireland border and near an area known to be used by IRA members as a refuge.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Another passenger on the boat, the Dowager Lady Brabourne, 82, died the day after the attack.

Lord Mountbatten was given a state funeral. Six of the soldiers who died at Warrenpoint were buried the same day in local churches.

Thomas McMahon, 31, was convicted of the three murders.

He had been detained in the area by police on suspicion of driving a stolen car two hours before the bomb went off.

McMahon was set free in 1998 under the Good Friday Agreement.



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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES** Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
 After a few weeks of turbulence, one of your friendships has reached a lovely cruising altitude, lately. You two are moving into a very nice phase.

**TAURUS** Apr. 20-May. 20  
 Don't be afraid of ticking them off by questioning their ideas - you won't. Instead, you'll be showing them that you are paying attention! They aren't testing you...

**GEMINI** May. 21-Jun. 21  
 Even though lots of exciting and important things going on right now, you will be gifted with a nice chunk of free time in your day - maybe a meeting gets canceled or your flight gets delayed.

**CANCER** Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
 Sure, right now you have a lot of tasks that need completing, but you can't let yourself get so caught up in what you need to do that you lose sight of what you already have accomplished.

**LEO** Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
 You can't guarantee the crowd will react positively when you give your presentation or break your news today. Some may react logically, while others may react emotionally.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
 Your practically magical skills will be highly sought after today, as there will be much conflict and controversy going on. You can expect a lot of people to ask you to get involved with their problems.

**LIBRA** Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
 Things are under your control right now - so if you want to make a change, you have to be the one to make it. Don't wait for someone else to get the ball rolling, because they never will.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 If you ever wondered what your life would be like had you given in to temptation a few more times than you did, then just look at this person - you'll have your answer.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 Be on the lookout today for someone who is all talk but no action. As charming and as put together as they are, they are hiding something - and it's up to you to help them come clean about the truth.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 Someone in your life who is usually dependable will be acting flighty today, and you won't have time to figure out why. Leave them behind and move on with your day without them.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 It's oh-so-fun to gossip about someone's illicit and sizzling hot affair, but you cannot lose sight of the fact that there are real people (with real feelings) involved here.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
 You simply can't spend your life waiting for other people! Today you need to move on your own agenda, at your own pace, and not try to align yourself with anyone else.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sanson**



**SUDOKU**

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| Harbin       | 20  | 25  | heavy rain    |
| Tianjin      | 24  | 33  | cloudy        |
| Urumqi       | 24  | 36  | clear         |
| Xi'an        | 22  | 33  | overcast      |
| Lhasa        | 9   | 21  | drizzle       |
| Chengdu      | 24  | 33  | shower        |
| Chongqing    | 25  | 33  | cloudy        |
| Kunming      | 17  | 25  | shower        |
| Nanjing      | 26  | 34  | cloudy        |
| Shanghai     | 27  | 33  | drizzle       |
| Wuhan        | 27  | 36  | cloudy        |
| Hangzhou     | 26  | 33  | drizzle       |
| Taipei       | 26  | 30  | heavy rain    |
| Guangzhou    | 28  | 37  | cloudy        |
| Hong Kong    | 28  | 34  | cloudy        |
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| Moscow       | 18  | 25  | drizzle       |
| Frankfurt    | 15  | 25  | drizzle       |
| Paris        | 17  | 26  | drizzle       |
| London       | 15  | 24  | cloudy        |
| New York     | 23  | 32  | moderate rain |

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Farewell; 6- Hindu princess; 10- Loss leader?; 13- Makes a loan; 14- Vigor; 15- Applaud; 16- Free laces, say; 17- Sandy tract; 18- Spellbound; 19- Shake hands with; 20- Fugitive; 22- Structure spanning a river; 24- Hypnotic state; 28- Church instruments; 31- Wake Island, e.g.; 32- Babbled; 34- Man-mouse link; 36- ... saw Elba; 37- Hanoi holiday; 38- Mail charge; 41- Airline to Oslo; 42- Bedouin; 44- Moo goo \_\_\_ pan; 45- \_\_\_ beaver; 47- "West Side Story" song; 49- Place where business is conducted; 51- Puzzle; 53- On land; 56- Large-leaved European elm; 59- \_\_\_ Hashanah; 61- Small purse; 64- Painter Chagall; 65- Tiny type; 66- Boast; 67- Sailor's saint; 68- Certain runner; 69- Tournament exemption; 70- Actor Penn; 71- Nucleus of a regiment;

**DOWN:** 1- Homecoming attendee; 2- Star in Cygnus; 3- Part of ICBM; 4- Version; 5- Function; 6- It had a part in the Bible; 7- Kim's ex; 8- Granny; 9- All thumbs; 10- Menu words; 11- Water source; 12- Quick to learn; 15- Bring into being; 20- Milk and egg drink; 21- Historic period; 23- Fall; 25- Like Thor; 26- Lucid; 27- Some Ivy Leaguers; 29- \_\_\_ I can help it!; 30- Lady of Sp.; 32- Aired again; 33- Pong maker; 35- Prejudice against old people; 37- Domesticated; 39- \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil; 40- Per; 43- Important person; 46- State in the SE United States; 48- Singer Grant; 50- Bird of prey; 52- High points; 54- Author Dahl; 55- Aromatic compound; 57- Patriot Nathan; 58- Humorist Bombeck; 60- Take it!; 61- Recede; 62- Have a go at; 63- Abu Dhabi's fed.; 65- Onetime Jeep mfr.;

**Yesterday's solution**

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## FUND BACKED BY DICAPRIO PLEDGES \$5M TO AMAZON AMID FIRES

A new environmental foundation backed by Leonardo DiCaprio is pledging \$5 million in aid to the Amazon, which has been swept by wildfires.

Earth Alliance was created last month by DiCaprio and philanthropists Laurene Powell Jobs and Brian Sheth. On Sunday, it launched the Amazon Forest Fund in an announcement on their website. The alliance is also seeking donations to help repair the Brazilian rainforest, called the

"lungs of the planet."

Brazilian federal experts reported a record number of wildfires across the country this year, up 84% over the same period in 2018.

The funds will be distributed to five local groups working to combat the problem: Instituto Associacao Floresta Protegida, Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon, Instituto Kabu, Instituto Raoni, and Instituto Socioambiental.

## 'ANGEL HAS FALLEN' TOPS BOX OFFICE WITH \$21.3 MILLION DEBUT



"Angel Has Fallen" easily topped the box office with a \$21.3 million debut, according to studio estimates yesterday [Macau time], as the action sequel became the latest mid-budget release to find modest success in the often quiet late summer.

The Lionsgate film beat expectations going into the weekend, opening similarly to the previous 2016 installment "London Has Fallen."

The film series stars Gerard Butler as a Secret Service agent protecting the U.S. president

played by Morgan Freeman. In "Angel Has Fallen," Butler's agent is wrongly accused of trying to assassinate the president.

Going back to 2013's "Olympus Has Fallen," the franchise has been a quietly consistent performer, taking in roughly \$200 million worldwide each time. "Angel Has Fallen," produced for about \$40 million by Millennium Films, is poised for a similar course, opening just shy of the \$21.6 million "London Has Fallen" debut.

## SPAIN'S EX-KING JUAN CARLOS I RECOVERS AFTER HEART SURGERY

Doctors at the hospital where Spain's former monarch Juan Carlos I underwent heart surgery say he is making a satisfactory recovery almost 24 hours after the operation.

Lucía Alonso, the managing director of Madrid's Quironsalud University Hospital, said Sunday the 81-year-old king emeritus is awake and breathing without support.

Alonso says in a

statement that Juan Carlos is sitting up in bed and "is in good spirits."

The triple bypass procedure Saturday was scheduled after the former king had a checkup two months ago. The hospital said the operation was successful and without complications.

Juan Carlos abdicated in 2014 in favor of Felipe, ending a near 39-year reign. He retired from public duties last May.



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GOLF

# No majors, but a major finish by Rory McIlroy

DOUG FERGUSON, ATLANTA

**R**ORY McIlroy never felt more rich than when he knocked in a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the FedEx Cup.

Only it had nothing to do with the money.

It was never about \$15 million. Even before he teed off in the Tour Championship — facing a five-shot deficit before he hit a shot at East Lake because of the radical new scoring format — McIlroy made it clear the FedEx Cup should be more about accomplishment than cash. And then it became personal.

A year ago, he was lost in the chaos surrounding Tiger Woods as they walked up to the 18th green at East Lake as thousands of spectators came under the ropes to celebrate the return of Tiger Woods in his red winning a tournament for the first time in more than five years.

“I never enjoyed that walk last year like everyone else did,” he said.

He appreciated Woods winning. McIlroy did not appreciate that he didn't make Woods work terribly hard for it.

Recent motivation came from a World Golf Championship last month in Memphis, Tennessee,

where he had a one-shot lead over Brooks Koepka, the No. 1 player in the world who had won as many majors in three years as McIlroy had won in the last nine years.

Koepka shot 65. McIlroy laid an egg.

Yesterday's at East Lake was his chance for redemption on a number of levels, and he added another one by his questioning of the new format in which not everyone started on the same score. The new system, designed to eliminate confusion by having only one winner in the FedEx Cup finale, meant players started more under par depending on their position in the FedEx Cup.

McIlroy's only goal going into the week was to post the lowest score in the 30-man field regardless of whether he won.

He closed with a 4-under 66, a command performance on a long day of 31 holes because the third round had to resume earlier in the day. That gave him a 13-under 267 for the week, the best of anyone.

Check.

Because of his birdie on the 18th hole of the third round, that put him in the final group with Koepka, who beat him soundly in Memphis. That was a strong memory, and being at East Lake, he still thought about the 74 he shot in the final round a year ago while paired with Woods.

“I thought about the final group with Tiger last year, the final group with Brooks in Memphis a few weeks ago, and I really wanted to go out there and play well and really take it to him,” McIlroy said. “And I did that for the most part. I shot 66 on a really tough golf course and got the job done.”

Koepka lost the lead with a lost tee shot in the trees and a double bogey on No. 7, and then consecutive bogeys on the back nine as McIlroy made birdies. Koepka closed with a 72, six shots worse.

Check.

The FedEx Cup? That was a big deal for other reasons.

McIlroy joined Woods as the only players to win the FedEx Cup twice since it began in 2007. He struggled to hoist the silver trophy during the presentation on the 18th green, perhaps from a long day of 31 holes. Paul Azinger, the lead analyst for NBC Sports, jokingly suggested that “as hard a time as he had lifting it up, I thought the money was in there.”

For every box he wanted to tick yesterday [Macau time], he was asked which made him the most proud.

McIlroy never mentioned the money.

“Winning the tournament if everyone had started even,” McIlroy said. “My goal at the start of the week was to just shoot the lowest score. If that happened to work out the right way, then so be it. But I never strayed from that thought process. I was playing a little tournament inside my head. ... And then going out in the final group and shooting 66 alongside the No. 1 player in the world, when he got the better of me a few weeks ago.”

The majors are over, and there's nothing McIlroy can do it now.

Not even a \$15 million payout — \$14 million in cash, \$1 million deferred — or a trophy talked about all year by the PGA Tour can change that kind of legacy. Majors matter the most. For McIlroy, no major matters more than the Masters, the only one keeping him from a Grand Slam.

This year's biggest disappointment was a British Open in his home country of Northern Ireland. He hit his opening tee shot out-of-bounds and made quadruple bogey, rallied the next day with a performance that had the gallery near hysteria, and wound up missing the cut by one shot.

That should define his year.

He won three times, including The Players Championship against the strongest and deepest field of the year. He won the FedEx Cup. He won the Vardon Trophy for the third time for having the lowest scoring average. He finished in the top 10 in 14 out of his 19 starts on the PGA Tour, his most consistent year ever.

His best year? No. That would be 2014, when he finished the year with consecutive majors.

Considering what he set out to do with what he had left, it was no less rewarding. **AP**

FOOTBALL

# Manchester United's frailties persist despite \$200m splurge

**A**N offseason splurge of nearly \$200 million has failed to address many of the nagging problems afflicting Manchester United under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

It took 90 sobering minutes at Old Trafford this weekend to highlight that.

The 2-1 loss to Crystal Palace in the Premier League punctured much of the optimism generated by United's season-opening 4-0 win over Chelsea that was hailed by some as the reawakening of England's most prestigious club.

Now, many will be wondering where the creativity is in midfield, where the depth is in attack, and if United's defense



has actually tightened up following two expensive summer arrivals.

The central midfield

appears to be the biggest problem, affecting United's productivity at both ends of the field.

Solskjaer has started the season with Paul Pogba and Scott McTominay as his two central midfielders.

That is the same Pogba who this offseason expressed his desire to leave United for a “new challenge somewhere else.” McTominay is 22 and has impressed with his combative attitude. But he was a bit-part player for much of last season, starting only eight league games.

The recent departures of Ander Herrera and Marouane Fellaini have left Solskjaer short on options. Andreas Pereira is, like McTominay, inexperienced and Nemanja Matic, who has yet to play this season, looks to be someone Solskjaer is keen to move on from.

United was linked with a number of creative mid-

fielders this offseason, most strongly Portugal international Bruno Fernandes, but didn't buy one. Pogba often looked exasperated against Palace, throwing his hands out in front of him.

The closest thing United has for someone who can play “between the lines” is Jesse Lingard. Yet even he is more known for his running off the ball — pressing and movement — than what he can do on it.

United is set up to be a counterattacking team under Solskjaer. When teams, like Palace, drop back and let United have the ball, there are few in Solskjaer's team who can deliver a killer pass through packed defenses. **AP**



OPINION

Our Desk

Lynzy Valles



INFLUENCERS, ANYONE?

Recently, I've been watching a number of YouTube videos, the creators of whom have made it their career to create media content. The content ranges from haul videos to personal vlogs to lifestyle videos and just normal children unboxing their new toys and activities.

Many of these vloggers and content creators are given a massive privilege of being sent PR boxes of different kinds of items, depending on the video they are creating.

In return, they are called influencers, as they market the products given to them by providing their honest review and opinion of the product.

Also, many of these YouTube channels that unbox toys and products have over four million subscribers with over 700,000 views, even where the content of the video is just of children (or their parents) unboxing trendy toys.

As far as I'm aware, these content creators have to join the YouTube Partner Program to monetize their videos, allowing advertisements to be featured on their videos.

According to a website, in January 2018, YouTube announced that channels must have reached 4,000 watch hours over the past 12 months and 1,000 subscribers to be eligible for the program.

As the money is made through advertisements, these content creators can earn according to per thousand views or per click.

It is also said that per view, advertisers on average pay USD 0.18, and that Google keeps 45% of what is made.

With the ongoing trend of creating content on YouTube to make money, many of these influencers were also criticized for asking for free items in return for exposure.

Just last month in the US, a storeowner criticized a social media influencer for requesting hundreds of doughnuts for their followers attending a meet-and-greet event, in exchange for exposure.

Yet in general, companies would be the first ones to reach out to these influencers.

This is a trend that many marketing departments would rather go to promote and advertise their products as they could be dubbed as celebrities.

According to the 2019 Influencer Marketing Survey, 80% of marketers find influencer marketing effective, and 89% of these marketers say that the return on investment of influencer marketing is as good or better than other marketing channels.

In Macau, I am not aware of anyone who creates videos full time for YouTube, and I think it's because it's more challenging to reach a wider audience in the city.

Yet, I've seen quite several 'influencers' that are more active on Instagram, showcasing the city's Michelin-starred restaurants.

They are the ones that are also invited by the city's integrated resorts whenever its restaurants launch a new menu, with hopes of further promoting their cuisine by posting on social media.

I remember speaking to an influencer from Taiwan who runs a food page on Instagram and was invited by a gaming operator to attend a lunch at their newest restaurant.

According to her, she was just in the city for three days, primarily for that purpose.

Influencer marketing nowadays has become more effective than ever, simply because of their huge following on social media and the influence they have on their audience.

Thus, many businesses are resorting to this kind of collaboration or ways to strengthen their brand messaging through these endorsements as it reaches more engaged audiences.

IRAN SAYS OIL ABOARD TANKER PURSED BY US SOLD; BUYER UNNAMED

THE BUZZ

Iran announced that the 2.1 million barrels of crude aboard an Iranian oil tanker pursued by the U.S. has been sold to an unnamed buyer as the ship, at the center of a crisis roiling the region, continued its voyage in the Mediterranean Sea.

The announcement by government spokesman Ali Rabiei represent just the latest twist in the saga of the Adrian Darya 1, which had been known as the Grace 1 when authorities seized the vessel off Gibraltar on July 4, on suspicion of breaking European Union sanctions targeting Syria.

The seizure of the ship, and Iran's subsequent seizure of a British-flagged oil tanker, came amid heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran over the collapse of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in Tehran, Rabiei declined to name the oil's buyer, nor terms for the sale. At market rates, the crude oil aboard the Adrian Darya would be worth about \$130 million. However, anyone buying it likely would be targeted by U.S. financial sanctions.

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Indonesia President Joko Widodo (center), his deputy Jusuf Kalla (right) and Minister of Agrarian and Spatial Planning Sofyan Djali at a press conference in Jakarta

INDONESIA TO MOVE CAPITAL FROM SINKING JAKARTA TO BORNEO

NINIEK KARMINI, JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S president announced yesterday that the country's capital will move from overcrowded, sinking and polluted Jakarta to a site in sparsely populated East Kalimantan province on Borneo island, known for rainforests and orangutans.

President Joko Widodo said intense studies over the past three years had resulted in the choice of the location on the eastern side of Borneo island.

The new capital city, which has not yet been named, will be in the middle of the vast archipelago nation and already has relatively complete infrastructure because it is near the cities of Balikpapan and Samarinda, Widodo said.

He said the burden has been become too heavy on Jakarta on Java island as the center of government, finance, business, trade and services as well as the location of the country's largest airport and seaport.

Widodo said the decision was made not to move the capital elsewhere on Java because the country's wealth and people are highly concentrated there and should be spread out.

Currently 54% of the country's nearly 270 million people live on Java, the country's most densely populated area.

"We couldn't continue to allow the burden on Jakarta and Java island to increase in terms of population density," Widodo said at a news conference in Jakarta's presidential palace. "Economic disparities between Java and elsewhere would also increase."

In an interview with The Associated Press last month, Widodo said he wants to separate the center of government from the country's business and economic center in Jakarta.

Jakarta is an archetypical Asian mega-city with 10 million people, or 30 million including those in its greater metropolitan area. It is prone to earthquakes and flooding and is rapidly sinking due to uncontrolled extraction of ground water. The ground water is highly contaminated as are its rivers. Congestion is estimated to cost the economy \$6.5 billion a year.

Mineral-rich East Kalimantan was once almost completely covered by rainforests, but illegal logging has removed many of its original growth. It is home to only 3.5 million people and is surrounded by Kutai National Park, known for orangutans and other primates and mammals.

Widodo said the relocation of the capital to a 180,000-hectare (444,780-acre) site will take up a decade and cost as much as

466 trillion rupiah (\$32.5 billion), of which 19% will come from the state budget and the rest will be funded by cooperation between the government and business entities and by direct investment by state-run companies and the private sector.

He said the studies determined that the best site is between two districts, North Penajam Paser and Kutai Kertanegara, an area that has minimal risk of disasters such as floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, forest fires, volcanic eruptions or landslides in the seismically active nation.

Indonesia's founding father and first president, Sukarno, once planned to relocate the country's capital to Palangkaraya in Central Kalimantan province.

Infrastructure improvement has been Widodo's signature policy and helped him win a second term in April elections.

Decades of discussions about building a new capital on Borneo island moved forward in April when Widodo approved a general relocation plan. He appealed for support for the move in an annual national address on the eve of Indonesia's independence day on Aug. 16.

He said that his government is still drafting a law on the new capital which will need to be approved by Parliament. AP

Caribbean Sea

Forecasters said Tropical Storm Dorian was gathering strength yesterday while approaching islands in the eastern Caribbean Sea, and could strike Puerto Rico and its neighbors as a minimal hurricane today. The U.S. National Hurricane Center issued tropical storm warnings for Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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France Taxes on tech giants and a French wine dispute are on the menu at a special dinner with top White House and French officials at the G-7 summit. French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire invited U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, U.S. trade representative Robert Lightizer and White House economic advisor Larry Kudlow to dinner Sunday night in the French resort of Biarritz.

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Austria Plácido Domingo received a standing ovation as he took to the stage at the Salzburg Festival yesterday [Macau time], a concerted show of support at his first performance since nine women accused him of sexual harassment in a report by The Associated Press.

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Las Vegas is going to take a chance on hosting major college sporting events. The city is set to bid on nearly a half dozen different NCAA championship events, including women's basketball. The NCAA will start accepting bids today.