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Thailand's ombudsman has ruled that the prime minister's failure to recite a key sentence in his oath of office was unconstitutional, and will refer the matter to the Constitutional Court to rule on whether the government is legally installed.

Pakistan More than a thousand students have rallied in the capital of Pakistan-held Kashmir to denounce India's downgrading of the special status of the portion of the disputed region it controls.



Iran's president back-pedaled yesterday on possible talks with Donald Trump, saying the U.S. president must first lift sanctions imposed on Tehran, otherwise a meeting between the two would be a mere photo op.



Sudan For the first time in three decades, Sudan has charted a path out of military rule following the formation of a power-sharing government by the pro-democracy movement and the generals who overthrew longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

Honduras president Juan Orlando Hernández is warning that up to 70,000 foreigners could be stuck in the Central American country as a result of a recent crackdown on illegal immigration by the United States and Mexico.

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BUSINESS VETERAN RUNNING IN BY-ELECTION

WONG Sai Man, a local business sector veteran, is running to fill the seat left vacant by Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng, after the latter resigned from the Legislative Assembly (AL) in July.

Ho was indirectly elected to the legislature through the functional constituency representing the industrial, business and financial sectors.

His departure from the AL has created the need for the functional constituency to hold an internal vote to elect a replacement. As required by the law, the by-election, will elect a replacement to complete the remainder of Ho's term.

Wong is nominated by a committee representing the interests of Macau employers. The commi-

tee consists of 95 of the total 107 legal entities within the sectors. The formation was led by the Macau Chamber of Commerce.

Local Chinese media is confident in Wong being elected, given the overwhelming feedback from his sector. It is not expected that any other candidates will put their names forward.

Wong is the vice director-general of the Industrial Association of Macau, director-general of the Macau Textile Merchants' Association and a member of the Standing Committee of Directors of the Macau Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Standing Committee for the Coordination of Social Affairs. **AL**

RENATO MARQUES



Municipal Affairs Bureau to repaint headquarters

THE Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) is repainting its headquarters at a cost of 1.26 million patacas to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Macau Special Administrative Region, local media outlet Macau Concoalers reports.

The outlet wrote that the information was disclosed on August 12 in the bureau's reply to a lawmaker's question. In the reply, the bureau said it had already designated

a local construction company to work on the refurbishment.

Prior to the designation, the bureau invited quotations from 12 companies. The work will take 25 days.

In May this year, a Portuguese tourist graffitied the exterior of the IAM Building, which is a World Heritage site. The tourist was arrested by the police and prosecuted.

Previous reports had indicated that fixing the

graffiti might cost the bureau MOP37,000. At the time, the president of the bureau's Administrative Committee, José Tavares, expressed that he did not like the idea of merely covering the area of concern.

In February, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam stressed that any damage caused to heritage sites will be investigated and violators will be prosecuted if sufficient evidence is found. **AL**

WE CORRECT

Dear readers,

On the behalf of Macau Daily Times, I wish to correct an error in our article "UM hosts western Greater Bay technology alliance forum" (August 20), where it is incorrectly stated that the University of Macau (UM) operates four State Key Laboratories in Macau.

In fact, two State Key Laboratories in Macau are operated by UM, while a third, the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences, is operated solely by the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST). Macau's fourth State Key Laboratory, the State Key Laboratory for Quality Research in Chinese Medicine, is jointly operated by MUST and UM.

We offer our sincerest apologies to MUST, as well as to our readers for this unfortunate error.

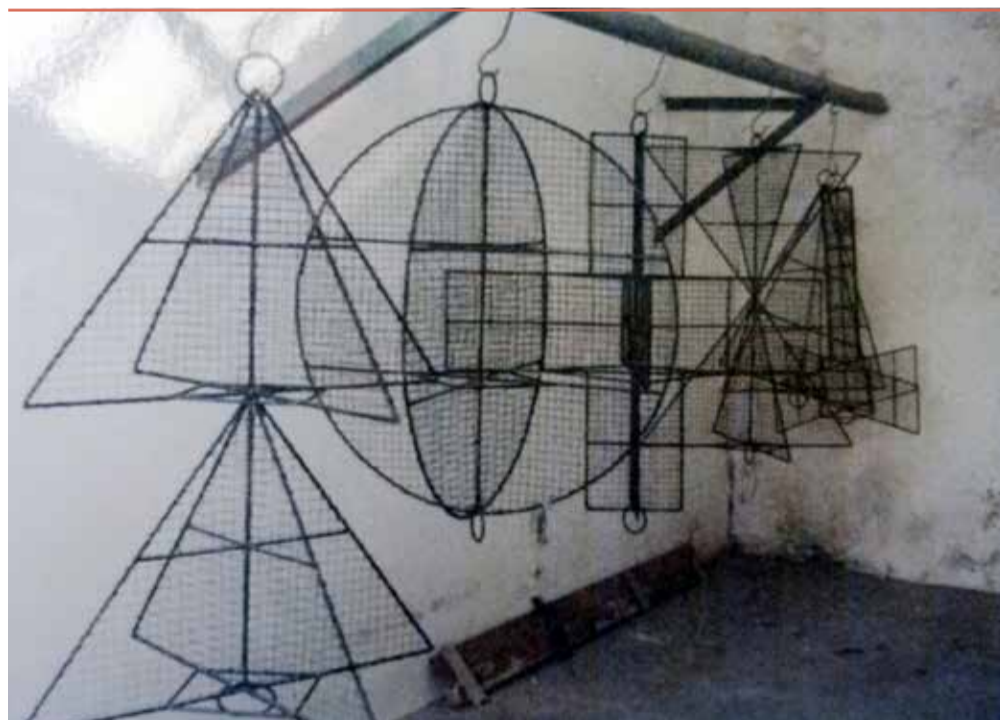
The error was already corrected on our website.

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Located at the highest point of Guia Hill, next to the Guia Lighthouse, a mast is used for hoisting typhoon signals to warn the public about the severity of an approaching tropical cyclone. At the entrance of the Guia Fortress, where the lighthouse and the mast are located, the current signals are displayed to signal the intensity of the tropical cyclones, as well as monsoons. Today, there is a small museum open to visitors with information on the signals and some of the more powerful typhoons to have struck Macau in the past. The current warning signal, indicated by numbers and corresponding graphics code, was created in 1912 by the Port Authority of Macao in line with the system used in the coastal areas of China and Hong Kong. Before that, a complex flag system developed by the Shanghai Meteorological Bureau was used. **RM**

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Public consultation on tidal barrier resumes today

THE second phase of the public consultation on the environmental impact assessment for the construction of a tidal barrier in the Inner Harbor area starts today and will be held until September 10, the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) informed.

During this period, the public may download from the DSSOPT website the "Report on the environmental impact of the Macao Inner Harbor Tidal Dam" as well as the opinion form to submit their views and suggestions to the government on the topic. Opinions can be sent via letter, fax and e-mail.

This is the second phase of the public consultation on the topic after a first one held in April this year, gathered a total of four opinions received.

The tidal barrier idea was advanced by the government as part of a shared flood control system with Guangdong Province. Local authorities say that the flood control system could reduce the flooding risk and impact in the vulnerable Inner Harbor area.

According to the report available on the DSSOPT website, after the construction of the tidal barrier, "there will be no significant hydrological impacts on the upper reaches of the river and



A rendering of the proposed tidal barrier

the area covered by the construction."

"The construction will also not cause significant adverse impact on aquatic and terrestrial ecological systems," the report adds.

The document notes that there will likely be a large impact on the environment during the construction period of the dam, especially in the area covered by the construction site and related to the ecological environment, the water environment, the at-

mosphere and noise.

It proposes that the authorities specifically address the problems of "wastewater generated at the construction site prior to disposal," as well as "perform the work in a phased manner so as not to affect the reproduction of fish and shrimp; control pollution to prevent suspended sediment from excavation; install siding for the works and use sprinklers to reduce the dust that will be felt in the area; install acoustic barriers around the site; limit the execu-

tion of the work to the stipulated time only; and properly treat waste building materials."

The report was designed to analyze the impact of the proposed project on the existing characteristics of the environment, including the ecological situation.

The DSSOPT said it will also post the information compiled in the report to a display board located next to the Maritime Museum in Barra in order to facilitate public viewing. **RM**

SULU SOU ASKS GOV'T TO RESPECT ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Lawmaker Sulu Sou submitted his interpellation to the SAR government, asking for the government to respect the results of the New Macau Association's online poll on universal suffrage. Sou explained that despite it not being legally binding, the results showed that a large number of residents wished for political reform, with 93.9% of voters supporting universal suffrage for the Chief Executive election. Sou asked the government whether it would refer to the voting results in future when carrying out work on political reform. He also asked whether the current SAR government would pass their relevant conclusions to the next government, in order for them to submit a report to the central government soon.

JARDIM DE LUÍS DE CAMÕES TO UNDERGO RENOVATION

Jardim de Luís de Camões will undergo renovation and facility upgrades starting September 3. The project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of next year. During this period, the garden will be partially open to the public. The children's playground and some of the garden's entrances will remain closed. According to the Municipal Affairs Bureau, the garden has already sustained different types of damage. There will be major upgrades to the children's playground and other entertainment facilities. Fitness equipment for adults and a shelter will also be built. The lighting and water supply systems will be upgraded, and the floor will be repaved.

WATER BUREAU FOLLOWING MICROPLASTICS RESEARCH

The Marine and Water Bureau said that the bureau will closely monitor international research and developments on microplastics. In reply to lawmaker Lei Chan U's interpellation, the bureau said that Macau's water treatment process is able to remove the majority of suspended solids, including microplastics, and is capable of ensuring the safety of drinking water. The marine authority noted that the World Health Organization does not include microplastics and some other substances in health-related and monitoring parameters, and that research on the toxicity and impact of microplastics is still insufficient. In addition, the bureau recommended that the public and related industries should thoroughly clean fish and seafood, and remove the viscera before cooking to reduce the risk of consuming microplastics.

LRT law published, violations face fines of up to 10,000 patacas

RENATO MARQUES

THE law that regulates the operations and procedures of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) was published on Monday in the government's Official Gazette.

The regulations establish hefty penalties that range from MOP5,000 to MOP10,000 for passengers breaching the regulations.

The punishable offences are outlined in a list of seven behaviors subject to fines. These range from throwing objects onto the LRT tracks; opening the train doors, platform screen doors or ticket gates without permission, or preventing their normal operation; and activating



emergency or safety devices without a reasonable cause; all punishable with a fine of MOP10,000. Additionally, advertising in the paid area of stations or on trains, distributing

or displaying posters, pamphlets or other publications without permission by the LRT operator; engaging in profitable activities in the paid area of stations or trains wi-

thout the LRT operator's permission; fundraising, collecting signatures or conducting surveys in the paid areas of stations or trains without the LRT operator's permission;

and travelling or entering the paid areas of stations with pets, except guide dogs, will be punished with a fine of MOP5,000.

The law also establishes fines of as much as MOP100,000 for the operator in case the company fails in its duties. Among its stated duties are: transporting passengers as long as they possess a valid ticket; publishing information on fares, operation schedules and timetables, as well as frequency of the trips at all ticket selling places, as well as on their website; informing travelers of any temporary suspensions of services; clearly marking seats reserved for those who are disabled, elderly, pregnant and those carrying small children; as well as assisting passengers with mobility requirements in the paid areas of stations with both boarding and alighting trains.

GOVERNMENT ATTENTION WANTED FOR ONLINE SCAM

The government has been urged to pay attention to the increased importance of online scams. Lawmaker Chan Hong wrote to the government, highlighting that different and new types of online scams require attention from both the government and society. According to statistics released by the Secretariat for Security, in the first quarter of 2019, a total of 283 online scams were reported, representing an increase of more than 20% year-on-year. Sexual services scams increased the most. Chan asked the government about its measures for cracking down on online scams and its promotional campaigns to help residents defend themselves from online scams.

4,000 MONEY CHANGERS ARRESTED AND DEPORTED

In the first half of 2019, 4,039 people involved with illegal money exchange activities were arrested and deported, according to the Office of the Secretary for Security's reply to lawmaker Leong Sun lok's interpellation. During this period, 706 thieves were also deported. A total of 3,109 money changers and 569 thieves were banned from entering Macau for between one and three years. During the whole of 2018, the security authority deported 3,050 money changers and 1,342 thieves to their home countries. Of them, a collective 3,168 were banned from entering Macau for between one to three years.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE EDGES UP TO 1.8%

The general unemployment rate for the three-month period between May and July 2019 was 1.8%, according to data newly released by the Statistics and Census Service, while the unemployment rate of local residents was 2.4%. Both indicators rose 0.1 percentage points from the previous three-month period between April and June 2019. From the total labor force of 394,100, the number of employed residents amounted to about 281,700, down by 600 compared to the previous period. Analyzed by industry, employment in gaming and junket activities decreased while that in wholesale and retail trade increased. The number of the unemployed was 7,000, up by 400 from the previous period. With fresh graduates entering the labor market, the proportion of new labor market entrants seeking their first job increased by 4.1 percentage points to 15.2% of the total unemployed.



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LUI WELCOMES MORE CITY COMPETITION IN CASINO RACE

THE deputy chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd (GEG), Francis Lui, said that he welcomes more competition between cities in Japan, following the mayor of Yokohama's announcement that the city would bid to host a casino.

The executive said that the gaming operator was continuing to study the candidate cities in a bid to develop a global landmark integrated resort (IR).

GEG confirmed that it hopes to collaborate with Monaco casino firm Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Étrangers à Monaco and Japanese partners to bid for a Japan license.

"We are encouraged to see that in recent weeks more cities

are considering entering the race for an integrated resort," Lui told GGRAsia.

"Competition is always good for business, as it will be for the IR process in Japan. It will ensure Japan gets the most impressive and innovative IRs ever built."

Yokohama is now one of the potential cities in Japan in the race to host a casino resort, amongst Osaka, Nagasaki and Wakayama.

Back-to-back announcements from international gaming operators last week marked the latest steps in a delicate dance between cities seeking to host casino resorts and operators looking to bid on the locations. A maximum of three locations will

be allowed under a law passed last year.

The casino operators' announcements came hours after Yokohama, located about 30 minutes south of Tokyo, formally announced it wants to take proposals for an integrated resort to be built on its Yamashita Pier.

At present, all six of Macau's gaming operators have expressed an interest in bidding for a Japan license, with Osaka the most attractive of three cities touted as likely contenders.

The Japanese government passed a bill in 2018 that laid out a roadmap for gaming. The goal was to open the first casino by the time Tokyo hosted the 2020 Summer Olympics, however di-

sagreement over regulations and public concern over compulsive gambling pushed the plans back.

These cities need to find partners in the private sector first, before applying to the national government for the right to have such facilities.

However, the cities can only apply for IRs after Japan provides further details on the "IR basic policy," which will probably be ready by the end of March 2020.

Earlier this month, brokerage Sanford C. Bernstein forecasted that two big-city IRs, along with a small regional center, could generate a gross gaming revenue of USD7 to USD8 billion annually. LV

Six casino licenses are enough, says Ambrose So

AMBROSE So, Chief Executive Officer of casino concessionaire Sociedade de Jogos de Macau (SJM), has recommended the next government to further diversify the economy. He also said the city can take no more than six casino licenses, reports local media Shimin Daily.

His comment was made on the sidelines of last Sunday's Chief Executive Election, when

sole candidate Ho Iat Seng secured 392 votes from a possible 400. So is an elector representing the industrial, commercial and financial sectors.

He said that given the size of Macau's gambling sector, it would be counterproductive to the goal of economic diversification to issue extra gambling licenses. Extra licenses, he said, will lower the incentive to diversify the economy. Further-

more, it will stir unsettlement in the labor market, as the greater number of casinos implies a greater demand for workers.

He also pointed out that land resources are scarce in Macau. If the government requires casino operators to enrich their offerings by developing non-gambling facilities, more land will be needed.

So further supported his view by citing the fact

that gross gaming revenues amounted to more than MOP300 billion last year, which he thinks sufficient to support the budget of the government. "Let's save some land for other [industries]," he told Shimin Daily.

So said that the casino sector is supportive of the various policies of the government, and that it is aligned with the government's aim to develop non-gambling products.

Nevertheless, in So's estimation, the gambling sector will continue to be the leading industry of the city. The government should therefore make full use of the proceeds from the industry to help diversify the economy.

He also expressed his hope that the new Chief Executive-elect will lead the process of Macau's integration with the Greater Bay Area. AL



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HEALTH

Cases of imported dengue fever climb to 14

THE Health Bureau (SSM) was notified yesterday of the diagnosis of an imported case of dengue fever in a 43-year-old male resident, who lives in Coloane and who travels daily to Hong Kong for business purposes.

The patient visited Thailand between August 17 and 22, according to information received by the SSM and published in a statement yesterday. After returning to Macau, the patient developed symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and joint pain on August 24. A day later, he presented himself to Kiang Wu Hospital Emergency Department, where he was subsequently diagnosed with type II dengue fever.

The patient is in a stable clinical state, according to the SSM statement.

This latest diagnosis is the 14th case of imported dengue fever in 2019, according to the local health authority. So far this



year, five cases were imported from Cambodia, two from Malaysia, two from the Philippines, one from Singapore and four concerning Thailand.

The family with whom the patient lives has no similar symptoms. The SSM said it will conduct mosquito elimination works in the area that the patient lives.

The bureau also calls on residents to take preventive measures against mosquitoes, as they can transmit the fever to humans through their bite. It appeals to the public to elimina-

te stagnant water in their homes or places of work, thereby reducing the opportunity for mosquito and larval proliferation.

Moreover, the public should consider installing mosquito netting on windows, as well as turning on the air conditioning in order to reduce the likelihood of mosquito bites.

When traveling to destinations where outbreaks of dengue fever are known to occur, especially the countries of Southeast Asia and South Asia, the population is urged to wear long-sleeved clothes of light colors.

OBITUARY

CELEBRATED MACANESE FIGURE RITCHIE PASSES AWAY

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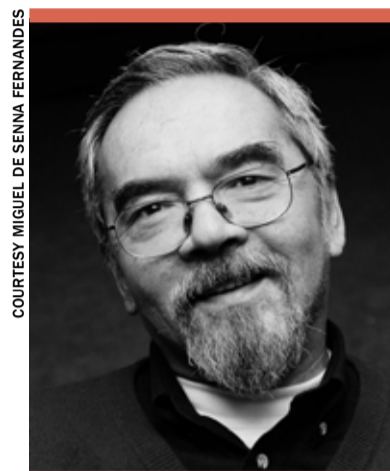
ALFREDO Maria Sales Ritchie, a celebrated figure of the Macanese community, passed away on August 26 at the age of 73 after a long battle with illness.

Ritchie, a physician by trade, was someone who dedicated much of his time to the preservation of Macanese culture and language. Over the past few years, he encouraged this through performances with the theatre group Dóci Papiaçám di Macau.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the group, Ritchie joined the group in 2002 and became one of the people responsible for the group's revitalization. He became a mentor to many of the young Macanese people who had joined the group in recent years.

Ritchie was also a member of the board of the Association of Macau Portuguese Speaking Physicians (AMLPM) and held the position of vice president of the General Assembly.

In 1974, Ritchie began working as a physician in the military in Macau and was promoted several



times until he became a general practitioner at the Macau Health Bureau in 1983.

His career peaked in 1996, when he became the Chief of Service at the Health Bureau. In January 1999, he ceased his duties within the government and was commended by Deputy Secretary for Social Affairs and Budget José Troni.

Until recently, Ritchie continued practicing at his private rooms in central Macau.

According to information provided to the Times, Ritchie's funeral will be held on September 1.

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

FORMER MAINLAND OFFICIAL SAYS SHENZHEN IS NOT REPLACING HK

THE former vice minister of the Foreign Trade Ministry of China, Long Yongtu, has said that many opinions have misinterpreted and misunderstood China's recent proposal to make Shenzhen an example zone of a pilot area of socialism with Chinese characteristics as a move to replace Hong Kong with Shenzhen.

Long's statement came during the first Global Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship and during the Grand Bay Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo Press Conference, which were both organized in mainland China.

According to Long, the fact that the Chinese central government supports Shenzhen in becoming an example zone of a pilot area of socialism with Chinese characteristics is a great opportunity. However, Long emphasized that the idea China is trying to replace Hong Kong with Shenzhen and build Shenzhen into an innovation and financial center is a "total misinterpretation and misunderstanding."

In a document issued on August 9 by the Central Committee

DANIEL BEITLER



The Shenzhen city skyline

of the Communist Party of China and the State Council, the government outlined goals for making Shenzhen a pilot area of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

The release of this document was interpreted by some media outlets as China's warning to

Hong Kong amid the ongoing protests in the city. These outlets suggest that the timing of the release was a signal from China that the central government was willing to siphon benefits away from Hong Kong and towards other municipalities in the Greater Bay Area, should the HKSAR

continue to step out of line.

However, the goal of making Shenzhen a "pilot area of socialism with Chinese characteristics" was first proposed in May 2017 by the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC). In 2018, the Shenzhen Municipal Committee

of the CPC had already outlined a plan for making Shenzhen a "pilot area" from 2018 to 2035.

Long, who was the chief negotiator for China's accession to the World Trade Organization, explained that Shenzhen was dependent on its relationship with Hong Kong.

"Shenzhen has what it has today precisely because Shenzhen has Hong Kong. It is still true up until today. Shenzhen can become the city with the most potential because it has a unique advantage - that of being next door to Hong Kong."

"Shenzhen's fate is closely attached to Hong Kong's fate. Don't think that there being some problems in Hong Kong is Shenzhen's opportunity. This is an incorrect view," said Long.

"I can reiterate that it's impossible to sacrifice Hong Kong in exchange for Shenzhen's development," argued Long. "This is completely false logic."

"Only when Hong Kong is better will Shenzhen be better. If there is a problem in Hong Kong, Shenzhen will inevitably be dragged down," added Long.

In Long's opinion, "whether Shenzhen can become a pioneering demonstration area as the central government expects depends, to a large extent, on whether Hong Kong can restore its stability and unity as soon as possible." JZ

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**PROMOTIONAL CLIP
RELEASED TO MARK
39TH YEAR AS SEZ**

To mark its 39th anniversary as a special economic zone (SEZ), the neighboring city of Zhuhai has launched a three-minute promotional video telling the story of its growth from the perspective of a foreigner. In the video clip, the foreigner sets out to explore the old and new parts of Zhuhai with a camera in hand. According to director Xing Chuan, the promotional clip was designed to help international audiences understand and learn to love the coastal city. The Greater Bay municipality has also released a new logo, which invokes the likeness of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, as well as the hills, sea and natural landscape that can be experienced from the city.

GUANGZHOU

**GLOBAL LAWYERS FORUM
SET FOR DECEMBER**

The Global Lawyers Forum will be held on December 9 and 10 in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province, according to the All China Lawyers Association (ACLA). Hosted by the association, the forum centers on the progress of science and technology and legal services, aiming to enhance the exchanges and cooperation between the lawyers' circles of China and the world. Six sub-forums will be held focusing on the Belt and Road Initiative and legal services, international trade and compliance, cross-border investment and mergers and more. Around 600 lawyers, judicial department officials and experts from home and abroad are expected to attend the forum, said the ACLA.

SHENZHEN

**HUAWEI TO DEEPEN
5G COOPERATION
WITH URUGUAY**

China's tech giant Huawei has signed a memorandum of understanding with Uruguay to deepen cooperation on 5G, industrial digitization and talented people training in information and communication technology, according to the company. The memorandum was inked during a recent visit to the company's headquarters in Shenzhen by a delegation led by Guillermo Moncecchi, minister of industry, energy and mining of Uruguay. The minister said his country hopes to deepen strategic partnership with Huawei on emerging technologies such as 5G, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things and cloud computing. Huawei has been operating in Uruguay since 2005. Fernando Lugris, Uruguayan ambassador to China, who was accompanying the minister, said Huawei products are very popular among Uruguayans and the Chinese company is welcome to explore more cooperation opportunities in Uruguay.

AP PHOTO



A demonstrator looks at a taxi with the Chinese flag draped across its hood in Hong Kong

ANALYSIS

THREE WAYS CHINA BENEFITS FROM THE HONG KONG PROTESTS

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THE summer of 2019 has seen week after week of protest in Hong Kong.

The protests began June 9 when as many as a million people marched against a bill that could allow suspects to be extradited to China. Hong Kong's chief executive, Carrie Lam, who was appointed by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in 2017, proclaimed the legislation dead days later. But she also declined to withdraw the legislation, spurring additional – larger – protests that at times disrupted financial and transportation systems, leading to clashes with police.

Many in the West have wondered why China hasn't taken firmer action to quell the protests.

As an expert on social movements and political change, I believe that the conflict in Hong Kong – and its resolution – may have implications for America and the rest of the world. If China brings Hong Kong under its thumb, this shift would alter the territory's politics and economic decision-making. Such a change would undoubtedly ripple through the global economy and affect the ability of American companies to do business abroad.

Yet, for now, China's response is fairly subdued. That may be because China is benefiting from not appearing to be involved. Here are three ways.

1. REPRESSION AND CONTROL

While China is well known for its overt and covert repression against its citizens, in the case of Hong Kong, Beijing can argue it is not directing Lam's response, but is simply standing by if she calls on Beijing for assistance.

China has little to lose by taking this approach. If conflict between the police and citizens resumes and the political system destabilizes, China can swoop in and try to remake Hong Kong in its own image.

This is certainly a possibility. State repression, even when it involves violence against demonstrators, does not always end protest movements. If residents of Hong Kong sense that their window of opportunity to effect change is closing, they may risk their lives to push back against the government. That kind of violence between police and demonstrators can escalate and create a political crisis.

Chaos in Hong Kong enables Beijing to continue to exert more control over the region – possibly crushing the pro-democracy movement once and for all – all while letting it deny its intent to do so.

2. A SHOW OF MILITARY MIGHT

Even if it remains on the sidelines, China's central government can use the protests to influence other outcomes in its favor.

Over the last week, it has implied that it might intervene to end the demonstrations by moving military equipment and personnel to a sports center in

Shenzhen, China, that is visible from Hong Kong.

This show of force is a reminder to Hong Kong's citizens that Beijing is willing – and prepared – to assume control of the territory through the use of force. That may provide enough of an incentive for demonstrators to find a way to work with Lam and encourage a resolution more in Beijing's favor.

Arguably, this has already influenced some demonstrators' behaviors. While protesters are still calling for Lam's ouster and more democratic freedoms, one of the leaders of the pro-democracy Civil Human Rights Front told American news media that the group was working hard to ensure that the demonstrations would once again be peaceful. However, participants in mass demonstrations rarely share a single vision on how to effect political change. It is clear that some protesters continue to believe that violence will help them.

Another potential benefit to Beijing is the message their show of force sends to the Trump administration – proof that China can engage in video-ready shows of global military might. Such spectacles are one way that political leaders can buttress their authority and send a warning to other countries.

3. BUILDING SUPPORT AT HOME

Trump's trade war is hurting China's economy. In fact, China's economic growth stalled to a 27-year low of 6.6%. Although

this rate is still high compared to most world economies, contractions such as these increase citizen dissatisfaction, particularly in nondemocratic countries.

While China has historically stymied popular protests, it has been harder to do so as more of its citizens gain access to the internet. Some Chinese citizens have moved away from politely protesting local officials to directly challenging government authority online, which is harder for government officials to contain.

The protests in Hong Kong give China an opportunity to quell that discontent by redirecting their attention toward a common enemy – the demonstrators, who, according to government accounts broadcast on state television, are violent and often paid provocateurs doing America's bidding.

Beijing's efforts to mobilize the citizenry around a Chinese identity seem to be working. On the social media site Weibo, users circulated a post that personifies China as a "little brother" whom its citizens are rallying around and willing to defend against the demonstrators' disparaging characterizations. At least in the short term, this surge of nationalism will quell discontent at home.

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HONG KONG

Carrie Lam sees no need for Chinese troops to quell unrest

NATALIE LUNG & STEPHEN TAN

HONG Kong's leader said her government can handle unrest without assistance from Chinese forces, and still wants to hold talks with protesters despite a flare up in violence.

"To this day, the SAR government is still confident it's able to solve the disturbance that's gone on for two months," Chief Executive Carrie Lam told a regular briefing Tuesday before a weekly meeting of her top advisers. Lam was responding to a question about whether declaring a state of emergency was more effective than calling in the Hong Kong garrison of China's People's Liberation Army, amid concerns Beijing will seek to intervene more directly in quelling the city's unrest.

On Sunday, Beijing issued its most direct warning yet, saying in a Xinhua News Agency commentary that the central government had the legal authority and res-



ponsibility to intervene militarily to halt what it said had become a "color revolution," even though analysts said such a move remained a last resort.

Tensions flared as the former British colony was rocked by a 12th straight weekend of pro-democracy protests, beginning with the formation of a peaceful human chain across the city and ending two days later with police

firing a weapon and using water cannons. Clashes resulted in 86 arrests and left 21 officers injured. There are calls for another mass protest march this weekend.

"Some thought there'd be no more basis for dialogue after this weekend's escalation of protests, but my colleagues and I are still doing our best to construct a platform for dialogue," Lam said.

Public confidence in Lam has

sunk to its lowest since she took office, according to the latest survey released Tuesday by the Hong Kong Public Opinion Program. Only 17% of 1,023 people interviewed expressed confidence in Lam, down from 20% in a similar survey earlier this month. Satisfaction and trust in Hong Kong's government fell to its lowest since the city returned to Chinese rule in 1997, the poll found.

Lam convened 19 senior city leaders and community figures Saturday to discuss how to broker a dialogue with protesters. More than half of the participants urged her to meet at least some of the protests' demands, including launching an inquiry into the unrest and formally withdrawing a now-suspended extradition bill that sparked the demonstrations, the South China Morning Post newspaper reported, citing three people with knowledge of the meeting.

Lam and her Chinese overseers have refused to make any concessions until the turmoil subsides. She said yesterday that it would be inappropriate to accept protesters' demands in the face of violence, but reiterated that work on the extradition bill has stopped. She said an independent inquiry was "not suitable" since the city already has an Independent Police Complaints Council, rejecting a move favored by 77% of the population, according to a previous HKPOP poll.

Lam also said she wouldn't resign her post, another key protester demand.

"A responsible Chief Executive at this point in time should continue to hold the fort and do her utmost to restore in law and order in Hong Kong," she said. "I wouldn't say my government has lost control." **BLOOMBERG**



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SAUDI ARABIA

**RED SEA DEVELOPMENT
SEEKS TO RAISE \$3.5 BILLION**

The firm that's transforming an archipelago, desert and mountains - an area about the size of Belgium - on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast into a global tourism destination is talking to banks to raise \$3.5 billion, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The Red Sea Development Co. started discussions with local lenders for a 13 billion-riyal loan in what would be its first borrowing, the people said, asking not to be identified because the matter is private. The loan may have a 15-year tenor and is likely to be backed by the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund, some of the people said. The terms of the financing may change and the company hopes to complete a deal by the end of the year. The first phase of the Red Sea project is expected to be completed by 2022.

SPAIN

**BREXIT TO BLAME
FOR BEER NOT FLOWING**

The beer isn't flowing like it used to in Spain's tourist hotspots, and Brexit is part of the problem. Sterling's decline has made U.K. travelers even more price sensitive this summer holiday season, pushing some to choose cheaper beach destinations in Turkey, Egypt and Tunisia. Fewer British visitors means not as many cold brews being downed. Tourists from the U.K. and elsewhere drink around 25% of the beer consumed in Spain annually. British tourists have an outsized impact on Spain. It's their top destination and about 18.5 million visited in 2018. That makes their ebbs and flows important not just for beer and food, but the entire tourism industry, which accounts for nearly 12% of Spain's economy.

THAILAND

**STRONG BAHT HELPS
THAI IPHONE RETAILER**

While Thailand's surging currency is squeezing exporters, the nation's largest consumer-electronics retail chain is benefiting as the strong baht attracts customers by making iPhones and Samsung smartphones cheaper. Com7 Pcl's 72% total return this year through Monday on its stock ranks as the world's best performance among electronics sellers with a market value of at least \$500 million, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Earnings growth will enjoy "strong momentum" for the rest of this year, partly helped by the baht, after a record profit in the second quarter, according to the company.

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND

**NORWAY WANTS TO ADD UP TO
\$100 BILLION IN US STOCKS**

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& MIKAEL HOLTER

NORWAY'S wealth fund proposed overhauling its global holdings, calling for a shift away from Europe in a move that would allow it to boost its U.S. stock investments by as much \$100 billion and take a larger chunk of the biggest technology companies.

In a letter sent to the Finance Ministry released yesterday, the \$1 trillion fund recommended that its investments "be adjusted further towards float-adjusted market weights by increasing the weight of equities in North America and reducing the weight of equities in European developed markets."

The response comes after the ministry last year asked the fund to review the geographical weighting that had been in place since 2012. The ministry on Tuesday said it would present its response in the "spring of 2020" and that any changes would be implemented gradually.

The fund is overweight Europe to better match Norway's trade flows, but this has been questioned since it has missed out on the bigger returns in U.S. markets. A change could set off an investment spree in U.S. stocks, including in technology giants such as Microsoft Corp., Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc., which are already the fund's largest holdings.

"Equities make up the majority of the investments



People gather on and around the Oslo Opera House

in the GPF and it is important that the framework for these investments is appropriate and updated," Finance Minister Siv Jensen said in a statement.

The current setup gives European stocks a factor of 2.5 and a share of 33.8% of the portfolio. North American stocks only have a factor of 1, so despite being a bigger market they only have a share of 41.2%. Asia and Oceania and emerging markets have a bigger factor of 1.5 and shares of 14.6% and 10.1%, respectively.

U.S. stocks are already the fund's biggest holdings, with \$245 billion at the end of 2018. If it were to move to float-adjusted market weights, that would jump to \$345 billion. The biggest reduction would come in U.K. stocks, where the share would be cut to about 5% from 9% now.

A potential shift in weights will be the latest in a

string of big changes for the fund, which recently raised its equity holdings to 70%, decided to dump emerging market debt, scaled down plans for real estate, is divesting some oil stocks and is working on starting to invest in renewable energy infrastructure.

The fund's current regionally adjusted index has had an annual return of 9.2% since 2003, while a float-adjusted market weight index has returned 9.3%.

The recommendation to move toward market weights isn't based on any market outlook for future returns but "a structural evaluation," said Egil Matsen, the deputy governor at Norway's central bank, who's in charge of overseeing the fund, in an interview.

He also said it made a conscious choice not the recommend specific weights since there are a lot of risk factors for the ministry to

consider when it decides.

In Norway, there's a debate on whether the country's overall risk should be considered when setting investment guidelines, which was a major factor in the fund's decision to recommend divesting oil and gas stocks.

In fact, one of the bank's board members, Kjetil Storstetten, introduced a "special remark" in the letter, agreeing that the advice works if the fund is considered in isolation, but changes when a broader perspective is taken on the nation's wealth.

"This perspective indicates that higher weights should be assigned to countries and markets with a lower correlation with Norwegian government revenue and Norwegian economic output, and lower weights to countries and markets that move more closely in line with Norwegian income," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

GEG Internship Program Supports Local Talent Development



In support of the development of local talent, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) is offering young people the opportunity to gain work experience through the GEG Integrated Resort Internship Program. According to a GEG press

release, the program was launched in 2008 to prepare local students for careers in the tourism industry. Since then, over 600 students from a range of educational institutions have participated in the program. GEG offers work experience

opportunities for young people interested in the tourism industry in order to nurture local talent in Macau.

In addition, GEG runs a tailored internship program for students with special needs from Escola Luso-Chinesa Técnico-Profissional, Caritas School and other institutions referred by the Labour Affairs Bureau.

Caritas School principal Mr. Shek Chiu Cheung said, "I appreciate GEG providing these internship opportunities and ongoing support for our special needs students. A well-organized internship program helps the students develop practical work skills in a short period of time to help them prepare for a successful future."

Rosé wine and dine offerings at MGM Macau



The highly anticipated Rosé Revolution festival will return to MGM Macau this September. To celebrate a month of rosé, MGM will present an

array of rosé-themed food and wine offerings.

Asia's annual rosé festival will be hosted at MGM Macau's Vista with its pink ele-

gance on September 28.

According to a press release by MGM, over 20 world-class rosés from around the globe will be served free of charge during the event. Along with the pink wines, guests can also savor a variety of fine canapés and pink cocktails while enjoying DJ sets right by the MGM Macau pool.

Rosé Revolution is co-organized by MGM and The Flying Winemaker. This festival has been touring Shanghai and Hong Kong since July, and will make a final stop in Singapore after Macau.

Tickets are now on sale at MOP290 per guest.

Australia concerned writer faces espionage charge in Guangzhou

ROD MCGUIRK, CANBERRA

THE Australian government said yesterday it was "very concerned and disappointed" that a Chinese Australian writer had been formally arrested in China on suspicion of espionage.

Yang Hengjun has been in Chinese custody since he arrived in southern China's Guangzhou from New York on Jan. 19 with his wife, Yuan Xiaoliang, and his 14-year-old stepdaughter. China revealed in July that the 54-year-old academic and former Chinese government official had been detained.

"The government is very concerned and disappointed to learn that Australian citizen and academic Dr. Yang Hengjun [...] was formally arrested in China on suspicion of espionage," Foreign Minister Marise Payne said in a statement. She described him as being held in "harsh conditions" without access to his lawyers or family visits, though embassy officials have visited him.

China's foreign ministry has said Yang is suspected of engaging in criminal activities that endanger China's security.

Yang was formally arrested Friday by the Beijing branch of China's National Security Bureau on "suspicion of espionage," ministry spokesman Geng Shuang

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said yesterday.

"The Chinese state security organs handled the case according to law and fully guaranteed the various rights of Yang Jun. Yang Jun is currently in good health," Geng said at a daily briefing.

Geng also expressed China's "strong dissatisfaction with Aus-

tralia's statement on the case."

"The Australian side should earnestly respect China's judicial sovereignty and must not intervene in China's handling of the case in any way," he said.

Yang's Australian lawyer, Rob Stary, said the basis of the espionage charge remains unclear.

"We think it relates to espionage on behalf of Australia, but it's not specified on the charge sheet," Stary said. "We'd obviously be disturbed by that if it was the allegation, because there is absolutely no foundation for it at all."

Stary suspects the espionage

charge relates to Yang's democracy activism. "He's a blogger and that's what he does, he's an academic, he's of a different ilk," Stary said.

Yang has held Australian citizenship since 2002 and has a doctorate from the University of Technology Sydney. He had been living in New York as a visiting scholar at Columbia University.

Payne said she had discussed with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi the Australian government's concerns about Yang's detainment.

"We have serious concerns for Dr. Yang's welfare and about the conditions under which he is being held," Payne said. "It is important, and we expect, that basic standards of justice and procedural fairness are met. I respectfully reiterate my previous requests that if Dr. Yang is being held for his political beliefs, he should be released."

Payne said Australia expects Yang to be treated in accordance with international human rights law, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with special attention to those provisions that prohibit torture and inhumane treatment, guard against arbitrary detention and that protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

Before Yang was moved into criminal detention, he had been held under so-called residential surveillance at a designated location. This can involve being guarded 24 hours a day with lights on continuously and torture including sleep deprivation, being tied to a chair or forced to stand for hours. AP

Volvo's Polestar opens Chengdu factory to export to Europe, US

JOE McDONALD, BEIJING

AMID rising trade tension, Volvo's electric brand, Polestar, is going ahead with plans to export its first Chinese-made model to the United States next year, the automaker's CEO said yesterday.

Polestar opened a factory yesterday in the western city of Chengdu to produce the Polestar 1, a two-door, gasoline-electric hybrid coupe with a carbon-fiber body.

European sales of the Polestar 1 start this year, priced at about 150,000 euros (USD165,000), said Polestar CEO Thomas Ingenlath. He said U.S. sales are due to start early next year.

Volvo Cars has been owned by Chinese automaker Geely Holding since 2010.

U.S. President Donald Trump is due to announce possible action on auto im-

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ports in November following an investigation into whether they harm national security. Trump said Washington would hold talks with the European Union, Japan and possibly others that will likely seek to reduce imports.

China exports few vehicles to the United States, but Trump has imposed punitive duties of up to 30% on other Chinese imports in a fight over trade and technology. Some manufacturers are shifting production out of

China to avoid Trump's tariff hikes.

"We obviously would really like political leaders to bring equal tariffs to develop fair and free trade between all countries," Ingenlath said.

"The task ahead for the

world, and I think each politician should embrace as well, is really very much working on the environmental question," he said. "That is where all the energy and all the discussion should be."

Regulators in Europe, China and other markets are promoting electrics with subsidies, sales quotas and other tools.

Last year's global sales of pure electrics and hybrids totaled 2.1 million, according to the International Energy Agency. That was equal to about 2.3% of global auto sales of 86 million vehicles.

Polestar's goal is to "bring this internal combustion market over to the side of electric mobility," Ingenlath said by phone from Chengdu.

Volvo also has a factory in Chengdu but Polestar's factory was built from scratch in the same city.

The Polestar 1 promises a range of 150 kilometers on a charge, with a gasoline-powered engine to supplement that if needed.

The company is taking advance orders for its second model, the pure-electric Polestar 2, due to go into production next year. That is to be followed by a pure-electric SUV.

Polestar joins an increasingly crowded luxury electric market dominated until now by U.S.-based Tesla Inc., which is building a Chinese factory in Shanghai.

It isn't clear how many consumers want electrics despite official pressure on automakers to develop them, according to Bernstein analysts Max Warburton and Thanos Hadjiantonis.

"Consumer enthusiasm for EVs remains quite limited," they wrote in a report. AP



CHINA BAN ON SOME TEXTBOOKS SEEN AS AIMED AT UIGHUR CULTURE

DAKE KANG, BEIJING

FOR 15 years, Yalqun Rozi skillfully navigated state bureaucracies to publish textbooks that taught classic poems and folk tales to millions of his fellow minority Uighurs in China's far western region of Xinjiang.

That all changed three years ago when the ruling Communist Party launched what it says is a campaign against ethnic separatism and religious extremism in Xinjiang. Suddenly even respected public figures like Rozi were being arrested, caught up in a crackdown that critics have said amounts to cultural genocide.

An estimated 1 million Uighurs have since been detained in internment camps and prisons across the region, and advocacy groups say that includes more than 400 prominent academics, writers, performers and artists. Critics say the government is targeting intellectuals as a way to dilute, or even erase, the Uighur culture, language and identity.

After being taken away by police in 2016, Rozi, 54, was sentenced to more than a decade in prison on charges of incitement to subvert state power.

As one of the first prominent people to be detained, Rozi's story illustrates how even Uighurs who toed the party line and were accepted by the government have been rebranded enemies of the state amid the widening cam-

paign of surveillance and detention underway in Xinjiang.

"He had many friends among government officials. He was able to use his connections to sell his books," said Abduweli Ayup, a linguist who knew Rozi through a Uighur bookstore Ayup once ran. "Those books sold very well."

China's 11 million Uighurs are culturally, linguistically and religiously distinct from the country's overwhelmingly ethnic Han majority, who have increasingly migrated to the resource-rich region and occupy most of the well-paid jobs and powerful government positions. Uighurs speak a Turkic language and many are practicing Muslims.

For decades, Uighur intellectuals maneuvered carefully, working to advance their culture while avoiding being tarred as separatists or extremists. They thrived even as the government periodically relaxed and tightened its grip on the region.

Rozi's friends, family, and former classmates describe him as sharp, disciplined and very careful, standing out for his political and business savvy. As a college student in the 1980s, he stayed away from the pro-democra-

cy movements that were roiling China and avoided socializing with known activists.

He shot to fame among Uighurs after tangling with famous writers, winning people over during heated debates on television. He cultivated ties with state officials that allowed him to write on sensitive topics like Islam and Uighur identity.

Rozi urged his people to become educated to counter stereotypes of Uighurs as backward, exotic or extremist.

"It seemed like on TV and

in charge of compiling Uighur literature textbooks, he leapt at the chance.

He and his family moved into a housing compound with Xinjiang Education Press editors and schooling officials, debating world events over dinner with others in the tight-knit community of Uighur scholars and writers. Rozi kept a large study overflowing with books, shutting himself in on weekends to focus on writing and editing.

Rozi was accustomed to dealing with the government's fears of an independent Uighur identity, and though he sometimes quarreled with censors, his works always made it to publication.

The family's fortunes and those of the Uighurs as a whole took a dramatic turn after a string of terror attacks in Xinjiang in 2014, shortly after Chinese President Xi Jinping came to power. In response, Beijing kicked off its suffocating security crackdown.

Rozi was arrested soon after Chen Quanguo, a hard-line politician, became Xinjiang's top official in 2016 and his books were pulled from shelves.

Soon his former colleagues at Xinjiang Education Press began

disappearing, as did the officials who used to supervise his work. Colleges held political meetings to denounce "problematic textbooks," including Rozi's, calling them "treasonous" and a "great scourge" that poisoned Uighurs with ideas of splitting China.

"Those textbooks weren't political at all," Kamaltürk said. "There were things in there about taking pride in being ethnic Uighurs, and that's what the Chinese government was upset with."

The intensity of Beijing's crackdown caught many by surprise, shocking even hardened dissidents.

"In retrospect, it was a signal," said Abdurehim Dolet, Rozi's close friend and former business partner who now lives in Turkey. "We all thought this was only temporary, that things would get better. He was made an example."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry referred questions about Rozi's case to regional authorities, who did not respond to a fax for comment.

Experts say the campaign against Rozi's books is part of a systematic effort by Beijing to distance young Uighurs from their language and culture, including by putting thousands of Uighurs in Mandarin-only orphanages and boarding schools.

"It's a slow process of cultural reengineering to reshape Uighur culture from top to bottom — to eradicate most fundamentally the Uighur language, or to erode it to the extent that among younger generations, it might potentially die out," said James Leibold, a scholar of Chinese ethnic studies at LaTrobe University in Melbourne.

Today, Kamaltürk, his sister and mother are trying to draw attention to Rozi's case from a cramped two-bedroom apartment in Philadelphia.

Kamaltürk, who once had the highest college entrance exam scores in Xinjiang and won a spot to study chemistry at China's most prestigious university, has put dreams of medical school on hold to support his family. He now squeezes in time to lobby members of Congress between 14-hour days at a pharmaceutical company testing animal blood samples.

He's creating a website dedicated to his father, and plans one day to finish translating what's left of his father's works into English to show the world why many Uighurs consider him among their most significant intellectuals alive.

One of Kamaltürk's biggest regrets is that he didn't take all of his father's textbooks with him when he left China. He worries some may be lost forever.

"Nobody thought they could be a target, that they could vanish one day," he said. "It's shocking that they're gone." AP

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in state propaganda, all we did was sing and dance," Rozi's son Kamaltürk Yalqun said from Philadelphia, where he and other family members live in exile. "My father didn't like this label. He wanted us to become entrepreneurs, scientists, intellectuals."

When the government tapped Rozi in 2001 to head a committee

1MDB

Prosecution rests in first case against Malaysia's ex-PM Najib

MALAYSIAN prosecutors yesterday wrapped up their case against former Prime Minister Najib Razak in his first corruption trial, paving the way for his second court case to begin.

Prosecutors told the High Court that they were resting their case against Najib after questioning 57 witnesses since the trial began April 3. The judge will hear closing arguments from both prosecutors and defense lawyers on Oct. 22 and will rule on Nov. 11 whether Najib should enter his defense.

Najib faces 42 charges of corruption, abuse of power and money laundering in five separate criminal cases linked to the multibillion-dollar looting of the 1MDB state investment fund that contributed to his shocking election ouster last year.

Najib, 65, denies wrongdoing and accuses Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's govern-



ment of seeking political vengeance.

The seven charges in his first trial specifically relate to the suspicious transfer of 42 million ring-

git (USD10 million) from SRC International, a former 1MDB unit, into Najib's bank accounts via intermediary companies between 2011 and 2015.

Najib is accused of using his position to receive the money for approving a government guarantee for a government loan to SRC, committing criminal breach of trust and accepting proceeds from unlawful activities.

His lawyers say Najib is the victim of a conspiracy by rogue bankers including one identified by U.S. investigators as the mastermind behind the 1MDB fiasco.

Prosecutors say Najib, who set up 1MDB in 2009, was the real power behind the fund and SRC.

In his second trial due to begin today, Najib faces four counts of abusing his power to receive a total of 2.3 billion ringgit (\$547 million) from 2011 to 2014, and 21 other charges of receiving, using, and transferring illicit funds linked to 1MDB.

The trial could be delayed again as the defense is challenging the government's appointment of a former senior judge as

the chief prosecutor in the case.

Najib set up 1MDB when he took power in 2009 to promote economic development, but the fund amassed billions in debts and is being investigated in the United States and several other countries for alleged cross-border embezzlement and money laundering.

U.S. investigators say more than \$4.5 billion was stolen from 1MDB by associates of Najib between 2009 and 2014, including the money that landed in Najib's bank accounts. They say the ill-gotten gains were laundered through layers of bank accounts in the United States and other countries to finance Hollywood films and buy hotels, a luxury yacht, art works, jewelry, and other extravagances.

Public anger over the scandal eventually led to the ouster of Najib's long-ruling coalition in May last year, ushering in the first change of power since Malaysia's independence from Britain in 1957.

The new government reopened investigations stifled under Najib and barred him and his wife from leaving the country. Police also seized jewelry and hundreds of handbags and other valuables estimated at more than 1.1 billion ringgit (\$264 million) from properties linked to Najib. AP

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THAI PALACE SHARES PHOTOS OF KING, NEWLY NAMED ROYAL CONSORT

THAILAND'S royal palace has released photos of King Maha Vajiralongkorn and his recently anointed royal consort, though the official website hosting the images became inaccessible within a few hours.

The photos released Monday show the 67-year-old monarch and Sineenatra Wongvajirabhakdi in formal regalia as well as in casual settings. She was named Chao Khun Phra Sineenatra Bilasakalayani last month on the king's birthday, becoming the first to receive the title of royal

noble consort since 1921, during an era of absolute monarchy.

The king married longtime companion Suthida Vajiralongkorn Na Ayudhya in May a few days before his coronation and named her his queen. Like Sineenatra, she has been serving as a senior officer in palace security units.

Vajiralongkorn was married three times previously, fathering seven children.

Vajiralongkorn assumed the throne after the 2016 death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej,

who reigned for 70 years. During his decades as crown prince, Vajiralongkorn's personal life was often the subject of hushed gossip, though public discussion was hampered by the country's harsh lese majeste law, which mandates prison terms of up to 15 years for those found guilty of insulting some members of the royal family.

Some of the new palace images show 34-year-old Sineenatra, who holds the army rank of major general, engaging in activities in uniform such as piloting a fi-

ghter jet, aiming a rifle on a firing range and preparing for what appears to be a night-time parachute jump.

Others show her and the king holding hands, unusually intimate photos for members of the royal family.

Unflattering unauthorized photos of the king and his consort taken by paparazzi in Germany, where the monarch maintains a residence, have circulated widely on social media. The most recent such pictures were published by the German tabloid Bild

earlier this month.

Although there were no details accompanying Monday's official photos, the palace also posted a biography of Sineenatra, who was born in the northern province of Nan.

It said that after serving as an army nurse from 2008-2012, she joined the Royal Household Bureau, working at the palace's handicraft store. She later transferred to the offices of Vajiralongkorn, then the crown prince. Vajiralongkorn assumed the throne after the 2016 death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Sineenatra was said to have undergone rigorous military training as well as taking flying lessons, and holds several positions in the palace bureaucracy. **AP**

SRI LANKA

Islamic clerics seek clarity on face veil ban

KRISHAN FRANCIS,
COLOMBO

ISLAMIC clerics in Sri Lanka asked Muslim women yesterday to continue to avoid wearing face veils until the government clarifies whether they are once again allowed now that emergency rule has ended four months after a string of suicide bomb attacks.

Clerics are wary of the Muslim community being targeted again for violence, as it was in the aftermath of April's Easter Sunday attacks that killed more than 260 people, said Fazil Farook, spokesman for All Ceylon Jammiyyathul Ulama, Sri Lanka's largest group of Islamic clerics. Two local radical Muslim groups have been blamed

for the attacks.

Farook urged Muslim women not to rush into wearing their veils again.

"They have managed in the past and we are asking them to do it the same way," Farook said, adding that some women have refused to be seen in public without covering their faces because they had been accustomed to it.

After the Easter attacks on three churches and three tourist hotels, Sri Lanka's government brought the country under emergency rule, giving sweeping search, arrest and detention powers to the military and police. President Maithripala Sirisena also used the emergency law to issue a decree banning covering faces in

all manners, including face veils.

Emergency rule had been extended each month until last week, when Sirisena allowed the law to lapse. He issued a separate order allowing the military to maintain peace.

In the wake of the Easter attacks, gangs mostly from the majority Sinhalese community attacked mosques and Muslim-owned shops, killing at least one person. Muslims also were subjected to hate speech in public and on social media.

Farook said clerics were asking the Muslim community to remain calm.

"[Think of] what happened in the past and don't allow racial elements to take things to another level," he said. **AP**



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

G-7 summit achievement: Trump declares, 'We got along great'

DARLENE SUPERVILLE
& ZEKE MILLER, BIARRITZ

AP PHOTO



NEVER mind his differences with world leaders on China, trade, Russia, Iran and more. President Donald Trump's takeaway message from the Group of Seven summit in France was "unity." In fact, "flawless" unity.

During this year's gathering of leaders of the world's wealthiest democracies, Trump went to great lengths to portray it as something of a lovefest, papering over significant disagreements on major issues.

"If there was any word for this particular meeting of seven very important countries, it was unity," Trump said at a news conference Monday closing out the two-day gathering in the French resort of Biarritz.

"We got along great," he said. "We got along great."

After Trump disrupted the last two G-7 summits with his erratic behavior, other world leaders seemed determined to play along this year in the interest of keeping any

negative drama out of the headlines.

First came the decision by French President Emmanuel Macron, the summit host, to scrap the annual practice of issuing a lengthy joint statement, or communique, at the summit's conclusion.

The document typically spells out the consensus that leaders have reached on issues on the summit agenda and provides a roadmap for how they plan to tackle them.

Trump roiled the 2017 meeting in Italy over the climate change passage in that summit's final statement. And he withdrew his signatu-

re from the 2018 communique after complaining he had been slighted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the host that year.

"I think it's against that background that Macron decided it's not worth it" to issue a statement, said Thomas Bernes, a distinguished fellow at the Center for International Governance Innovation in Canada.

Instead, the leaders issued a final "declaration" that began, "The G7 leaders wish to emphasize their great unity and the positive spirit of their debates."

Macron also sought to play

down awkward differences and said that what the G-7 leaders were "really keen on was to convey a positive and joint message following our discussions."

The French leader stressed that everyone had worked "together, hand in hand, with President Trump over these two days."

For all of the happy talk, though, Trump came under pressure to end his lengthy trade dispute with China that is hurting other nations as well.

Macron said the dispute had served to "create uncertainty" that is "bad for the world economy."

Differences over Russia didn't stay hidden, either.

Trump, as he had before last year's summit, said he would like to see Russia re-admitted to the club. The former G-8 kicked Russia out after President Vladimir Putin annexed the Crimean Peninsula in 2014.

While his affinity for Russia has been questioned at home, Trump said Monday he'd prefer Russia be "inside the tent" rather than outside since so many of the issues the

leaders discussed involved Russia.

Other members of the Group of Seven besides France, Canada, Italy and the U.S. are Britain, Germany and Japan.

Canada's Trudeau told reporters he had privately aired his objection to Russian readmittance.

"Russia has yet to change the behavior that led to its expulsion in 2014, and therefore should not be allowed back into the G-7," he said at a news conference.

For all the courting of Trump by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump wouldn't adopt Abe's position that short-range ballistic missile tests by neighboring North Korea violate U.N. resolutions.

Trump insisted that he and Abe were on the "same page" — but he appeared to defend the missile tests by North Korea's Kim Jong Un by saying a lot of other people were testing missiles, too.

"We're in the world of missiles, folks, whether you like it or not," he said.

Trump also claimed that "great unity" existed on Iran, but he largely just restated his long-held views about the country, some of them hardly shared.

France, Germany and other G-7 members are unhappy that Trump withdrew the U.S. from a 2015 international pact that eased sanctions on Iran in exchange for the Iranians agreeing to limit their nuclear program. AP

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Offbeat

DANISH CITY PUTS VIKINGS AT CROSSING SIGNALS



It's safe to cross when the green Viking is walking, but stop when the red one is standing. That's the message to pedestrians in Aarhus as it unveils new crossing signals to celebrate the history of Denmark's second largest city. City council member Buenyamin Simsek, in charge of technical matters, on Monday unveiled the first of 17 traffic signals featuring Vikings holding axes and shields, but no horned helmets — there is no evidence that Viking helmets really did have horns. The lights will form a circle around downtown Aarhus, which was founded by the Vikings in the 8th century and became a bustling harbor city.

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ONE PIECE STAMPEDE

ROOM1
2:30, 7:30, 9:30pm
Director: Takashi Otsuka
Starring: Chō, Hiroaki Hirata, Katsuhisa Hōki
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



1963 KING'S DREAM FOR RACIAL HARMONY

The fight for racial equality in the United States moved a step closer to victory today as Martin Luther King spoke of his dream for freedom in an address to thousands of Americans.

Reverend King was greeted with rapturous applause as he delivered his heart-felt words to a 250,000-strong crowd of civil rights protesters at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

He spoke of the need "to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice".

He promised that the struggle for equality would continue until "justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream".

Rev King, who has worked tirelessly for an end to racial discrimination through non-violent means, spoke repeatedly of his dream for equality.

"I have a dream," he said. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made straight and the crooked places will be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

Dr King, who is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) first came to prominence in 1955 when he led a 382-day bus boycott in an attempt to end segregation on city buses.

Since then he has endured numerous arrests, violent harassment and a bomb attack on his home.

But his struggle continues and it is believed today's speech will have a lasting impact on all who heard it.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Rev Martin Luther King spearheaded the campaign against segregation and racial discrimination in the United States.

But his crusade was cut dramatically short, when he was assassinated on 4 April 1968 in the southern US city of Memphis, Tennessee, aged 39.

He was shot in the neck by a rifle bullet as he stood on a balcony from where he was to lead a march of sanitation workers protesting against low wages and poor working conditions

James Earl Ray was convicted of his murder and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

But he later retracted his confession and said he had been only a minor player in a conspiracy.

However, his appeals for a new trial were rejected and he died in prison in 1998.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

A message will come your way today that creates more confusion in your life. In part, it's because there will be no details included—just cryptic words or images.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

There is such a thing as being too cautious in life! If you never try anything new or never try to do anything that seems just the slightest bit risky, you will never change your life.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

If someone is flirting up a storm with you right now. If you want to play along, you should. But if you think there is real substance beneath all of their shine, you could be mistaken.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

The closed door conversations you are missing out on are nothing to be concerned about—your life or career growth will not be negatively affected by them anytime soon.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Can a person have too many friends? You might be starting to think about that question today, because all of this activity is starting to get a little bit exhausting!



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

You're doing some exceptional thinking right now, but the quality of what you have to say is not as important as how you say it right now. So be very, very careful about how you communicate.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

That restless energy you'll wake up with this morning is going to drive you to start a few new things today—don't worry too much about finishing any of them, though.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today, you will see how dramatically the energy you have been putting out into the universe can come back to you tenfold. There is a fierce amount of karma coming your way.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The outcome of your latest project is still uncertain right now, but this should not make you feel nervous at all. If you don't know what is going to happen, then why not choose to believe that everything will work out just fine?



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your social group has been going through a lot of transformations lately, and it isn't making life too easy on you. People are moving into new roles.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today, feel free to disagree with someone you care about. After all, you can have an argument without a fight—as long as you focus on the intellectual connection you're exploring, and not personal opinions



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Today is not a great day to move—literally or figuratively. Luckily, this directive shouldn't be so difficult for you to comply with. After all, you've just completed a big step in your life.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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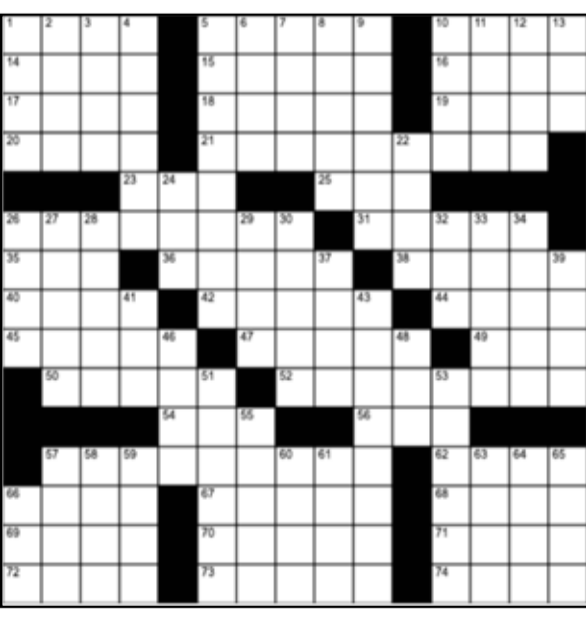
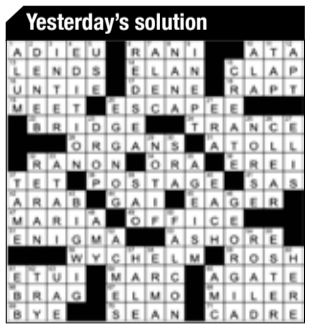
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Lhasa	11	24	cloudy
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Nanjing	24	28	moderaterain
Shanghai	26	31	moderaterain
Wuhan	26	31	drizzle
Hangzhou	26	34	drizzle
Taipei	26	31	clear
Guangzhou	27	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	34	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	12	19	clear
Frankfurt	19	29	drizzle
Paris	18	29	cloudy
London	13	26	cloudy
New York	18	23	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-___ Raton; 5- In the know; 10- Dynamic start?; 14- Cain's victim; 15- One of superior rank; 16- Grump; 17- Periodic movement of the sea; 18- Winged; 19- Rajah's wife; 20- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door; 21- Most powerful; 23- Step in ballet; 25- Shad delicacy; 26- Raging; 31- Like a toad; 35- Man-mouse connector; 36- Conductor Dorati; 38- Extend, in a way; 40- Nothing, in Nogales; 42- Festive occasions; 44- Norton Sound city; 45- Declare; 47- Audition tapes; 49- Ball holder; 50- Last letter of the Greek alphabet; 52- Get close to; 54- City in GA; 56- Beach souvenir; 57- Pommel; 62- Blueprint detail; 66- Ethereal; Prefix; 67- The end of ___; 68- Inventing middle name; 69- Gym equipment; 70- Beef on the hoof; 71- Scholarship criterion; 72- Actor Baldwin; 73- From head ___; 74- "...countrymen, lend me your ___";

DOWN: 1- Cave dwellers; 2- Final notice?; 3- Hand over; 4- Syrian city; 5- Collecting; 6- Mickey's creator; 7- Cracked open; 8- Chopper topper; 9- Heretofore; 10- Ranch unit; 11- Historical times; 12- ___ and rave; 13- ___-Wan Kenobi was a character in "Star Wars"; 22- Paraphernalia; 24- Gasteyer of "SNL"; 26- Puts on; 27- Sister of Clio; 28- Woman in charge of a household; 29- Not very much; 30- Biblical spy; 32- Cartoon canine; 33- Govt. security; 34- Arabian republic; 37- Hobbling; 39- Undesirable plant; 41- Wolfed down; 43- Computer programs; 46- Mild oath; 48- Lady of Sp.; 51- Finally; 53- Certifiable; 55- Slow, musically; 57- Close tightly; 58- Johnson of "Laugh-In"; 59- It may be compact; 60- Sugar source; 61- Creme-filled cookie; 63- Defendant's answer; 64- Always; 65- Men behaving badly; 66- "I ___ Camera" (1955 film);



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PRINCE'S ESTATE WILL OPERATE STUDIO COMPLEX PAISLEY PARK

PRINCE'S estate will take over management of the late rock star's studio complex near Minneapolis.

Graceland Holdings, which runs Elvis Presley's tourist attraction in Memphis, Tennessee, had been operating Prince's Paisley Park in Chanhassen as a museum since October 2016.

Prince's oldest sibling, Sharon Nelson, says the family will manage Paisley Park because the contract expires at the

end of September. She says the family is not unhappy with Graceland Holdings or making the decision because of economic reasons.

The Star Tribune reports Nelson says there are differences of opinions among the heirs, so the estate's administrator, Comerica, will be making the final decisions on how to operate the landmark.

Prince died at age 57 of an accidental overdose of fentanyl at Paisley Park April 21, 2016.

MISSY ELLIOTT HONORED AT MTV VMAS

AP PHOTO



THE incomparable career of Missy Elliott, the rapper-singer-songwriter-producer-dancer whose music videos have moved the needle over the last two decades, was honored at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards, where Taylor Swift also took center stage with her gay pride anthem, "You Need to Calm Down."

Elliott earned the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award and brought her colorful, eccentric and groundbreaking music videos to life, from "Work It" to "Lose Control," on Monday at the Prudential Center in

Newark, New Jersey.

She even sported the inflated trash bag she wore with confidence and charisma in the video for "The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)" in 1997 during the performance.

"I've worked diligently for over two decades and I never thought I would be standing up here receiving this award," Elliott said.

The 48-year-old game-changer also dedicated her award to the dance community and said her music video inspirations included Janet Jackson, Madonna, Peter Gabriel and Busta Rhymes.

PANDA PREGNANT AT BERLIN'S ZOO, BIRTH EXPECTED SOON

BERLIN'S zoo is hoping to hear the patter of tiny panda paws soon.

The zoo yesterday released a few seconds of footage from an ultrasound scan of its 6-year-old panda Meng Meng, which it said shows "a mini-panda with its heart beating fast."

It said that the birth isn't far off, but didn't specify when.

Meng Meng mated for the first time with 9-year-old partner Jiao Qing in April, and was also artificially inseminated to increase the likelihood of pregnancy. Experts working with the zoo said in mid-August that

they were about 85% sure Meng Meng was expecting. Panda pregnancies typically last four to six months.

The zoo said keepers used a few pieces of apple, panda cookies and honey water to persuade Meng Meng to lie on her back for a few minutes Tuesday for the scan. It said that pandas typically deliver one, two or occasionally even three cubs, and although only one was discovered during the scan it's still possible that there are more.

Meng Meng and Jiao Qing arrived from China in June 2017.

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England's Ben Stokes celebrates victory on day four of the third Ashes cricket Test match against Australia at Headingley

CRICKET

Stokes becomes national hero after making most of 2nd chance

BEN Stokes leant back on aching legs and thrust his clenched right fist into the air, letting out a guttural roar as thousands rose inside Headingley to acclaim one of English sport's greatest individual performances.

It was an image that adorned the front or back of nearly every British newspaper on Monday, keeping cricket atop the agenda in a summer like no other for a sport often mocked for being quaint and dull but which has suddenly become gripping viewing.

Stokes' once-in-a-lifetime innings supposedly came in last month's Cricket World Cup final at Lord's, when his pressure-filled and incident-packed knock of 84

steered England into a rare Super Over eliminator against New Zealand and, ultimately, to becoming world champion for the first time.

Six weeks after what was widely labeled the greatest cricket match ever, and about 170 miles (274 kilometers) north in Leeds, Stokes produced an almost-supernatural innings that might have been even better, keeping England alive in an Ashes series when all hope appeared to be lost.

On the hottest August bank holiday weekend ever recorded in England, Stokes displayed resilience, courage and no little skill and flair to score 135 over 5½ hours, masterminding the nation's biggest fourth-innings chase in test cricket in a one-wicket win over fierce rival Australia.

With England still needing 73 runs with one wicket left, Stokes had the clarity to hog the strike in the last-wicket partnership with No. 11 Jack Leach, scoring 74 of a 76-run stand that ended with him slashing a four through the covers to seal victory and spark the image that went everywhere.

"Outrageous," said England captain Joe Root. "The most extraordinary test innings ever played by an England batsman," purred former England skipper Alastair Cook in his role as a radio commentator. That is some praise coming from Cook — England's highest

ever test run-scorer with 12,472, including 33 centuries — who struck two of his five double hundreds in Australia, both unbeaten, like Stokes was.

Stokes described it as "one of the top two feelings I've ever had on a cricket field," clearly bracketing it with his recent World Cup exploits.

It seemed inevitable that Stokes was the central figure in an English cricketing drama. After all, it was Stokes who was reduced to tears after being hit for four straight sixes by Carlos Brathwaite in the last over of the Twenty20 World Cup final against West Indies in 2016 as England fell to an improbable loss at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

That's all forgotten about now.

Born in New Zealand but now an adopted Englishman after moving at the age of 12, Stokes has become a national sporting hero in a summer of redemption for a player whose career was plunged into uncertainty two years ago when he was involved in a street brawl in which he knocked a man unconscious.

According to Stokes, he was acting in self-defense in his reaction to the man who was verbally abusing two gay men outside a club in Bristol, southwest England. Stokes was found not guilty by a court of affray in August last year, yet was handed an eight-match suspension by the England and Wales Cricket Board and fined 30,000 pounds (\$38,000) for bringing the game into disrepute. He had already been dropped from England's Ashes squad for the 2017-18 tour Down Under — a series Australia won 4-0.

The late-night fracas solidified his reputation as the bad boy of English cricket, which had grown for various incidents, including arrest and a night in a prison cell in 2011 for obstructing a police officer.

Stokes, now known for his high fitness levels, recently said he had dealt with his off-the-field issues and is just "trying to make better decisions" in his life. He made plenty of those Sunday under the most extreme pressure possible at Headingley.

On Saturday evening and into Sunday, he scored 3 runs off his first 73 balls, knowing he had to stay around come what may if England was to pull off a victory. He reached his fifty off 152 balls, his slowest test half-century. Then he accelerated as he lost partners at the other end, hitting 74 off 45 balls — including seven sixes — in that last-wicket stand during which he basically reverted to playing an ODI-style innings.

There was a reverse slog sweep for six, a clip off his legs off Josh Hazlewood for six, and even a ramp shot cleared the boundary rope.

In these positions, Stokes can appear invincible. **MDT/AP**

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OPINION

World Views

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MODI GETS REAL ON THE ECONOMY

India's economic numbers have for some time looked better than the facts warranted, feeding an overconfidence in New Delhi about the country's prospects. Thankfully, that's begun to change. The Reserve Bank of India, the International Monetary Fund, investment banks and ratings agencies have all recently cut their estimates of 2019 growth sharply. While some believe India's official statistics may overstate growth by as much as 2.5 percentage points, even government statisticians are expected to release this week a more sober estimate for GDP growth between January and March of around 5.8%.

The best news is that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, which has loudly touted its stewardship of the Indian economy, appears to have woken up to the scale of the problem. Many would argue that the slew of administrative and tax changes that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced as stimulus measures last Friday weren't bold enough. But that misses the key point: Sitharaman and her ministry at last seem to be willing to take criticism on board and to adopt a more realistic view of India's economic position. That's the first step toward fixing the economy.

Indeed, some of the reasons for disappointment are themselves grounds for optimism. The auto industry, for example, had hoped for tax cuts or budgetary support of some kind. You can see why they're panicked; they've just had the worst month since December 2000, with sales of new passenger cars dropping by 35% year-on-year.

Smartly, though, the government resisted frantic lobbying from some of India's most powerful companies. Instead of handing out a big tax break, the new measures addressed some of the regularity fuzziness that might have been suppressing demand for new cars. The government's chief economist had some harsh words for bailout-seekers not just in the auto sector but finance and real estate: "If we basically expect the government to use taxpayers' money to intervene every time when there are some 'sunsets,' then I think you introduce possible moral hazards as well as the possibility of a situation where profits are private and losses are socialized." That would be, as he correctly noted, "anathema to the way the market economy functions."

One reason the government seems to have embraced reality is that the revenue numbers in the federal budget are now known to have been massively overstated. There was, in fact, a revenue shortfall in the last financial year of 1.7 trillion rupees (\$24 billion), almost a full percentage point of GDP; none of that was visible in the numbers laid before Parliament. That's a scandal, and probably part of the reason why the seniormost bureaucrat in the finance ministry has been made to fall on his sword. Those who argue that India is in a sustained demand slump aren't wrong. But the government doesn't have the fiscal firepower to pull the economy out of it.

Most of us feared that, faced with this revenue shortfall and demands for both corporate and individual welfare payments, Modi's government would respond as it has in the past -- by getting its tax officials to put the squeeze on taxpayers. After all, it looked like the government would have to raise revenue by 1.1% of GDP in 2019-20 if it were to make its fiscal targets.

But Sitharaman has been touring the country asking tax officers to cool it and to trust taxpayers more. Some of the measures she announced on Friday were meant to reduce tax officials' arbitrary powers. The government seems to have reversed course following widely publicized criticism of "tax terrorism" even by businesspeople friendly to the ruling party. Modi himself hailed "wealth creators" in his speech to the nation on India's Independence Day, August 15.

Of course, nothing in India goes exactly as one would wish. Ideally, the government would now focus on structural reform to energize demand and reinvigorate the tax base, while keeping to the fiscal straight and narrow. Instead, it seems content to make up the revenue gap through handouts of its own from the RBI: On Monday, we learned that the central bank -- led, after the quietly acrimonious departure of two successive independent governors, by a former finance ministry bureaucrat -- would transfer, yes, 1.7 trillion rupees to the government this year. Hopefully, a newly realistic government will realize that such coincidences can't be counted on forever.

PERSON AT MUNICH AIRPORT DETAINED AFTER BYPASSING SECURITY

THE BUZZ

Police at Munich airport detained a passenger who left a terminal via an emergency exit instead of going through passport control, prompting a temporary partial shutdown of one of Germany's busiest airports Tuesday.

Up to 5,000 passengers were affected by the disruption as federal police searched for the unnamed passenger, Munich Airport spokesman Robert Wilhelm said.

Terminal 1 and parts of Terminal 2 were closed during the police operation. They were re-opened a few hours later.

Some 130 incoming and outgoing flights were canceled, German news agency dpa reported.

Affected passengers, who had already been through security checks for their departing flights, had to go through the process again, Wilhelm said.

Munich airport is one of Germany's busiest aviation hubs and the shutdown came during peak summer travel season.

Wilhelm said the passenger arrived on a flight from outside the European Union and was due to transfer at Munich airport. Before boarding the connecting flight the passenger had to go through security controls, but instead unlocked an emergency door and left through it despite setting off an alarm. It was not immediately clear from which country the person had arrived.



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ADMINISTRATION ENDS PROTECTION FOR MIGRANT MEDICAL CARE

THE Trump administration has eliminated a protection that lets immigrants remain in the country and avoid deportation while they or their relatives receive life-saving medical treatments or endure other hardships, immigration officials said in letters issued to families this month.

Critics denounced the decision as a cruel change that could force desperate migrants to accept lesser treatment in their poverty-stricken homelands.

Mariela Sanchez, a native of Honduras who recently applied for the special exemption, said a denial would amount to a death sentence for her 16-year-old son, Jonathan, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. They are among many families who settled in Boston to seek care at some of the nation's top hospitals.

Sanchez, who arrived in the U.S. with her family in 2016, said she lost a daughter to the same disease years ago after doctors in her home country failed to diagnose it.

The disease, which is hereditary, affects the lungs and digestive system and has no cure.

"He would be dead," if the family had remained in Honduras, she said of her son. "I have panic attacks over this every day."

In Boston alone, the decision could affect about 20 families with children fighting cancer, HIV, cerebral

palsy, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy and other serious conditions, said Anthony Marino, head of immigration legal services at the Irish International Immigrant Center, which represents the families.

Advocates say similar letters from Citizenship and Immigration Services have been issued to immigrants in California, North Carolina and elsewhere.

"Can anyone imagine the government ordering you to disconnect your child from life-saving care — to pull them from a hospital bed — knowing that it will cost them their lives?" Marino said.

"This is a new low," Democratic Sen. Ed Markey said. "Donald Trump is literally deporting kids with cancer."

A Citizenship and Immigration Services spokeswoman said the policy change was effective Aug. 7.

It affects all pending requests, including from those seeking a renewal of the two-year authorization and those applying for the first time. The only exception is for military members and their families.

The special status is similar to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that then-President Barack Obama created in 2012 to shield immigrants brought to the country as children from deportation — another policy the administration

has been trying to dismantle.

The agency estimates it receives about 1,000 deferred action requests per year that are related neither to the military nor to DACA. Most of them cite medical or financial hardships, the agency said.

Going forward, applicants will be able to seek deportation deferrals from a different agency, Immigration Customs and Enforcement, according to the spokeswoman.

Letters sent to Boston-area families last week and reviewed by The Associated Press, however, do not mention that option. They simply order applicants to leave the country within 33 days or face deportation, which can hurt future visa or immigration requests.

The elimination of the special status for medical care is one of several aggressive steps the Trump administration has taken in recent weeks to crack down on immigrants.

Without the discretionary deferrals, immigrant families facing serious health issues have few other options for relief, medical experts in Boston argued Monday.

The deferrals, they added, do not provide families a pathway to citizenship, though they can qualify for government-funded health benefits and receive legal permission to work while their children receive medical treatment. **MDT/AP**

Russia The 2009 treatment of tax adviser Sergei Magnitsky, who died in a Moscow prison, was in breach of basic human rights, a European court ruled in its latest rebuke to Russian President Vladimir Putin.



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Poland Dozens of former Polish ambassadors are telling President Donald Trump that Poland's democracy is at risk and urging him to pressure the country's populist government during a coming visit to respect human rights and stop flouting the constitution.



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France President Emmanuel Macron is calling for a new global economic order, decrying an "unprecedented crisis" in the market economy. Amid uncertainty over U.S. trade policies, Macron said the market economy has become too finance-driven, creating inequalities "that are shaking up our political order."

Norway's USD1 trillion wealth fund proposed changes to how its holdings are weighted geographically, calling for a reduction in investments in Europe to take a bigger chunk of the U.S. stock market dominated by the biggest technology companies. **More on p10**



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USA Up to 30 women were expected to take a judge up on his invitation to speak at a hearing after financier Jeffrey Epstein killed himself before facing sex trafficking charges.