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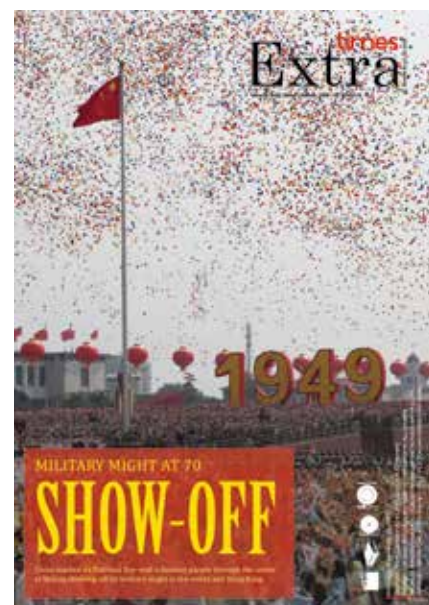
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COURTS

# TUI RULING IS 'UNWORTHY OF THE HIGHEST COURT,' LEGAL EXPERT SAYS

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Court of Final Appeal (TUI) ruling on a series of blocked public assemblies planned for the past month is "not worthy of a high court" and raises pertinent "questions about the role of the courts in the Macau SAR's political system," says legal expert Paulo Cardinal, who was interviewed on the case by TDM Radio.

For the legal expert, the justification given by the TUI to back the prohibition of any of the assemblies is "poor in terms of justification" and "marks a sad and worrying day for the values and structural principles that should guide the judiciary powers in Macau."

The collective of judges from the TUI had ruled in favor of the decision taken by the local police authorities that deemed such assemblies illegal due to the motifs expressed by them. The assemblies had sought to draw attention to the disproportionate use of force by the Hong Kong police during the months-long protests in the city.

On the case, the TUI ruled last Monday with two votes in favor of the blocking by the president Sam Hou Fai and Judge Song Man Lei and one vote against by Judge Viriato de Lima. On the same day a vote declaration statement was released in which de Lima stated that, in his opinion, the decision taken by the collective was lacking in legal fundamentals.



Concurrently, the organizers of the assemblies have also expressed their opinions on the topic through a statement by the political activist Jason Chao, who said he represents them.

"The organizing team of the Macau Rally against Police Brutality in Hong Kong is against the decision by the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) of Macau to uphold the police's unlawful ban on the assembly," the statement from Jason Chao said.

"Putting the ongoing political

dispute aside, we believe that speaking against torture and police brutality is a matter of conscience rather than political orientation," the organizers noted in the statement, referring that the topic has recently been raised by the United Nations Human Rights High Commissioner and Amnesty International as well as several other international organizations.

According to Chao, "the most dangerous part of the ruling is that the TUI has made official

proclamations a prerequisite for the people's exercise of freedom of assembly," echoing the initial police authorities' argument that "no public authority in Hong Kong has found that the actions of the police amount to [torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment] as charged by the applicants."

Although made at an early stage, the statements of Chao in the name of the organizers, backed the statements from the legal expert and former Legislative As-

sembly legal advisor, Cardinal, as well as those made by the higher court judge, Lima, which are included in the statement.

According to Chao, the decision is a very concerning one, since it establishes a precedent.

"From then on, Macau citizens could be arbitrarily prohibited from organizing a demonstration or an assembly about an opinion not officially recognized by the government," Chao says, adding that the TUI ignored the arguments presented by the organizers through a series of twelve legal arguments that were noted in the submission, basing the response on only three of such arguments.

"The ruling deviates from the jurisprudence on freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and prohibition of torture of highly respected international and regional courts," Chao noted.

Such actions put "Macau's judiciary system further away from those of the civilized world," argued the political activist and constitute a "blatant violation of fundamental rights."

To the Times, Chao also clarified that the ruling from the TUI is related to the last of the three requests made for public assemblies, the one that should take place today but that comes as part of a sequence of two other requests made in mid-September with the same justification.

Chao also clarified that these public assemblies have "nothing to do with the one planned for Senado Square [...] last August 19."

Nevertheless, at the time, and regarding such assembly, Cardinal also expressed that, "I said that in any competent and independent court, the police decision would be overturned."

CRIME

# Dead chips scheme leads to HKD18 million in losses

RENATO MARQUES

**A** 61-year-old "dead chips" broker from the mainland has reported losses of HKD18.25 million from a scheme in Macau organized with a friend from the mainland, the Judiciary Police (PJ) informed.

According to the report from the victim back in No-

vember 2013, the broker and his friend had run a dead chips brokerage business in Macau since 2010.

Since the broker could not come to Macau too often, he had asked his friend to receive the clients coming from China. He also told the PJ that he also requested the friend, now a suspect in the case, to use his name to open an

account in a VIP room of a local casino in order for it to be used for the business purposes.

On November 4, 2013, the victim asked the suspect to withdraw a total of HKD18.25 million from the account and deposit it into a different account. However, after withdrawing it successfully, the suspect allegedly fled with the mo-

ney. On September 26 this year, the suspect was intercepted and detained by the police authorities while trying to reenter Macau.

Questioned by the PJ, the 40-year-old man denied all the accusations but the PJ's investigation, which included interviews with staff members of the VIP room and review of the statements from the ac-

counts, appeared to back the allegations made by the victim.

The suspect is now being accused of the crime of "breach of trust" and the case has been forwarded to the Public Prosecutions Office.

Dead chips are casino chips that have been taken out of circulation by the operating entity and so

they cannot be exchanged directly for cash. Even so, they can be used for placing new bets and in this way return to their issuer.

There are schemes at some casinos that pay out commission to people who find and return these chips. Both junkets and individuals are involved in the dead chip brokerage business in Macau.

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RUINS OF ST. PAUL'S

# Diocese upset over projection of political symbols

LYNZY VALLES

**T**HE Catholic Diocese of Macau has expressed its disappointment over the projection of political symbols on the façade of the Ruins of St. Paul's in celebration of the 70th anniversary of China's establishment. The Diocese said the projection was disrespectful of the heritage site's religious significance.

The Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) organized a three-day mapping show for three nights beginning last Sunday, with the projection of images onto the façade of Ruins of St Paul's.

However, the show has provoked a reaction from the Diocese, which believes that the heritage site has been misused by the government.

According to the Diocese's chancellor, Rev. Cyril Jerome Law, although the façade is no longer church property, it remains a symbol of the Catholic faith in Macau.

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"[The] faithful of different nationalities have deep feelings towards and a sense of identity with it," said the chancellor in a statement.

"The show in question evoked reactions of discontent from qui-

te a number of faithful of different nationalities, since it is deemed that the use of the historical monuments ought to correspond to its intended character," Rev. Law added.

As the façade of St Paul's re-

presents the profound and long-standing Catholic heritage of Macau, the Diocese proposed that, should there be other mapping shows to be held in the future, their content would do well to be related to the religious context of the monument.

Rev. Law said that the Diocese is willing to engage in dialogue and to exchange ideas with relevant agencies, in the common endeavor to "preserve and promote the precious historical monuments of Macau."

Meanwhile, MGTO said in a reply yesterday to the Times' query that it is aware of the matter and is willing to hold a dialogue with the concerned entities, including the Diocese of Macau.

"So that in the future whenever there are video mapping shows planned for the Ruins of St Paul's or other location, its content can be discussed and adjusted," the bureau said in a statement.

MGTO also argued that, for

the last few years, the bureau had used different iconic locations and historical buildings, such as the façade of the Ruins of St Paul's, to conduct video mapping shows. These shows were held during the Macao Light Festival, projecting different themes, stories and images, such as east-meets-west architecture, gastronomy or Santa Claus.

"This time, the video mapping show was in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, hence the theme, storyline and related images aimed to suit the occasion," it concluded.

Mixed sentiments were expressed on social media platforms, with some netizens arguing that the show had insulted both religion and culture.

"From the fact that many foreign places no longer welcome tourists from mainland China due to their lack of respect to others' way of living, we can tell what the problem with their education is. They only know everything they have comes from their Party. [They think] they can take anything from others and don't need to respect others," said one.

However, others defended the projection, saying that such similar mapping shows have been ongoing for the past few years as part of MGTO's festive events.

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GAMING

# GROSS GAMING REVENUE TOUCHES LOWEST LEVEL IN A YEAR

DANIEL BEITLER

**M**ACAU gross gaming revenue touched the lowest level in a year last month, but nevertheless registered growth in what has been a mostly red year.

September revenue fell just short of 22.08 billion patacas (\$2.74 billion), up 0.6% from a year earlier, according to data released by the city's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau.

However, the month also closed out the weakest quarter of the year, with gross gaming revenue down 4.1% year-on-year the data shows, versus 0% growth in the second quarter and a 0.5% contraction in the first. Year-to-date revenue tallied MOP220.3 billion, down 1.7% from MOP224.05 billion.

The result was roughly in line with analyst predictions, including Bloomberg's median forecast of a 1% rise. The minor growth prediction had been driven by the easier comparison period a year earlier when typhoon Mangkhut struck Macau and forced a 33-hour shutdown of the gambling sector for the first time in its history.

The result suggests that Macau casinos are holding up against headwinds including trade war uncertainties and a weaker Chinese economy. With Macau's economy reliant on mainland tourism, and its currency indi-



rectly pegged to the U.S. dollar, the SAR is particularly vulnerable to shocks to the world's two largest economies.

The city has been helped by tourist arrivals sitting at record levels, which has boosted mass-market betting. Visitor arrivals and gross gaming revenue are only loosely correlated because the latter has been traditionally skewed by the volatile VIP segment. That high-roller segment has languished, and recent headlines about unrest in Hong

Kong and a possible crackdown by China against junket operators may be scaring away more VIPs.

Analysts were expecting Macau's casino business to strengthen in the second half of the year, owing to an easier comparison base. The outlook has recently darkened as China's moves to clamp down cross-border gaming have squeezed liquidity for the junkets and hurt the VIP segment.

These analysts now expect

further contraction in the fourth quarter, with some suggesting gross gaming revenue could tumble as much as 6% in year-on-year terms.

On a brighter note, JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) stated in a note seen by GGRAsia that "there's a good possibility that 2019 marks a cyclical bottom [for Macau's casino sector], and that demand can rebound into 2020 on easy [comparisons], better liquidity in China, and [the] alleviation of 2019 headwinds."

## GOLDEN WEEK VISITORS UP 8.8% OVER FIRST TWO DAYS

**V**ISITORS to Macau have reportedly risen as much as 8.8% year-on-year over the first two days of Golden Week, according to data released yesterday by the Public Security Police Force, which oversees immigration matters.

The number of visitors during the first two days stood at just over 297,000, led by a 9.6% surge in visitors from the mainland to 257,600, many of whom will not work during Golden Week. This year's Golden Week extends from October 1 to 7, running from National Day to the Chung Yeung Festival.

Meanwhile, on October 1 and 2, Macau registered more than 1.087 million entries and exits, an increase of 3% compared to the previous year.

As in previous years, the Gongbei Border Gate remained the most popular port of entry, with more than 180,600 visitors arrivals, followed by the Cotai Checkpoint with 37,600 entries.

The police authority said in a statement that, as the rise was in line with government expectations, it was able to accommodate the passenger flow over the first two days without crowd control measures. However, the authority also said that Macau's ports of entry will remain congested in the next few days.

Crowd control measures were put into force in downtown Macau yesterday to control the large number of tourists. Some tourists were also detoured from the popular attraction of St. Paul's Cathedral, which had become too crowded.

The police also said that the local taxi sector has been warned that drivers must comply with the law and cannot refuse to carry passengers or overcharge them. During the first two days of October, five taxi drivers were stopped for illegalities, though no cases of overcharging or refusing to carry passengers were detected. **DB**

## VISITORS DETOURED FROM ST. PAUL'S RUINS DUE TO CROWDEDNESS

**T**HE Public Security Police Force took measures to control the roads around the Ruins of St. Paul's yesterday afternoon as the quantity of people trying to reach and leave the area surged.

At 2:30 p.m. yesterday, the Public Security Police announced that it would control the flow of people around the famous tourist attraction. People moving up to the Ruins from Senado Square or Rua de São Domingos had to use Rua de São Paulo through Rua da Palla. The popular souvenir slope was turned into a one-way street.

As such, people departing the tourist attraction

had to take other routes from Rua de São Paulo. Possible routes included taking the staircase at Calçada do Amparo down to Rua de Nossa Sra. Do Amparo, which was closed yesterday afternoon to motor traffic.

Another route was to take the mid-hill section of Rua de São Paulo to Camões Garden. Otherwise, people could take to the back of the Ruins and leave the area through Rua de D. Belchior Carneiro.

They could also cross the Mount Fortress and walk to the area near Kiang Wu Hospital or the Portuguese Consulate.

The cordon was lifted at 5:30 p.m.. **AL**

## DSPA PLANNING TO EXPERIMENT CHARGING FOR DOMESTIC WASTE

The Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) plans to initiate a pilot project in regards to charging for domestic waste, according to the DSPA's reply to lawmaker Sulu Sou's interpellation. In August, Sou wrote an interpellation to the local government asking whether the relevant governmental department had already drafted a consultation paper on domestic waste charging. Regarding the pilot project, the DSPA said that "through the practice, [the DSPA will] understand and evaluate all types of situations, and will collect statistics from the test and use them as scientific ground to initiate relevant policies in the future." DSPA Director Tam Vai Man replied to Sou by saying that the DSPA will take other measures to improve recycling too.

## ST. PAUL'S AND UM REPRESENTED MACAU IN BEIJING PARADE

The city's most popular tourist attraction, the Ruins of St. Paul, along with the University of Macau Hengqin campus, which is one of the youngest of the eight new attractions of Macau, represented Macau during Tuesday's parade of the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China, in Beijing. In addition to these two places, there was also a lotus flower and a screen showcasing some of Macau's festivals. Macau's mascot Mak Mak, several people dressed up as cooks, university graduates, Chinese opera performers, lion dance performers, and people dressed in traditional Portuguese outfits stood on the parade float. A road sign reading 'World Tourism and Leisure Center' pointed to the Macau parade float.

## SUSPECTED ASSAULT CASE, VICTIM NOT IDENTIFIED

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) suspects that an assault might have taken place on Tuesday. One man has been detained for further investigation. Signs of the case were spotted on Tuesday afternoon, around 4 p.m. at Rua da Ribeira do Patane. Besides the one suspect, the PSP also seized a weapon from the scene that was wrapped in a towel. Blood was found at the scene. The man taken by the PSP for further investigation is suspected of being the attacker. As of Tuesday night, the PSP had not found any injured person resulting from the alleged assault, nor had any individual reported to the PSP. The case is in need of further investigation, according to the PSP.



# Wynn Showcases an Art Spectacular to Enhance Cultural Tourism Experiences



**W**IDELY acknowledged for the inception and support of cultural and artistic activities of many stripes, Wynn is committed to promoting and popularising art and culture in Macao. In support of the half year-long 'Art Macao' initiative - a mega international arts and cultural event of gigantic proportions employing as its 'canvas' multiple locations around the city - Wynn has, typically, dived in at the deep end by organising a series of art promotion activities spanning several months.

'Wynn — Garden of Earthly Delights' - which opened to the public on 6th June, 2019 as part of the city's 'Art Macao' programme - takes its theme from Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch's stunning masterpiece painted during the Renaissance for an exhibition featuring both modern and contemporary works of art created by many world-renowned artists.

Some of these works are on display in Macao for the

very first time, thus 'Wynn — Garden of Earthly Delights' gives visitors an unparalleled opportunity to interact and enjoy up-close encounters with a variety of pieces. While paintings may be very much to the fore, intellectually-stretching installations and digital art also strongly vie for attention, with each work reflecting the unique - and very diverse - cultural styles of the artists, transporting exhibition-goers to a fascinating world of innovation and creativity designed to provoke.

#### CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACAO'S RETURN TO MOTHERLAND

More importantly, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Macao Special Administrative Region's return to the motherland, Wynn specially created the 'Love in Wynn: Outdoor Art Space' featuring the work of invited local graffiti artist Lam Ka Hou and oil painter Leong Wan Si.

Themed 'Human Paradise' and 'Leisure Garden', the artists' works boldly proclaim their

personal feelings on the city's achievements over the 20 years since the return of the Macao Special Administrative Region to the motherland, as well as reflecting their expectations of Macao's future. Together, they have created a large-scale 20-metre stereoscopic illusion art installation.

Another highlight of the art space assigned by Wynn is the giant three-dimensional Chinese character 'Love' created by local designers, which features an interactive element that promotes environmental protection expressing Wynn's blessings to Macao on the 20th anniversary of its return to the motherland.

#### COLLABORATING WITH MACAO LOCAL ARTISTS

In addition, Wynn has partnered with local artists and curators to present an art exhibition entitled 'Wynn — Post Haywain', showcasing a series of artworks created by local artists, continually adding artistic and cultural vitality to Macao as well

as supporting its local cultural and creative development.

The exhibition - featuring oil paintings, photography and sculptures created by famous local artists Choi Su Weng, Wu Chong Wai and Rusty Fox - speaks to an invisible realism and the revelation of the essence of beauty, and offers an opportunity for both Macao residents and tourists to expand their appreciation of art.

Co-curated by Wynn and Blanc Art Macau, 'Wynn — Post Haywain' contextualises Macao's vibrant development over the past two decades. Themed 'Post Haywain', the exhibition picks through the changes and current situation in today's society via a series of contemporary art pieces in the hope that the development of contemporary art in Macao will usher in a new, exciting chapter.

#### ART DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

To provide a superior experience for exhibition-goers, Wynn co-operated with the

Macao Heritage Ambassadors Association to develop an art docent training programme. More than 40 Wynn team members participated in the programme, who underwent professional docent training arranged by the Association, following which they were invited to provide guided tour services to people from all walks of life, including schools and social groups in Macao.

#### FOSTERING ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Wynn also hosted two art seminars to promote and popularise culture and art in Macao, with international art curators and internationally acclaimed artists serving as keynote speakers. The events attracted diverse participation from more than 100 teachers and students, young people, art enthusiasts and professionals from a vast cross-section of society, with the ultimate objective of further enhancing the general public's understanding of and participation in art.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

## CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC ROSE TO 458,500 TRIPS



**CROSS-BORDER** vehicular traffic in August increased by 10.9% year-on-year to 458,500 trips, according to data issued by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

Vehicular trips passing through the Cotai Checkpoint (147,219) rose by 7.5%, whereas those going through the Border Gate (270,630) inched down by 0.9%.

There were 37,546 crossings of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

In the first eight months of 2019, cross-border vehicular traffic went up by 8.2% year-on-year to 3,517,562 trips.

Meanwhile, commercial flights at the Macau Inter-

national Airport totaled 6,638 in August, a growth of 20.5% year-on-year. Trips to and from mainland China (2,762) and Taiwan (1,243) showed respective increases of 31.8% and 13.9%.

Inbound and outbound commercial flights in the first eight months rose by 19.5% year-on-year to 48,753 trips.

Also according to the released data, the number of traffic accidents went up by 19.6% year-on-year to 1,578 in August, and the number of injuries totaled 504.

In the first eight months, there were 8,915 traffic accidents. The number of victims totaled 2,946, of which five were killed.

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## CESL ASIA ACQUIRES MONTE DO PASTO IN 37.5M EURO DEAL

**THE** CESL Asia - Investments and Services Limited group has formalized the acquisition of the Monte do Pasto Group, located in the Portuguese municipalities of Cuba and Alvitto. The acquisition was made through its wholly-owned subsidiaries Focus Platform and Focus Agriculture.

Monte do Pasto, which oversees nine farms in the Alentejo region spanning almost 3,700 hectares, exports around 30,000 live cattle per year, mainly to North Africa and the Levant, but also to neighboring Spain. The value of the business has not yet been disclosed, but Portuguese news agency Lusa said it is 37.5 million euros.

CESL Asia group said in a sta-

tement that it plans to develop, with Monte do Pasto, a platform that will enhance existing productions and that will also allow for the launch of new sustainable agricultural and livestock activities.

The acquisition is also expected to boost exports to the Macau and China markets and to seize the opportunities created by a platform for social and economic cooperation between China, Portugal and the Portuguese-speaking countries.

"We expect to diversify our investments into other sectors related to our competencies, namely in agriculture, import and export of high quality food and clean energy," said António Trindade, CEO of CESL Asia.

## MACAO FOUNDATION TAKES ON SOCIAL GOVERNANCE IN MACAU INC.

**THE** October 2019 issue of the Macau Inc. magazine is now on sale, featuring an interview with Wu Zhiliang, president of the Executive Committee of the Macao Foundation, who shares his philosophy of "social governan-



ce with Macau characteristics." Apart from Wu's interview, the edition also offers comprehensive second-phase coverage on the inaugural art gala of Art Macao 2019.

Also in this edition are two interviews about the latest scientific projects by higher education providers the Macau University of Science and Technology and the University of Macau. The former's project drills into space literacy and is about lunar and planetary sciences, while the latter's focuses on STEM subjects as a cross-disciplinary subject.

The issue also features the development of 5G mobile technology in the Greater Bay Area, including Hengqin's first Internet dedicated line.

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ELECTION CONTROVERSY

# Complaint filed against Pereira Coutinho over possible violation

**T**HE Socialist Party of the Republic of Portugal has filed a complaint with the country's National Election Commission about a suspected violation by Macau lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, who is also a councilor of the Portuguese Community for Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong.

The complaint made is related to the manner in which Coutinho and his association, the Civil Servant Association of Macau (Associação dos Trabalhadores da Função Pública de Macau), has acted during the current parliamentary election.

For this election, the Portuguese National Election Commission sent out ballots to Portuguese citizens living outside of the country. After marking their ballots, voters were requested to send their ballots back to the Commission no later than October 6, the election day in Portugal.

Macau media outlet Plataforma reported that it had obtained the complaint letter that the So-

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cialist Party president Paulo Pisco sent to the National Election Commission.

According to the media outlet, the letter pointed out that Coutinho, in the name of his association, "was contacting eligible

voters to assist them to send the filled ballots back to Portugal."

Voters residing outside of the country's territory are eligible to vote for candidates running in the "Outside Europe" region of the election.

The letter pointed out that several people with whom the Party had got in touch disclosed that they "had received phone calls claiming to be from the Civil Servant Association," which claimed the voters could send their filled

ballots to the association and it will "handle the rest."

As a result, the Socialist Party feared it might affect the "confidentiality" of the voting process.

These phone calls, according to the report, were conducted in Chinese. "It expresses the targeting of Portuguese citizens who do not possess competence in the language," reported the media outlet.

Coutinho and his colleague at the association, Rita Santos, refused to comment on the case when contacted by the media outlet.

This is not the first time the Macau lawmaker has stirred up a controversy. In 2015, he disclosed that he would be running in the Portuguese parliamentary election of that year on a ticket named "We, the Citizens!" (Nós, Cidadãos!).

At that time, he expressed his hope of success, which would mean a first in the world, with one person holding two seats in lawmaking entities in two different independent jurisdictions. The governments in Macau and Beijing expressed their concerns, as it would mean double loyalty.

Coutinho has proved a popular candidate in the overseas Portuguese community. In 2015, he won 2,158 votes in the Portuguese Community Council Election. In contrast, the representative in Brazil had 462 votes and, in Germany, 245. **AL**

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## HONG KONG

# Teen shot by cops charged with rioting,

**T**HE teenager who was the first victim of police gunfire in Hong Kong's months-long pro-democracy protests was charged yesterday with rioting and attacking police.

The shooting occurred during widespread violence Tuesday across the semi-autonomous Chinese territory that marred China's National Day celebrations. It has deepened anger against police, who have been accused of being heavy-handed against protesters.

The officer fired at close range as 18-year-old Tsang Chi-kin struck him with a rod. The government said Tsang's condition was stable after surgery.

The case against Tsang was heard by a court yesterday afternoon. He was among seven people charged with rioting, which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

Tsang also faces two additional counts of attacking two police officers, punishable by up to six months in prison.

Tsang did not appear in court. Dozens of supporters, many in black, sat outside the courthouse.

Thousands of people rallied Wednesday to demand police accountability for the shooting, with many saying the use of lethal weaponry was unjustified.

Pockets of black-clad youths vented their anger late Wednesday night, lobbing gasoline bombs at police quarters, vandalizing subway stations and blocking traffic in several districts. Police responded with tear gas in some areas.

More than 1,000 students marched yesterday at the Chinese University in a continuing show of support for Tsang and vowed to keep up their fight for more democratic freedoms. Many students felt that firing at Tsang's chest, close to his heart,

was an attempt to kill him.

Police defended the shooting at close range as "reasonable and lawful" because the officer had feared for his life and those of his colleagues.

Videos on social media of the shooting showed a group of black-clad protesters with bars and umbrellas clashing with police. They closed in on a lone officer, who opened fire as Tsang came at him with a rod. Just as another protester rushed in to try to drag Tsang away but was tackled by an officer, a gasoline bomb landed in the middle of the group of officers in an explosion of flames.

The shooting marked an escalation in violence in the protests that have besieged one of the world's top financial hubs since June over a now-withdrawn extradition bill. The movement has snowballed into an anti-China campaign amid anger over what many view as Beijing's interference in the autonomy that was granted Hong Kong when the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997. More than 1,750 people have been detained so far.

The increasingly widespread violence has prompted rising calls from police associations and some pro-Beijing groups for tougher measures, including curfews and a mask ban to prevent protesters from concealing their identities.

The Junior Police Officers Association, representing front-line officers, said the force has been stretched thin. In a statement Wednesday, it urged Chief Executive Carrie Lam's government to impose a curfew and other emergency measures to quell riots and maintain public order.

Lam has not commented since she returned from National Day celebrations in Beijing, and her office said it had no immediate comment yesterday. **MDT/AP**

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## HK to enact rare emergency rule for mask ban

**H**ONG Kong will use an emergency ordinance for the first time in more than a half a century in order to ban face masks at public gatherings, according to local media outlets including the South China Morning Post and news channel TVB.

The government will enact the Emergency Regulations Ordinance after a special meeting of the city's Executive Council on

Friday, TVB reported, citing people it didn't identify. First passed by the British government in 1922 to quell a seamen's strike in Hong Kong's harbor, the law was last used by the colonial administration to help put down riots that rocked the trading hub in 1967.

A spokesman for Chief Executive Carrie Lam's office wasn't immediately able to comment on the reports when reached by phone

yesterday.

The move would come shortly after a protester was shot in violent demonstrations that once again shook the city on Oct. 1, as President Xi Jinping celebrated 70 years of Communist party rule in Beijing. Some pro-China lawmakers in Hong Kong had called on Wednesday for a ban on wearing masks at public gatherings to stop protesters from hiding their iden-

tity from police officers.

The government re-evaluated the situation after clashes in multiple districts on National Day, Cable TV reported, citing unidentified sources. Authorities believe the anti-mask law can help restore order, the report said, adding that it would only target occasions like certain rallies and marches. Details were still being studied, it said.

Hong Kong stocks brie-

fly jumped on the reports in afternoon trade, rapidly erasing an earlier decline.

"Now the anti-mask law at least gives investors some hope that it could be a way to cool down the protests," said Steven Leung, executive director at UOB Kay Hian Hong Kong Ltd. "Some people could be worried about being identified if they can't wear masks during protests. That's why we see local shares rallying,

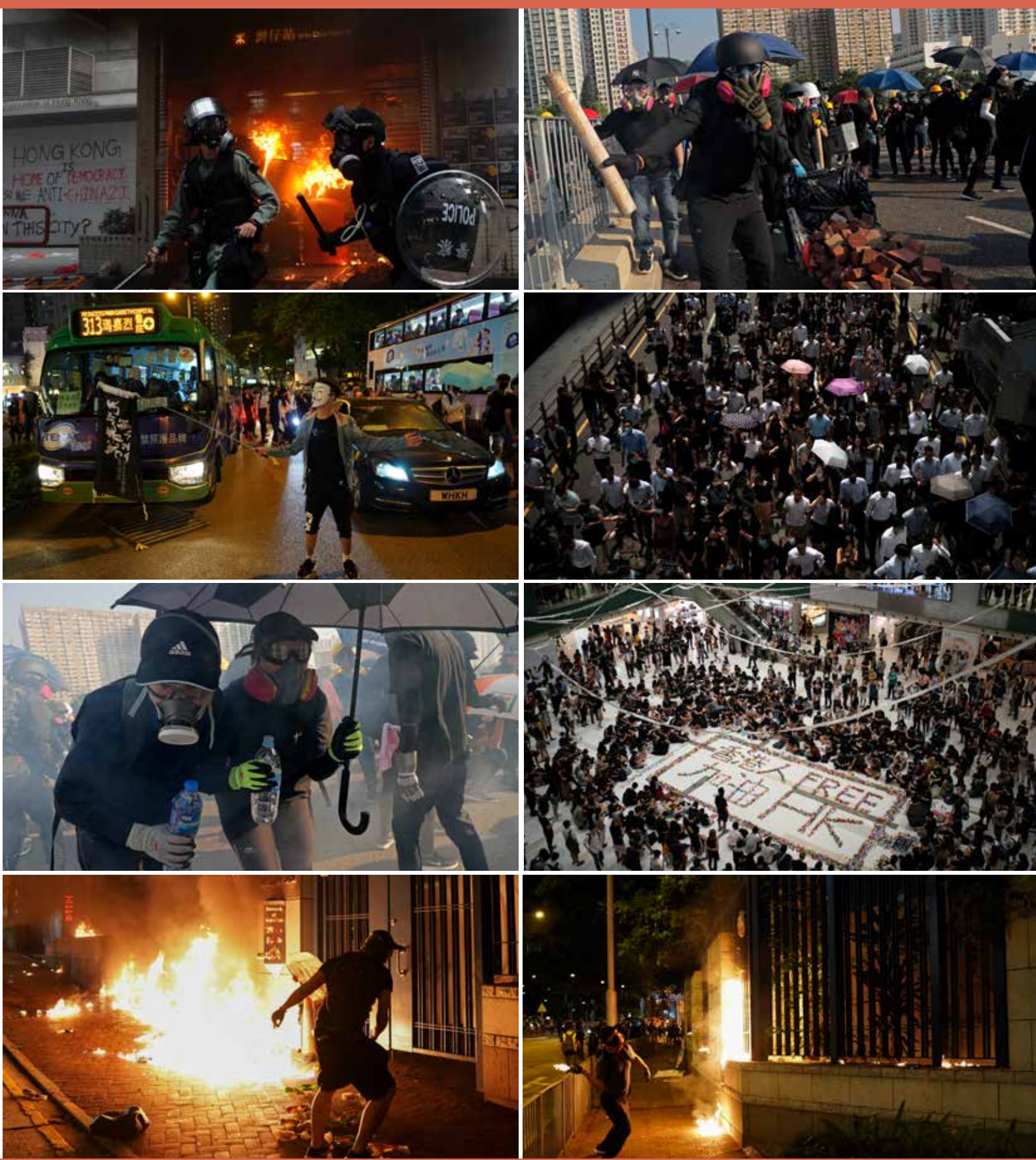
such as developers and retailers."

If emergency powers were invoked, it would herald a dramatic escalation by Lam's government, which has struggled to control chaotic demonstrations that have raged for four months.

The ordinance - previously denounced by protest leaders as a form of martial law - could give the government greater leeway to arrest citizens, censor publications, shut off communications networks and search premises without



# attacking police



## GUANGDONG WANTS TO TRAIN 200,000 DOMESTIC HELPERS

JULIE ZHU

**T**HE Guangdong government is seeking to cooperate with Macau and Hong Kong's domestic helper service organizations in order to train as many as 200,000 domestic helpers across the province.

Recently, Guangdong province's information bureau released a domestic helper plan to support the employment market. The project stipulates that the province will specifically enable Guangdong's workers to enter the domestic help industry.

According to this plan, by 2021, Guangdong hopes to achieve the following specific goals: to build and to support 50 provincial level domestic help service training demonstration bases; to build and to support 100 leading domestic help service companies; to encourage and to guide 1,000 qualified and capable training organizations to participate in the province's training of domestic help service providers; to carry out domestic help service training to 200,000 people; and to create more than 400,000 jobs.

The project, which presently consists only of general guidelines, is divided into three parts with a total of 22 polices, including organizing relevant entities to improve skills, starting entrepreneurship projects, developing brands, and protecting rights, among others.

In order to achieve its goals, Guangdong province officials believe it will be beneficial to further regional cooperation under the Greater Bay Area framework.

Ge Guoxing, deputy head of the social security department of Guangdong province's human resources office, said that the two SARs had expertise to share in regard to the domestic helper market.

"Hong Kong and Macau have many different practices in domestic help services, have many good and qualified agencies, and have many domestic help service employees from overseas," said Ge. "Their training, service standards, requirements towards the workers, among others, are examples for Guangdong to learn from."

Through cooperation with the SARs' organizations, Guangdong wants also to upgrade major provisions in the province's educational institutions as well as standards and training course settings across the entirety of mainland China's domestic help service training organizations.

In addition, any SARs' domestic help service organization interested in starting a business in Guangdong will be supported by Guangdong province. No specific measures were mentioned in the plan.

warrants, among other measures. It would also permit authorities to implement any new regulation the government believes would help end "an occasion of emergency or public danger."

"Once the emergency regulations ordinance is invoked that would give a blank check to the chief executive," said opposition lawmaker Alvin Yeung. "The only logical conclusion is that the situation will escalate. And once the situation escalates, and since the chief

executive already enjoys the powers of invoking the emergency regulations, the only logical conclusion is she might further introduce something else. What would that something else be? We don't know."

Using the statute to crack down on pro-democracy protests risks bringing a fresh wave of international condemnation. U.S. lawmakers have already warned Lam that declaring emergency powers was "the wrong way to res-

olve the situation," while the U.K. and United Nations have criticized aggressive police tactics.

Unrest began in June in opposition to a since-scraped bill that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China, but has since expanded to include calls for an independent inquiry into police violence and greater democratic accountability in the former British colony.

Rumors of the impending use of the emergency law have persisted

after Lam refused to rule out using the ordinance when asked directly about it at a late August press conference.

"All laws in Hong Kong - if they can provide a legal means to stop violence and chaos - the SAR government is responsible for looking into them," she said, referring to the special administrative region's formal name.

Some lawmakers and political observers have suggested the emergency measures could also

be used to delay the upcoming local district council elections, which are due in November.

"To impose an anti-mask law in the current social condition is to further infuriate the people and will definitely be met with escalating violence," said opposition lawmaker Fernando Cheung, who has often been at the scene of flashpoints trying to defuse tensions. "This is no different than adding fuel to fire. The result will be riots." **BLOOMBERG**



# PADDY POWER OWNER IN \$6 BILLION DEAL TO CREATE GLOBAL BETTING GIANT

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THOMAS SEAL

**FLUTTER** Entertainment Plc, the owner of gambling brands Paddy Power and Betfair, agreed to buy The Stars Group Inc. in a \$6 billion all-share transaction that aims to exploit opportunities in the U.S. after the Supreme Court legalized sports betting.

Almost half of Flutter's revenue comes from Britain, where tighter rules on fixed-odds betting terminals and higher taxes for online betting have upended the industry. The newly opened American market has sparked a land grab, and the company is turbocharging its effort with the purchase of Ontario-based Stars. The

new group's U.K. presence could nevertheless create competition concerns.

"Consolidation in the gaming sector continues as the sector continues to suffer from greater regulatory restrictions, more taxes, and the need to be seen to take the issue of problem gambling seriously," analysts at Kepler Cheuvreux said in a research note. "The combination of both companies could trigger combined market shares exceeding 30%, which would result in an in-depth investigation in the U.K."

Flutter, based in Dublin, operates in the U.S. through fantasy sports betting site FanDuel, while Canada's TSG agreed to a partnership with Ameri-

can casino operator Eldorado Resorts Inc last November.

Buying TSG will "ensure we are ideally positioned to take advantage of the exciting opportunity in the U.S.," Flutter Chief Executive Officer Peter Jackson said in the statement. "The combination represents a great opportunity to deliver a step change in our presence in international markets."

Flutter has offered 0.2253 of its shares in exchange for each share in Toronto-based Stars, the companies said in a statement. The deal values the target at about 4.95 billion pounds (\$6 billion) at an offer price of 17.2 pounds per share, according to Bloomberg calcu-

lations, which represents a premium of about 40% to Tuesday's closing share price.

The new group would have had revenue of 3.8 billion pounds last year, making it the world's biggest online betting and gaming company, and the deal will achieve pre-tax synergies of about 140 million pounds a year, according to the statement.

Flutter's chairman, chief executive officer and chief financial officer will assume the same roles in the new group.

Goldman Sachs International and PJT Partners were financial advisers to Flutter. Barclays Plc, Moelis & Co. and BMO Capital Markets advised Stars.

**BLOOMBERG**

## DUTY-FREE JOB CUTS EXPOSE SINGAPORE'S SENSITIVITY

KYUNGHEE PARK

**D**FS Group Ltd.'s job cuts in Singapore have prompted a rebuke from the city-state's authorities, shining a spotlight on how handling retrenchments are a delicate matter in the country that's anticipating elections soon.

The duty-free operator last week formally terminated jobs of its airport workers, effective in June when it exits selling alcohol and cigarettes at Singapore's Changi Airport. DFS also told some of its employees at other outlets they would no longer have jobs - some effective immediately, some ending over the next several months, the company said in response to Bloomberg queries.

The move sparked complaints about the severance packages offered, and how the LVMH-backed travel retailer could have handled the retrenchment better in communicating with the workers. It also prompted a weigh-in by the city-state's manpower minister.

"Retrenchment is never easy, but handling it sensitively and responsibly can go a long way in helping employees through the transition," Josephine Teo said in a Facebook post. "The company is now adjusting its approach and taking appropriate steps to address the concerns of the affected employees."

DFS will work with the government and local labor groups to provide su-

pport such as personalized career coaching, job-matching and job fairs for affected staff, the company said in its statement. Better severance packages were also offered last week to retrenched employees, which number at around 60 people, according to Channel News Asia.

Export-reliant Singapore has acutely felt the pressures of the U.S.-China trade war, with officials lowering 2019 growth forecasts to almost zero. With elections that must be held by April 2021 on the horizon, ministers have been reassuring the government will step in with measures to help the economy if needed, though job losses so far aren't yet a cause for alarm.

DFS, in addition to being Changi's largest tenant, is also its oldest having operated for nearly 40 years. The company is estimated to have generated SGD590 million (\$426 million) in sales last year, according to the Moodie Davitt Report. However, it decided not to renew its contract to sell at the airport.

Recent job cuts were in response to a "challenging travel retail environment, compounded by steep losses incurred by the liquor and tobacco concession operations at Changi Airport," it said, adding it continued to employ almost 1,000 people in Singapore. DFS said in August that it plans to expand in other parts of Asia, including in Macau and Hong Kong.

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## CORPORATE BITS

### 'Sing! China' returns to The Venetian Macao



China's hit reality TV show Sing! China returned to The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena on September 28, 2019 for a concert that will be broadcast as an episode

on national primetime television on the mainland in October.

Celebrities Harlem Yu, Na Ying, Leehom Wang and Ronghao Li acted as men-

tors to the talented contestants for the new season of the show, which seeks to identify rising singing stars from among thousands of hopefuls.

The most-viewed programme in its primetime slot, Sing! China is produced by Zhejiang Satellite TV and Chan Xing Production, with the new season airing since July on JSTV and on an exclusive online broadcast platform via iQiyi. The Macau episode is scheduled to be broadcast on October 4.

With three new competition formats, this season's show has become even more exciting for both its audience and its participants.

### Shine Spa at Sheraton Grand Macao wins SpaChina Readers Awards 2019



Shine Spa at Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, Cotai Central has been awarded the winner of the SpaChina Readers Awards at the SpaChina Awards gala dinner in Xi'an.

The SpaChina Readers Awards are among the most

sought-after awards in the Asian spa, beauty and wellness industry, and SpaChina, China's first bilingual lifestyle magazine covering wellness, beauty and luxury living, devised the awards to promote and develop China's spa

industry.

Saurabh Bakshi, General Manager of Operations of Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel and The St. Regis Macao, said he was thrilled that Shine Spa has stood out from its competitors to claim victory in the reader's category.

The Shine Spa at Sheraton Grand Macao comprises 15 treatment rooms, including five spacious couple's suites, private changing rooms, a steam room, sauna, jacuzzi and relaxation lounge. Inspired by the five elements of traditional Chinese medicine - wood, fire, earth, metal and water - Shine Spa is the exclusive Macau provider of the Elemental Herbology range of products and treatments.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# China-Australia rift deepens as Beijing tests overseas sway

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**AUSTRALIA'S** ban on Chinese telecoms giant Huawei's involvement in its future 5G networks and its crackdown on foreign covert interference are testing Beijing's efforts to project its power overseas.

In its latest maneuver, China sent three scholars to spell out in interviews with Australian media and other appearances steps to mend the deepening rift with Beijing – a move that appears to have fallen flat.

In a recent press conference at the Chinese Embassy in Canberra, Chen Hong, the head of Australian studies at East China Normal University, accused Australia of acting as a "pawn" for the United States in lobbying other countries against Huawei's involvement in the nascent 5G networks.

"Australia has been in one way or another, so to speak, pioneering this kind of anti-China campaign, even some kind of a scare and smear campaign against China," Chen said. "That is definitely not what China will be appreciating, and if other countries follow suit, that is going to be recognized as extremely unfriendly," he said.

After meetings in Beijing last week, Richard Marles, the opposition's defense spokesman, assessed the relationship as "terrible."

A growing number of Australians are convinced that Beijing has been using inducements, threats, espionage and other clandestine tactics to influence their politics – methods critics believe Beijing might be honing for use in other western democracies.

"Australia is seen as a test bed for Beijing's high-pressure influence tactics," said Clive Hamilton, author of "Silent Invasion," a best seller that focuses on Chinese

influence in Australia.

"They are testing the capacity of the Australian democratic system to resist," he said.

Still, Australian officials have downplayed talk of a diplomatic freeze. They must balance a growing wariness toward China and their desire for strong ties with the U.S. with the need to keep relations with their resource-rich country's largest export market on an even keel.

Australia relies on China for one-third of its export earnings. Delays in processing of Australia exports of coal and wine at Chinese ports have raised suspicions of retaliation by Beijing.

While Prime Minister Scott Morrison appeared to side with President Donald Trump on the issue of China's trade status during a recent visit to Washington, he sought to temper suggestions by Trump that he had expressed "very strong opinions on China" in their closed-door meeting.

"We have a comprehensive, strategic partnership with China. We work well with China," Morrison replied.

Trump and Morrison did agree that China has outgrown trade rule concessions allowed to developing nations, advantages it insists it should still be able to claim.

Australia also chose to side with the U.S. in shutting Huawei, the world's biggest telecom gear producer, out of its next generation 5G rollout on security grounds.

Huawei, and the Chinese government, objected to that, saying the security concerns were exaggerated for the sake of shutting out competition. But Huawei still renewed a sponsorship deal with an Australian rugby team, saying it hopes the ban will be lifted. **AP**

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Saturday 19 October: 12.00, 14.00, 16.00 & 18.00  
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ANALYSIS

# CHINA PARADES ITS LATEST MISSILES IN CHALLENGE TO US, OTHERS

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BEIJING

MILITARY planners in Washington and elsewhere will be taking note of new missile technology displayed by China, particularly a hypersonic ballistic nuclear missile believed capable of breaching all existing anti-missile shields deployed by the U.S. and its allies.

The vehicle-mounted Dong Feng 17, or DF-17, was the standout among weapons showed off at a military parade on Tuesday marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese state. Those also include the Dong Feng 41, or DF-41, an intercontinental ballistic missile with a range of 15,000 kilometers — China's longest-range weapon — that that could reach the United States in 30 minutes.

Also featured at the event were the JL-2 submarine-launched strategic missile believed to be standard weaponry for China's nuclear-powered subs, as well as the CJ-100 cruise missile.

Beijing insists all are home-grown, and though China is believed to have benefited from industrial spying and imported

technologies, its massive military research and development program and the size of its economy have put its weapons technology at the forefront along with Russia and the U.S.

"The overall combat ability of China's missile force has been enhanced significantly," said Song Zhongping, a military commentator for Hong Kong's pro-China Phoenix TV.

The DF-17 hyper-glide vehicle can be launched from a missile and once separated can reach more than five times the speed of sound, according to analysts. That speed, and its use of multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles, a technology known as MIRV, to deliver its warheads makes it far more difficult to detect and intercept.

It also flies at a much lower altitude just prior to delivering its warhead, further frustrating attempts to detect and intercept.

Some analysts have called the missile a threat to regional stability because its speed allows far less time to determine whether to fire nuclear weapons in response.

As with the DF-17, little has

been officially released about the DF-41, which was shown publicly for the first time. It was loaded aboard a formation of launch vehicles but is also transportable by train. Analysts say they believe it may be housed in silos in the

**"The overall combat ability of China's missile force has been enhanced significantly."**

SONG ZHONGPING  
PHOENIX TV

country's northeast.

The Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington says the missile may have the world's longest range at 15,000 kilometers. Flying at 25 times the speed of sound, it might be able to reach the United States in 30 minutes and send up to 10 warheads to separate targets using MIRV technology.

China also displayed an upgrade of its mainstay missile, the Dongfeng 31, which has a range of more than 11,200 kilometers that puts most of the continental

United States within reach. The second-generation Dongfeng-31AG, which like the DF-41 uses solid fuel for ease of deployment and speed of launch, comes with "high mobility and precision," according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Displayed for the first time, the JL-2 is the standard weapon for China's Jin class nuclear-powered subs, each of which can deploy 12 missiles with one warhead each. Their range of 7,200 kilometers makes more of a threat regionally than to the continental United States.

China's latest CJ-100 supersonic cruise missile also made its public debut Tuesday, carried aboard 16 trucks in formation. Little is known about the weapon that is speculated to be a replacement for the PLA's current CJ-10 cruise missile which has an estimated range of about 1,500 kilometers.

The CJ-100s are "characterized by a long range, high precision and quick responsiveness and are the latest addition to the CJ missile series," Xinhua reported.

All those weapons seemed intended to imbue China with the ability to back up its territorial claims with credible threats, especially against the possibility of U.S. intervention. Many, including the already deployed DF-21D anti-ship ballistic missile, are seen as standoff weapons to keep U.S. aircraft carriers at bay while subjecting bases such as Guam to the possibility of attack.

China has also responded to what it sees as U.S. moves in the region that threaten its own security. That includes the deployment of the advanced THAAD air defense system in South Korea and Washington's stated determination to deploy a land-based intermediate-range missile in the Asia-Pacific "sooner rather than later," following its withdrawal last week from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

China said in August it "will not stand idly by" and would take countermeasures if the U.S. goes ahead with those plans.

"China should develop missiles that can hit any corners of the world especially the U.S. as a means of counter-attack," Yue Gang, retired colonel and military commentator said. "China must have the deterrent to curb the use of nuclear weapons ... China has been forced to do so by the situation."

The renewed attention focused on China's missile programs comes largely following the formation in 2015 of the latest branch of the People's Liberation Army, the Rocket Force. The military parade featured 350 members of the force in their dark green uniforms and was their first group participation in such an event.

Apart from missiles, China also showed off new technologies, such as its "Sharp Sword" unmanned aerial vehicle believed capable of attacking targets such as radar stations and military bases, as well as drone submarines that could reach depths far deeper than those of crewed subs.

Drones are becoming increasingly important for the Chinese military in a range of fields, including for use by artillery units in reconnaissance and damage evaluation, TVBS's Song said.

Technology gaps still remain with the U.S. and Russia, who have had longer to develop their strategies, especially in the nuclear field, Song said.

However, the advances align with commander of the armed forces and President Xi Jinping's calls for a military that is capable of fighting and winning wars under modern conditions.

Observing the new hardware first from his staff car then from the viewing platform atop Tiananmen Gate, he gave off an aura of satisfaction, although he said little on the matter in his address other than that "no force" could block China's progress. AP



# North Korea hails sub-based missile that raises security stakes

JON HERSKOVITZ

**N**ORTH Korea called the first test of its new submarine-launched ballistic missile a major boost for its national security, saying it strengthens its hand to defend itself against adversaries.

Yesterday's report from the official Korean Central News Agency also said that leader Kim Jong Un was absent from the test of its Pukguksong-3 missile a day earlier, a possible indicator that wants to distance himself personally from the move, which came just days before his state is set to resume long-delayed nuclear talks with the U.S.

The missile was fired in waters of North Korea's eastern Wonsan Bay, state media said, releasing photos that showed it emerging from the sea.

"It ushered in a new phase in containing the outside forces' threat to the DPRK and further bolstering its military muscle for self-defense," the report said, referring to the country by its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The South Korean military said the missile was fired near Wonsan just after 7 a.m. Wednesday and flew 910 kilometers in a lofted tra-



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jectory into space before falling into the sea. It was the longest-range weapon Kim's regime has tested since his last intercontinental ballistic missile test in November 2017 -- a move that may be designed to increase its bargaining leverage ahead of Satur-

day's working-level negotiations. The first launch of a submarine-based missile in roughly three years also demonstrates Kim's progress toward a two-pronged nuclear deterrent capable of quick strikes on the U.S. and its allies from mobile launchers on land

and hard-to-track submarines. North Korea's antiquated, meager air force isn't regarded as a threat in a region that contains the technologically-advanced warplanes of the U.S., Japan and South Korea.

"It creates new complications,

and while allied anti-submarine warfare capabilities are robust, the prospect of nuclear weapons flushed out to sea during a crisis could raise the stakes considerably," said Ankit Panda, a weapons expert at the Federation of American Scientists. Kim's sitting out this test "suggests a degree of concern about his image or perhaps an attempt to calibrate how provocative this looks to the United States," he said.

North Korea has lauded what it says is a special chemistry between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump, who have met three times since June 2018. Despite their historic meetings that have included smiles and handshakes, there has been almost nothing to show in terms of North Korea's denuclearization.

Kim has typically been on hand as North Korea has fired off at least 20 missiles in 11 different military tests since breaking a testing freeze in May. Up until Wednesday, all of the missiles have been short range -- tests Trump has brushed off as routine and said don't violate the promise Kim made to him to halt tests of intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear devices.

But the Pukguksong-3 is estimated to have a range of about 1,900 kilometers, making it an intermediate-range ballistic missile that raises the threat of an attack from a submarine on U.S. military assets in Japan and perhaps even the U.S. territory of Guam, which lies about 3,300 kilometers from Wonsan. **BLOOMBERG**

## NEW ZEALAND

# Mosque shooting suspect drops bid to move trial

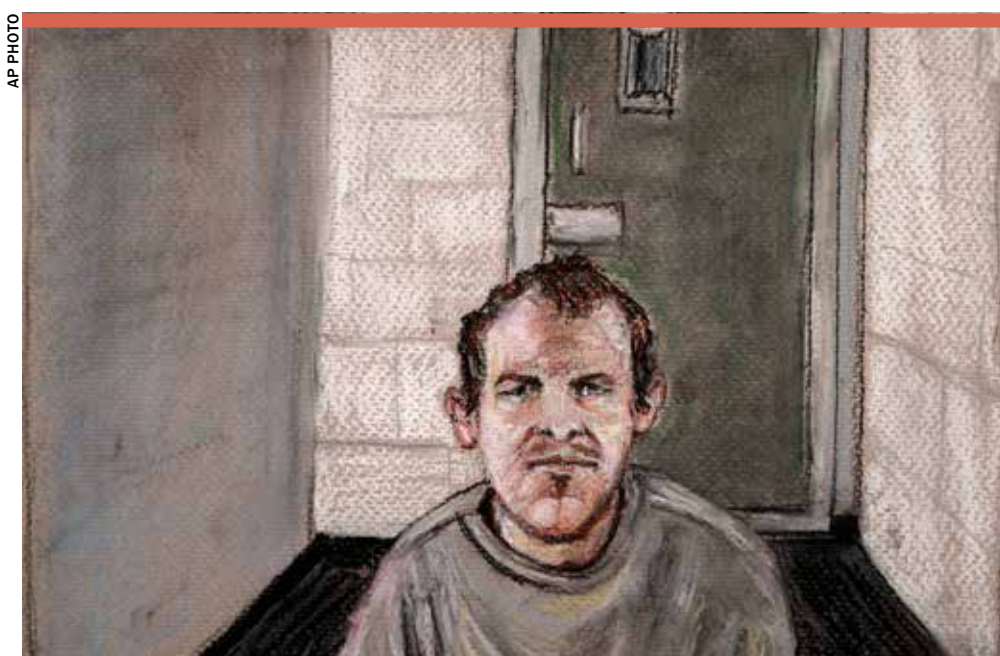
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CHRISTCHURCH

**T**HE man accused of killing 51 people at two Christchurch mosques abandoned his bid yesterday to move the trial to another New Zealand city.

The unexpected development was welcomed by survivors and grieving relatives of the March 15 attacks, who had worried they would need to travel to Auckland to appear as witnesses or watch the proceedings.

But many of the 80 or so people who packed a Christchurch courtroom were unhappy about the animated demeanor of the accused shooter, 28-year-old Australian white supremacist Brenton Tarrant.

Tarrant appeared via a video link from the maximum-security prison in Auckland where he is



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being held.

During the brief hearing, he smirked, winked and tried to shout something with his hand cupped around his mouth, but by that point the sound on his link had been low-

ered so what he said was inaudible. When the judge had asked him earlier if he could hear what was being said in the courtroom, he replied "Oh yeah!"

After the hearing, Wassem Alsati, who was shot

three times and whose 4-year-old daughter was also shot and injured, said Tarrant was manipulating the court system by pleading not guilty and then mocking the proceedings.

"He was laughing, smi-

ling, and not even give any respect to the courtroom or to the judges," Alsati said. "This is really bad behavior. Really unacceptable behavior."

Alsati said he and most of the other victims had been prepared to travel to Auckland for the trial, if necessary, and so were happy it would be held in Christchurch. Auckland is about 765 kilometers (475 miles) north of Christchurch.

"Otherwise I will end up travelling every court time, and that's going to be an extra cost for all the victims," he said.

Alsati and others who showed up for the hearing had been expecting to hear arguments from defense lawyers about why the trial should be moved and to hear counter-arguments from prosecution lawyers. Without those arguments,

the hearing lasted about 10 minutes.

Legal experts had earlier told The Associated Press that defense lawyers were likely to argue that a jury pool from Christchurch would be tainted because the mosque shootings happened so close to home, while prosecutors were likely to counter that all New Zealanders were deeply affected and any shift of venue would place an undue travel burden on survivors and relatives.

Since the March attacks, New Zealand has changed its gun laws to ban assault weapons. It has also launched a review that will examine, among other issues, how Tarrant failed to get the attention of law enforcement or intelligence agencies before the attacks.

Tarrant's trial has been scheduled for next June. **AP**



TRADE

# EU VOWS TO HIT BACK OVER US TARIFFS AS BUSINESSES COUNT COST

LORNE COOK & BARRY HATTON, PARIS

**T**HE European Union warned yesterday it will retaliate against the U.S. decision to slap tariffs on a range of the bloc's exports - from cheese to wine - that could cause job losses in Europe and price increases for Americans.

The Trump administration's decision to put new import taxes on EU goods worth USD7.5 billion opened a new chapter in the global trade wars that are heightening fears of a global recession.

The latest tariffs target large aircraft but also many typical European products such as olives, whiskey, wine, cheese and yogurt. They will take effect Oct. 18 and amount to a 10% tax on EU aircraft and steep 25% rate on everything else.

The U.S. got the legal go-ahead Wednesday from the World Trade Organization in a case involving illegal EU subsidies for the plane maker Airbus.

But the EU is expecting a similar case involving U.S. subsidies for Boeing to go in its favor, with a ruling due in coming months. It has said it hopes the two sides can hold off new tariffs, which economically amount to taxes on



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domestic importers. Sometimes importers pass on the higher costs to consumers, making goods more expensive.

"If the U.S. imposes countermeasures it will be pushing the EU into a situation where we will have to do the same," said the European Commission's spokesman, Daniel Rosario, echoing the dark outlook expressed by many EU governments.

"This is a move that will first

and foremost hit U.S. consumers and companies and will make efforts towards a negotiated settlement more complicated," he said.

Mindful that the tariffs do not actually come into effect for a couple weeks, Rosario stressed that the EU is still open to talking.

The tariffs come on top of existing ones that the U.S. and EU exchanged last year and multiply the headaches for European businesses fretting over Brexit, which

could see Britain leave the EU on Oct. 31 without a deal - meaning new tariffs overnight on the heavy flow of trade across the Channel.

More broadly, the tariffs add to uncertainty for the global economy, which has been hit particularly hard by the U.S.'s bigger and nastier trade war with China.

It all adds up to a grim outlook for exporters and manufacturers, which are cutting down on investment.

The head of the Spanish Federation of Food and Beverage Industries, Mauricio García de Quevedo, said the new U.S. tariffs will make it harder for the companies he represents to compete internationally. And that will contribute to job losses, he said, without providing detail.

The United States is the Spanish sector's second biggest food and beverage client after the EU, according to the federation. The sector exported 1.7 billion euros (\$1.9 billion) last year.

Miguel Blanco, the secretary-general of Spain's farming sector umbrella group COAG, representing more than 15,000 Spanish farmers and livestock breeders, said the tariffs are "completely unfair and overblown."

"Once again, the farming sector is going to pay for an EU trade war which has nothing to do with the Spanish countryside," Blanco said, according to Europa Press.

In Germany, which has Europe's largest economy and focuses heavily on exports, the federation of industry said the U.S. was using the WTO ruling to intensify trade disputes.

U.S. President Donald Trump has threatened in the past to impose tariffs on European cars, a huge sector in Germany, and some fear this week's escalation could lead to that.

Joachim Lang, the head of the Federation of German Industries, said "there is a risk that many industries on both sides of the Atlantic will find themselves in a lose-lose situation." AP

# Pompeo meets Pope Francis as impeachment roils Washington

MATTHEW LEE, ROME

**U**.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met privately with Pope Francis and visited his ancestral home in southern Italy yesterday as the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump roiled Washington.

On a day when a former special envoy for Ukraine was due to be interviewed in the impeachment probe, Pompeo appeared to be seeking some respite from the growing storm back home with his low-key schedule. But Pompeo has become increasingly drawn into the drama, and on Wednesday he confirmed for the first time that he listened in on the July phone call between Trump and Ukraine's president that is at the center of the impeachment drive by House Democrats.

There was no indication



United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo waves

that Pompeo, an evangelical Christian, sought any type of spiritual solace from Pope Francis during their meeting, which took place on the third day of his visit to Italy, the first stop of a four-nation tour of Europe.

In a brief statement, the State Department said

Pompeo's meeting with the pope focused on promoting religious freedom, particularly protecting vulnerable Christian communities in the Middle East, democracy and human rights. The Vatican confirmed the meeting took place but offered no details.

Afterward, Pompeo made the two-hour drive from Rome to Pacentro, in Italy's Abruzzo region. Pompeo's paternal grandfather came from the small town of roughly 1,000 residents, where locals say his last living relative died some 30 years ago.

Pompeo's celebration of

his Italian heritage came just hours before the former special envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, was to appear for a closed-door interview with House investigators. Volker, who put Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani in contact with a top aide to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, resigned last week a day after his name appeared in the whistleblower complaint that sparked the impeachment inquiry.

Giuliani has said he was pressing Ukrainian officials to investigate the son of one of Trump's political rivals, former Vice President Joe Biden, for corruption over his dealings with a Ukrainian energy company. Giuliani has shown text messages with Volker that he says prove the State Department was aware of and endorsed his push.

But current and former U.S. officials tell a different story. They say Volker was

seeking to disentangle Giuliani's efforts from the administration's broader Ukraine policy, which is to promote counter-corruption efforts and help the country defend itself from Russian-backed separatists in its east.

Pompeo on Wednesday mentioned Volker's role when he acknowledged participating in the Trump-Zelenskyy phone call during which Trump sought "a favor" from his Ukrainian counterpart. Pompeo would not say if he thought there was anything improper about the conversation but said it took place in the context of longstanding U.S. policy toward Ukraine.

"It's what our team, including Ambassador Volker, what we're focused on," he said. "Taking down the threat that Russia poses there in Ukraine. It was about helping the Ukrainians to get graft out and corruption outside of their government." AP



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15:30	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono
16:00	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
16:55	Geoparque Açores - Fim
17:50	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:35	Semana Internacional (Repetição)
19:10	Resumo Liga dos Campeões 2019/2020
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
00:55	Liga Europa: PSV Eindhoven - Sporting (Directo)
03:00	Liga Europa: Porto - Young Boys (Directo)
05:00	RTPi Directo

## Offbeat

### JUMPING THE SHARK? KISS WILL PLAY FOR THEM IN THE OCEAN

Having played nearly every corner of the Earth in a nearly 50-year career, the rock band Kiss is taking its show to a new place – under the sea, where they will perform for great white sharks and eight fans separated from them by a small submarine.

As part of a promotion by Airbnb, the fans and Kiss will travel Nov. 18 in separate boats off the coast of southern Australia. While Kiss stays above board on one vessel, the fans will be lowered beneath the surface of the water from a second boat into the viewing sub in an area known for shark activity.

Using underwater speakers, Kiss will begin playing, and the sound will be audible to the submerged fans and the sharks.

"I was a little taken aback by it, but they explained that sharks are attracted to low frequencies and so they're attracted to rock 'n' roll," singer and guitarist Paul Stanley told The Associated Press. "Since we're going to be in Australia, it gives a whole new meaning to doing a concert down under."

The first-come, first-served event costs \$50, which is half the price of Kiss tickets in even the worst nosebleed seats in the last row at Madison Square Garden. Proceeds will go to charity, the company said. Reservations can be made starting at 6 p.m. EDT on [airbnb.com/KISS](http://airbnb.com/KISS) on Oct. 14.

The event will take place in the Indian Ocean off Port Lincoln, South Australia. Kiss will be in full makeup and costumes for the performance, which will be at least four songs.

"I'm not sure how much of us the sharks can take," Stanley said. "I'm hoping they know 'Rock And Roll All Nite.'"

Stanley said Kiss bassist Gene Simmons has recovered after having some kidney stones removed recently, and should be ready to perform well before the shark show.

"I tend to think he just ate gravel," Stanley joked.

The event is part of Airbnb Animal Experiences, and is designed to have people entertain animals instead of the other way around, the company said in a news release.

As strange as it sounds, underwater concerts are not new. The Underwater Music Festival has been held for the past 35 years in the Florida Keys.

The shark show has untapped potential if they want to do it again sometime. After all, what other concert could potentially bring together Great White and Air Supply?

## cinema

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 Director: James Gray  
 Starring: Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga  
 Language: English  
 Duration: 169min



**THE FATAL RAID**  
 ROOM 2  
 2:30, 7:15pm  
 Director: Jacky Lee  
 Starring: Patrick Tam, Michael Tong, Jade Leung  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 169min



**IT CHAPTER TWO**  
 ROOM 2  
 4:15, 9:00pm  
 Director: Andy Muschietti  
 Starring: Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 169min

**BLINDED LIGHT**  
 ROOM 3  
 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm  
 Director: Gurinder Chadha  
 Starring: Vivick Kalra, Kulvinder Ghir, Meera Ganatra  
 Language: English (Chinese)  
 Duration: 169min

## this day in history



### 1965 IMMIGRANTS FEEL AT HOME WITH BBC

The British Broadcasting Corporation has announced plans to introduce a new service for Asian immigrants starting next week.

The programmes will go out every Sunday on radio on the BBC's Home Service and on television on BBC1.

Titled 'Making Yourself at Home', the programmes will offer informal language lessons in everyday English and music from Indian and Pakistani films.

David Gretton, organiser and producer of the series says the English lessons will provide an opportunity for people who have recently moved to Britain from India and Pakistan to cope with everyday situations.

He said: "They teach the words and phrases needed...and convey a reassurance that these situations are not too difficult to be faced".

Guests on the programme will discuss carrying out essential domestic routines such as taking children to school or finding their way on the bus.

According to Mr Gretton the target audience is approximately 250,000 listeners and viewers, with emphasis placed on serving recently-arrived wives and school-age children joining their Asian fathers and husbands.

"Our task here is to answer questions, and to sweeten the jaw-breaking complexities of housing or nationality with a little traditional song and dance," Mr Gretton said.

Contributors will speak in a combination of Hindu, Urdu and English.

The radio programme will be broadcast at 0810 hours on Sunday mornings and last for half-an-hour. The television programme will be shown at 0900 and last 15 minutes. The TV version will be repeated on Wednesdays at 1225 hours.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The 'immigrant service' was introduced under the BBC governorship of Hugh Greene, who was responding to calls for broadcasters to consider serving a growing immigrant population.

Maurice Foley, a junior government minister with special responsibility for immigrants said in the first programme's introduction:

"I hope you will find them entertaining and useful...so that you can settle happily amongst us."

He went on: "In the world of today we all need to know a great deal more about each other. This is one small contribution towards showing you something of ourselves and the society in which you live."

In 1967 Rainbow City became the first drama series to give a leading role to a black actor.



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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
If you are entering a new situation or group today, it might be wise to play it safe. The universe is in a bit of a flux, and pure clarity will be hard to find. It will take you time to get your bearings.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May. 20  
Asking a friend to be honest with you can be tricky. If you are looking for support and end up getting judged, don't blame the friend. Instead talk to someone who knows that no one is perfect.

**GEMINI**  
May. 21-Jun. 21  
When you're riding the tides of life today, be very mindful of the undercurrents—because they are what will actually lead you to your destination. There's not much you can do to change the direction you're traveling.

**CANCER**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
It's more important than ever for you to balance your life now. The stars say that there is a great imbalance building, and it could send some bad vibes your way unless you address it.

**LEO**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
It's more important than ever for you to balance your life now. The stars say that there is a great imbalance building, and it could send some bad vibes your way unless you address it.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
All your plans are coming together nicely today, and it looks as though you're going to have a lot of fun! The hard work is over, so you can feel free to kick back and let yourself get distracted.

**LIBRA**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Every limit is there for a reason, and you need to yield to them. But luckily, there are so many fun things going on around you right now that you won't mind diverting your energies to something else.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
There are many temptations all around you today, but not all of them are healthy for your body and/or spirit. So you should make sure that you are well stocked with self-control!

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Why go along with the crowd when you've got such an original mind and an incredible gift for self-expression? You are no lemming, and you will have a great opportunity to prove that to yourself today.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
One of your most recent failed attempts at matchmaking might be working out after all—okay, so maybe that fixup didn't go as planned, but there is a domino effect at work here, and you should be prepared.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Things are starting to get very complicated between you and a friend. It seems that someone they are interested in is actually more interested in you. The guilty feelings could start to creep up on you today.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
In a group dynamic today, you're going to feel as though someone or something is missing—and you should respect that feeling. It might be time for your group to find a new leader or director.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sanson**



**SUDOKU**

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**WEATHER**

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	27	35	cloudy
Harbin	20	25	thundershower
Tianjin	27	35	thundershower
Urumqi	21	28	shower
Xi'an	24	35	cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	shower
Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

**CROSSWORDS**

ACROSS: 1- Appalling; 6- Phi follower; 9- Assumed attitudes; 14- Sierra \_\_\_; 15- Small batteries; 16- Chips in chips; 17- Subject to being challenged; 19- Lively dances; 20- Aliens, for short; 21- Woodwind instrument; 22- Feels for; 23- Diversify; 25- Prevent; 26- Maintain; 29- Lockup; 31- Blood fluid; 32- Elderly person; 36- Canvas shelter used on camping trips; 37- Do goo; 38- Regretted; 40- Fate; 43- Brought up; 45- Load; 46- Encrypt; 47- Former monetary unit of France; 50- Fill with cargo; 51- Nicholas Gage book; 52- Heroic; 54- Black bird; 57- Baseball boss Bud; 58- Well-born person; 61- Molars, e.g.; 62- You \_\_\_ here; 63- Part of ICBM; 64- Bothered; 65- Cacophony; 66- Sheriff's band;

DOWN: 1- Skin soother; 2- Turned on the waterworks; 3- Dandies; 4- Numero \_\_\_; 5- Gene Kelly's "\_\_\_ Girls"; 6- Chauffeur; 7- Circle of light often seen around the head of saints; 8- Words of comprehension; 9- Packages; 10- \_\_\_ a time; 11- Cubic meter; 12- Conger catcher; 13- Flat sound; 18- Artery that feeds the trunk; 23- Sleeveless garments; 24- Human limb; 25- Executed; 26- Quick on the uptake; 27- Downhill racer; 28- Rational; 29- Kangaroo kids; 30- Entirely; 33- Small amount; 34- Former monetary unit of Germany; 35- Marsh plant; 37- Wildebeest; 39- JFK's predecessor; 41- 'Baseball \_\_\_' (ESPN show); 42- Business magazine; 43- Hit back, perhaps; 44- Terminate; 47- Navy, e.g.; 48- Noted Civil War biography; 49- Clarence's accuser; 50- Fabric woven from flax yarns; 51- This, in Tijuana; 52- My word!; 53- Persian fairy; 54- Tsp. and tbsp.; 55- Scottish refusals; 56- Memo heading; 59- Sass; 60- Music producer Brian;

**Tuesday's solution**

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RUGBY WORLD CUP

# IRELAND REBOUND FROM JAPAN LOSS BY BEATING RUSSIA ONLY 35-0

**I**RELAND rebounded from its jolting loss to Japan by defeating winless Russia only 35-0 in a humdrum Rugby World Cup match yesterday.

The Irish made 11 changes for the pool match five days after the Japan result, and they still looked well oiled in going 14-0 up in even time. But despite wingers from Japan and Samoa scoring seven tries by showing up Russia's weakness on the outside in previous games, Ireland preferred the direct route, to take on the Bears up front, and it wasn't pretty.

It took until Russia received its first yellow card for Ireland to score its third try just before halftime, and then not until Russia's second yellow card for Ireland to earn the fourth bonus-point try.

After two tries in the first 12 minutes, Ireland could place only two tries in the next 50. There was a late flourish when center Garry Ringrose, who barely touched the ball all match, finished off a sweeping attack from deep in their half and made the scoreline flatter the Irish.



Ireland's Rhys Ruddock is assisted to the tryline

It was debatable who was happier: Russia didn't score, but lost its last match to Ireland 62-12 at the 2011 World Cup.

Ireland scored after just 90 seconds from a set move off a ruck in midfield. Scrumhalf Luke McGrath drew the defense wide off the ruck and flanker Peter O'Mahony passed to fullback

Rob Kearney inside a huge hole. Kearney, who passed concussion tests after the Japan game and still has a dark welt under his left eye, weaved 40 meters to the line to score.

After Kearney scrambled to clear an up-and-under from Russia's Ramil Gaisin, the Russians were back on defense

from a spilled pass, and after a couple of rucks O'Mahony chased an expert grubber from Jonathan Sexton to score between the posts.

However, Kiril Golonotskiy, Russia's only try-scorer in this Rugby World Cup, slammed his left leg into a post as he tackled O'Mahony and was carried off.

Ireland looked good at 14-0, just as it was when it led Japan 12-3, but the match meandered because of injuries — No. 8 Jordi Murphy limped off — and Ireland's insistence on trying to flex its muscle in ruck after ruck. The Russians were only too happy to show off their muscles, too.

And it was effective until Russia lock Bogdan Fedotko was sin-binned for persistent professional fouls. Ireland used the man advantage to work flanker Rhys Ruddock over Anton Sychev with a helpful shove from prop John Ryan.

With a 21-0 lead and three conversions, Sexton's first match as captain of Ireland was ended at halftime to perhaps save the star flyhalf for Samoa in nine

days in Fukuoka.

For the Russians, no sooner was Fedotko back on the field, than replacement lock Andrey Ostrikov was sin-binned for a dangerous clearout, and they were back to 14.

But Ireland were on defense when they broke out, with a chip by replacement flyhalf Jack Carthy that Keith Earls grabbed and fed fellow wing Andrew Conway to take to the posts. Ringrose's late try came from another deep attack and, too late, Ireland discovered the Russian backs were no match for theirs. **AP**

### WORLD CUP RESULTS

Japan	30	10	Russia
Australia	39	21	Fiji
France	23	21	Argentina
New Zealand	23	13	South Africa
Italy	47	22	Namibia
Ireland	27	3	Scotland
England	35	3	Tonga
Wales	43	14	Georgia
Samoa	34	9	Russia
Uruguay	30	27	Fiji
Italy	48	7	Canada
England	45	7	United States
Argentina	28	12	Tonga
Japan	19	12	Ireland
South Africa	57	3	Namibia
Georgia	33	7	Uruguay
Wales	29	25	Australia
Scotland	34	0	Samoa
France	33	9	United States
New Zealand	63	0	Canada
Fiji	45	10	Georgia
Ireland	35	0	Russia

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RUGBY WORLD CUP

# England face do-or-die Pumas to reach quarterfinals

**A**RGENTINA doesn't have a choice. Beat England tomorrow, or it makes its earliest exit from a Rugby World Cup in 16 years.

This was always going to be a crunch match in Pool C: Three Tier One sides can't fit into two quarter-final slots.

The stakes deepened for the Pumas after losing to France 23-21 on the opening weekend. France still has to play England, too, but having already got past Argentina, the French may not need – yet – to beat England to advance.

"This is a final," hooker and former Pumas captain Agustin Creevy says. "We are fully confident."

England has a lot at stake in Tokyo, too. A win qualifies it for the quarterfinals after embarrassingly missing out in 2015 in its home tournament.

England is as fully confident as the Pumas, with even more reason to be.

England has beaten up Argentina for the past decade, winning nine straight tests. The English won their only previous two World Cup matchups, although both had to be toughed out. England prevailed 24-18 in 1995 in Durban, and needed a Ben Youngs converted try in the 67th minute to win 13-9 in 2011 at Dunedin.

England's confidence is high af-

AP PHOTO



Argentina's Agustin Creevy runs at the French defence

ter winning its opening two pool matches against Tonga and the United States, scoring 80 points and conceding 10. And it has had two extra days of preparation for its first Tier One opponent.

And for the first time in ages, coach Eddie Jones was excited to have a fully fit squad of 31 to choose from. He reverted to the lineup which dis-

patched Tonga with only one change: George Kruis was in the second row with Maro Itoje, and Courtney Lawes has dropped to the reserves.

The reserves also feature prop Mako Vunipola and winger Jack Nowell. Vunipola tore his hamstring from the bone in May, and tore the scar tissue after 17 minutes against Ireland in August. Nowell has been

nursing an ankle ligament problem since June.

"It's a credit to our strength and conditioning staff and medical staff what a great condition we're in," Jones enthused.

The Pumas are also in good shape. They made only one change to the starting lineup, recalling No. 8 Javier Ortega Desio, who played against France, for Tomas Lezana from the win over Tonga last Saturday.

Hooker Julian Montoya and flyhalf Benjamin Urdapilleta have been retained after replacing veterans Creevy and Nicolas Sanchez. Sanchez, who was in the reserves against Tonga, has missed out on the matchday 23. The inexperienced Lucas Mensa is the cover. Record caps holder Creevy is in the reserves, though.

"They're a pretty good team if they can get Creevy to come off the bench," Jones says.

"I hope it's very exciting," Creevy says. "We are never the favorites (against England), and I don't know what that feels like. If we win, we stay. If not, we're out." AP

Friday, 17:45  
South Africa v Italy  
H 1.04, D 81, A 23

Saturday, 13:15  
Australia v Uruguay  
H 1.01, D 151, A 201

Saturday, 16:00  
England v Argentina  
H 1.15, D 41, A 8

Saturday, 18:30  
Japan v Samoa  
H 1.11, D 51, A 10

Sunday, 12:45  
New Zealand v Namibia  
H 1, D 251, A 151

Sunday, 15:45  
France v Tonga  
H 1.04, D 88, A 41

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## Breakfast Briefing

Wednesday 9 October  
Guest Speaker: **James Law**  
Founder, Chairman & CEO  
James Law Cybertecture

### Opod Tube Housing Micro Homes in Concrete Pipes "What Macau can learn from HK's housing crisis"

Cities such as Hong Kong and Macau are all becoming more expensive to live in. Many people struggle to afford to own or rent a decent size home. This has created frustration and anguish for many especially the young who have little hope to getting on a housing ladder. Some have had to resort to living in squalid conditions including in sub divided flats and caged homes. This talk illustrates this current difficult situation and highlights a project called OPod that seeks to alleviate this problem by creating affordable homes out of concrete water pipe in Hong Kong.

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## SEMINAR

Tuesday 15 October 2019

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**Sam Hegarty**  
Chartered Financial Planner  
**Stephanie Chan**  
Tax Manager

### Inheritance Tax and Succession Planning

There are countless reasons why it can be tempting not to think about inheritance tax and to consider it a problem for another day. Living far from the UK and hopefully being in good health, can mean that we are more focused on growing our wealth, rather than planning to protect it on death. Find out how you can plan ahead at this seminar.

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20:00 Close

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**BEHAVIOUR CHANGE**

Even if you may have commented ad hominem against Climate Change Activist, Greta Thunberg, or doubt if her message is fact or fiction, one to be known or alternatively believed, she tells us nothing particularly new. Her message is one that knowledgeable people all over the world for a good 30 years have been warning of (note environmental scholar, Bill McKibben's 1989 classic, End of Nature) - that nature no longer has the capacity to absorb the volume of waste from industrial activity and first-world lifestyles, and that communities need to change.

The difference with Greta is that a) the time is finally right for people to listen because the feedback loops from ecosystems scream of an urgency to effect change and b) her unique persona has most crucially mobilised young people, and has adults heeding her admonishment, "You are failing us".

With each climate report the scientific community is learning that previous models have under-estimated the speed of the impacts on natural systems upon which we ultimately depend. Tipping points are occurring in ecosystems that undermine their ability to absorb waste and recover from damage: not only carbon emissions, but deforestation, overfishing, plastic pollution, watershed pollution are resulting in bio-diversity loss, soil erosion, ocean acidification, and desertification.

The Climate Action Summit called by the Secretary-General of the United Nations last week was a reminder to national leaders to get serious about meeting their commitments ahead of the 2020 deadlines laid out in the Paris Agreement. Faster than national leaders, though, have been cities and local governments who have declared a Climate Crisis, which becomes a premise to be considered when local policies and laws are created.

I was recently asked to contribute to the discussion on a Circular Economy Policy by an Australian State Government. Being developed as a priority before the end of this year, the policy looks at a range of priorities which aim to halt the extraction-to-dumping of resources in the economy to one that recycles, remanufactures, repairs and reuses. The idea is to recover and manage all waste from production and consumption. Only minimal residual waste then goes to energy recovery and landfill.

Corporate groups are also fast joining sustainability initiatives: B Corporations are legally required to account for the impact of their activities on their workers, customers, suppliers, community, and the environment. The world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, the UN Global Compact, has over 9,000 corporate signatories that align their operations with protecting human rights, labour and the environment. The penny is also dropping with investors as study after study confirms that businesses which focus on environmental, social and corporate governance are better performers in the long run.

Individuals, too, are finding ways to contribute to rehabilitating economic and living eco-systems. 7.6 million climate strikers took to the streets between 20 and 27 September. We each can make a difference in a way that makes sense to us.

Over these last 3 weeks, I took part in 1 Million Actions 4 the Planet. It was about proving that a lifestyle revolution is possible, because this is what will be required of us, at the individual, community, corporate, national and global levels. The challenge was to go plastic free, meat and dairy free, and car free during my summer month in Australia. What I learnt was that doing without turned into gains in other ways, and that the reach for the cheese was not a real want but muscle-memory habit. Using public transport took more time and planning but could be used more productively than sitting behind a wheel, and friends were marvellously generous. Walks to the shops for daily necessities improved fitness and helped me connect with the local community.

We look for large institutions to take the lead but, in reality, it is the millions and billions of us making small changes that will trickle up and turn this tide around.

Iran's semi-official Fars news agency says authorities foiled an assassination attempt against the head of the Revolutionary Guard's foreign wing, or Quds Force, last month.

Yesterday's report says the attempt against Gen. Qassim Soleimani occurred in September, when Soleimani planned to attend a religious ceremony in the southeastern Kerman province.

It said attackers had planned to plant nearly 500 kilograms,

about 1,102 pounds, of explosives in an underground tunnel beneath where Soleimani would have been.

The report didn't elaborate on number of the suspects, but said they were linked to Israeli and Arab intelligence services.

Soleimani, the architect of Iran's regional entrenchment, has been one of the most influential commanders of the Revolutionary Guard and played a key role in fights against the extremist Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

**NATIONAL DAY AS SEEN IN MACAU**



**T**HE Macau SAR held its Town National Day celebrations on Tuesday at Golden Lotus Square, where officials from the local government participated in a ceremony to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The ceremony was also attended by officials of the Central Government's representative offices in the Macau SAR, the Macau Garrison of the People's Liberation Army and people from across the local community.

In addition to the flag-raising ceremony held in the Square, young people from Macau were invited to stage several gymnastic performances during the ceremony.

The 2019 National Day commemorative running contest was held again this year, and Acting Chief Executive, Wong Sio Chak was present to award the winners.



**Afghanistan** Senior Afghan Taliban leaders and Pakistani officials yesterday called for the resumption of talks on a peaceful resolution for the war in Afghanistan.



**Kazakhstan** An American, a Russian and the first person from the United Arab Emirates to fly into space landed safely yesterday after a six-hour flight from the International Space Station.

**Turkey's** data protection authority says it has imposed a USD280,000 fine on Facebook for contravening the country's data laws.



**Finland** The media are praising the performance of the Nordic country's president at a meeting with Donald Trump as "ice-cold strong" despite the fact that the U.S. president used large chunks of their joint news conference to talk about the situation with Ukraine that has prompted an impeachment inquiry, leaving his guest sidelined at times.

**Ireland** Prime Minister Leo Varadkar says Ireland "may have to live with a no-deal (Brexit) for a period of time" if no solution for a British exit from the European Union is found.

**France** An administrator armed with a knife attacked officers inside Paris police headquarters yesterday, killing at least four before he was fatally shot, officials said.

**Vatican City** Pope Francis named one of Italy's leading anti-Mafia prosecutors as president of the Vatican's criminal tribunal yesterday, just days after a new scandal erupted over alleged financial wrongdoing in the heart of the Holy See.