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China demanded Washington lift newly imposed sanctions on Chinese tech companies but said yesterday that envoys will go ahead with a U.S. trip for trade talks despite the latest spike in tensions.

US-China The Trump Administration is blocking shipments from a Chinese company making baby pajamas sold at Costco warehouses, after the foreign manufacturer was accused of forcing ethnic minorities locked in an internment camp to sew clothes against their will.

Japan Nissan tapped the head of its China business, Makoto Uchida, as its new president and chief executive, replacing Hiroto Saikawa, who resigned after acknowledging receiving dubious income.

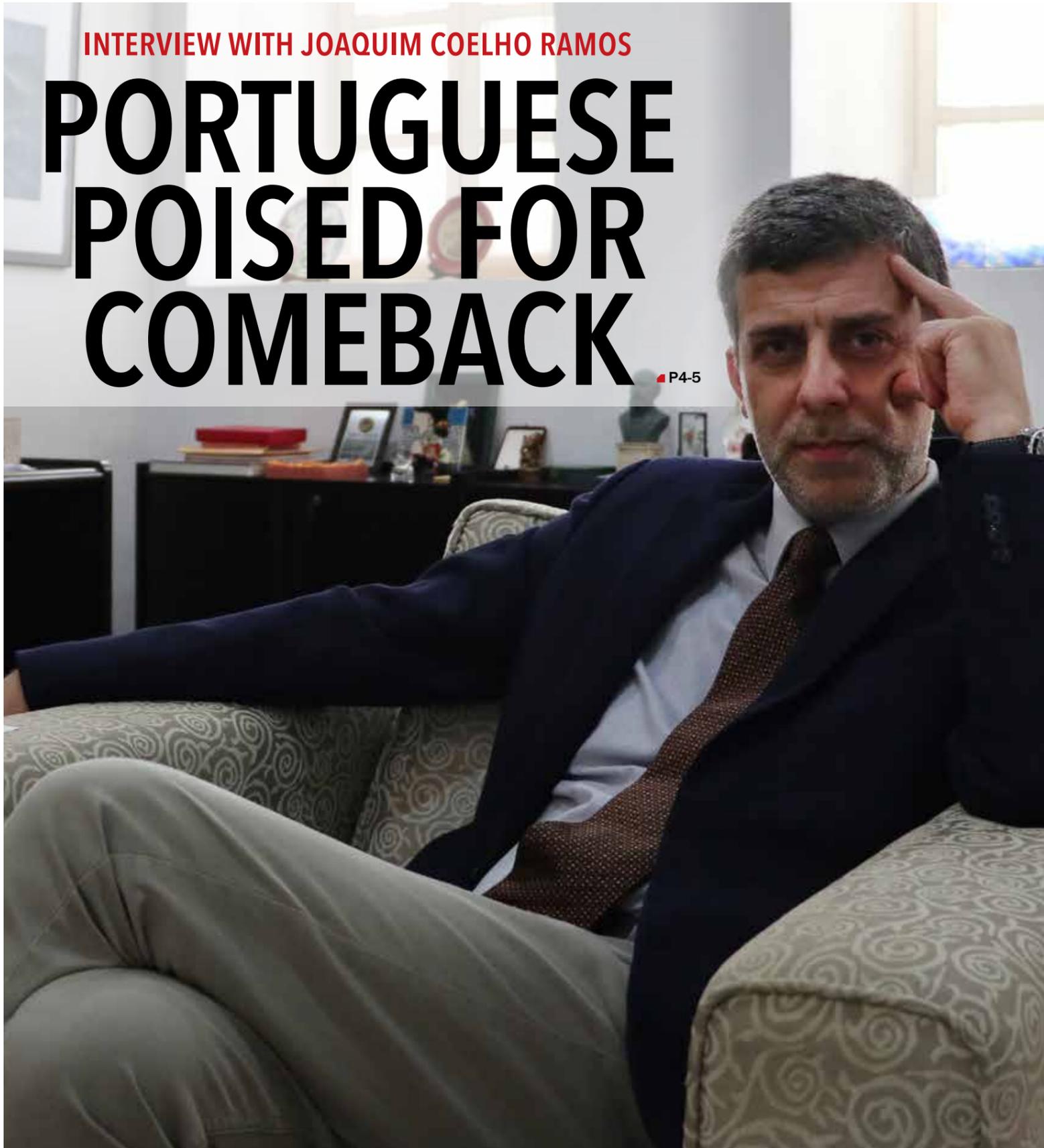
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India Authorities in Indian-controlled Kashmir will allow tourists back into the region two months after ordering them to leave because of security concerns amid an Indian crackdown, an official said yesterday.

Ethiopian Airlines' former chief engineer says in a whistleblower complaint filed with regulators that the carrier went into the maintenance records on a Boeing 737 Max jet a day after it crashed this year, a breach he contends was part of a pattern of corruption that included fabricating documents, signing off on shoddy repairs and even beating those who got out of line.

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REPORT HAILS IMPROVEMENT IN FIGHT AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING

A report issued by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) has highlighted the Macau SAR's improvement in addressing its anti-money laundering deficiencies identified in earlier years.

In a follow-up report released earlier this month, APG said that Macau has improved in "addressing the technical compliance deficiencies identified in its 2017 mutual evaluation report, including drafting revised legislation and guidelines."

It has also upgraded the three Financial Action Task Force recommendations.

The mutual evaluation report (MER) of Macau was published in December 2017, thus the follow-up report addressed the technical compliance deficiencies identified in the MER.

According to the report, Macau requested re-ratings of the Recommendations: 32 (which was rated non-compliant); and 22 and 23 (which were rated partially compliant).

Recommendations 32, 22 and 23 refer to cash couriers, customer due diligence and other mea-



sures respectively.

APG said that it welcomes the steps that Macau has taken to improve its technical compliance with the Recommendations. As a result of this progress, Macau has been re-rated to largely compliant with the said Recommendations.

In the 2017 report, it was noted that Macau was rated non-compliant in its cash couriers, noting that the city has no disclosure or declaration system for incoming and outgoing cross border transportation of currency.

However, due to the introduc-

tion of a declaration/disclosure system for incoming/outgoing cross-border transportation of currency, the report noted that Macau has addressed most of the deficiencies in this matter.

"Macau, China has minor shortcomings with regards to the declaration/disclosure of cash/BNI transported through mail or cargo and proportionate and dissuasive sanction of false or non-declaration/disclosure," the report noted.

Currently, Macau is re-rated to largely compliant with the cash couriers. LV

MANAGEMENT FIRM FINED FOR UNLAWFUL DEBT COLLECTION

THE Office for Personal Data Protection has released its 2018 Annual Report, which mentions a case of improper debt collection together with other cases and statistics.

In one specific case, a property management company was fined 8,000 patacas for breaching a local resident's personal data.

According to the report, the company mailed a letter to the resident's workplace, asking the person to pay debts associated with property management fees. The letter was specifically mailed to the resident's manager, who eventually opened the letter.

Considering the principles of debt collection, the Office believes that the company should have mailed the letter to the person's home address or collected the fee through the courts. As that was not the case, the Office fined the property management company.

Another company was fined MOP12,000 for its sales and marketing tactics because it failed to explain how it had obtained the contact information of recipients.

Three cases in which personal information had been published were also included in the report as case examples. In these three cases, the victims' personal data, such as photos, phone numbers and vehicle number plates, were publicized on social media without the victims' approval.

In 2018, the Office received a total of 1,829 enquiries and opened a total of 109 investigation files, 90.8% of which were opened after the Office received complaints from residents.

Regarding these files, 59.6% involved non-legitimate information handling, while 22.9% involved a failure to comply with data processing principles.

More than half of the parties being investigated are private organizations.

The Office handled 330 cases in total in 2018, including 221 cases transferred from 2017. Of these, 208 were completed and the relevant parties in 10.6% of 208 completed cases were fined. The offenders were all private organizations or individuals. The Office also issued improvement proposals in 19.7% of completed cases. JZ

MEMORY LANE

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The A-Ma Temple is a temple to the Chinese sea goddess Mazu. The temple is located in São Lourenço Parish, in an area known as the Barra District. Built in 1488, it is one of the oldest temples in Macau and thought to be the settlement's namesake. The legend of the creation of the city of Macau says that the name "Macau" was derived from the name of the temple. It is said that when the Portuguese sailors landed on the coast just outside the temple and asked for the name of the place, the native Chinese people replied "A-maa-gok" (The Pavilion of the Mother), giving rise to the Portuguese name for the peninsula, "Macau." The temple has been a centerpiece of Macau for hundreds of years, having been addressed many times in old Chinese documents, and represented in paintings and in the first scenes photographed in Macau. In 2005, the temple became one of the designated sites of the Historic Centre of Macau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. RM

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Poor Golden Week show may weigh on October revenue

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A slowdown in the VIP segment in the past week may weigh on October gross gaming revenue, according to preliminary industry estimates. Analysts say that gross gaming revenue over the seven-day Golden Week dipped 1% in year-on-year terms, setting up October to become the seventh red month of 2019.

Macau gross gaming revenue touched the lowest level in a year in September, falling just short of 22.08 billion patacas. The month rounded out the first three quarters of the year with a 4.1% contraction over the equivalent period in 2018. At the current growth rate, 2019 is on track to be the first year of negative growth since the anti-graft recession drew to a close in 2016.

However, the mild September contraction was roughly in line with analyst predictions and follows a pattern in previous years of the month serving as a quieter prelude to busy October. Due to a weak comparison base a year earlier when typhoon Mangkhut struck Macau and forced a 33-hour shutdown of the gambling sector, September 2019 was in fact up 0.6% in year-on-year terms.

According to estimates from Sanford C. Bernstein seen by financial analysis website Seeking Alpha, a higher mix of mass-market players and non-gamblers have accounted for most of the visitor growth this year.

The VIP slowdown is repre-

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sentative of broader market trends in Macau as the local government works to shift the focus to mass market and non-gaming amenities, and reduce the city's dependency on high-roller activity.

In the first six months of 2019, the mass market overtook VIP as the bigger share, rising to about 52% of total gross gaming revenue. But even as its dominance wanes, the volatile VIP segment still wields significant influence on monthly gross gaming revenue.

A double-digit increase in the number of visitors to the SAR this year has failed to translate into both gaming revenue grow-

th and non-gaming visitor spending, leading some observers to remark that the city needs to refine the quality of its visitors.

After a more than 20% rise in the first six months of 2019, visitor growth has showed signs of slowing in the second half of the year. Macau received about 10% more visitors this year during the seven days of Golden Week, according to preliminary data released yesterday by the police authority.

Research group Daiwa said that the growth in tourist arrivals from the mainland this year was disappointing. It predicts Macau gross gaming revenue to fall 3% in October to MOP26.5 billion.

Analysts at JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) suggested last week that October revenue would fall 3%, followed by declines of between 6% and 8% in both November and December. That would imply fourth quarter gross gaming revenue to contract by about 6% year-on-year.

On a brighter note, the analysts at the division wrote "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."

TOURISM

Golden Week visitors narrowly miss 1 million mark

PRELIMINARY data from the Public Security Police Force, which is responsible for border control in Macau, show that some 985,000 visitor counts were recorded during the National Day Golden Week, spanning from October 1 to 7.

The Police calculated an approximate 11.5% growth compared to the same period last year. However, data available to

the press covered a nine-day period between September 29 and October 7, instead of the seven-day period this year.

Last year, the nine days saw nearly 1.1 million visitor counts, while the seven-day equivalent registered 883,000 visitors.

As far as the frequency of border crossings is concerned, the police recorded around 2 million for both inbound and out-

bound crossings over the seven days.

The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge was not in operation last year during the October Golden Week, hence the lack of data for comparison.

Border crossings at both ferry terminals to Hong Kong dropped significantly, with the Outer Harbor drastically halving to 71,000 inbound and

74,000 outbound.

Traffic at the Taipa Ferry Terminal, on the other hand, has decreased from 83,000 to 57,000 for inbound and from 78,000 to 58,000 for outbound crossings.

Approximately 120,000 left and 110,000 entered Macau by the Bridge.

In contrast, more people are flying in and out of Macau directly, and so the airport recorded a

significant rise in tourists during this period. Last year, about 75,000 visitors flew in and 66,000 flew out of Macau, while this year, about 86,000 inbound and 78,000 outbound passengers were recorded at the airport.

Border crossings at the Border Gate proved to be the most popular, with a total of 1.4 million and 1.5 million coming in and out respectively.

Compared with the data last year, inbound counts at the Border Gate remained virtually unchanged with a slight increase of 60,000 crossings. In addition, outbound crossings rose by nearly 100,000. **AL**

MAINLAND MOTHER ABANDONS SON AT BORDER GATE

Late last Tuesday night, a mainland mother abandoned her 9-year-old son at the Gongbei border gate for him to cross into Macau, according to a report by mainland news outlet Sohu. At approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 1, the boy's mother left him at Zhuhai's Gongbei border gate to let the boy cross the border alone in order to look for his father in Macau. The mother then returned to her resident city of Zhongshan. According to the boy, his father works in Macau and his mother told him that his father would pick him up at Macau border gate once the boy crossed over. The boy tried to cross the border check point but did not know how to use the immigration facility and he could not contact his father. Panicking, he approached the police officers at the Gongbei port for help. Zhuhai police officers, upon finding out that the boy did not have a valid visa to go to Macau, tried to contact his father but the phone was switched off. The police authority contacted his mother, who brought the boy back home.

WOMAN DIES TRAPPED UNDERNEATH VEHICLE IN CARPARK

A 68-year-old local female senior citizen was trapped under a car inside the parking lot of the Hotline Center, on Monday. She was reported dead as result of the accident. The victim was marking cross lines in the parking lot when she was hit by a car entering the parking lot. The driver, who is a local resident in his 50s, claimed that he was not aware of the woman's presence in the parking lot, and that he only found the woman stuck under his car after he sensed something was beneath the vehicle. The victim was sent to Conde S. Januário Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The driver has passed the breathalyzer test. The police authority is calling witnesses to provide more information on this incident.

NETO VALENTE ABDUCTOR SURRENDERED TO MACAU POLICE

A man involved in the 2001 abduction of lawyer Jorge Neto Valente was handed over to the Macau police authority on Saturday by its Zhuhai counterpart. The 49-year-old man was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his part in the abduction, which lasted for five days in 2001 until a response team rescued the lawyer, who had sustained a leg injury. In addition to his part in the abduction of Neto Valente, the man was also involved with a drug-related case in 2017 and sentenced to three years in prison. Having served his sentence in the neighboring city of Zhuhai, he has been surrendered to Macau authorities. The detained man has now begun serving his sentence at the Coloane Prison.

IPOR | JOAQUIM COELHO RAMOS

Portuguese renaissance positions the language

RENATO MARQUES

THE Portuguese language is facing a renaissance in Macau as it once again sees itself become a practical medium of communication, the Times has learned, contrary to its mostly 'ceremonial' or heritage role in the decades since the hand-over.

One year after his appointment as director of the Portuguese Institute of the Orient (IPOR), the Times spoke with Joaquim Coelho Ramos to learn more about the new developments of learning the Portuguese language in Macau as well as the upcoming challenges for the institution.

In an interview with the Times, Ramos noted his joy not only for the consistent growth of IPOR and its increasing number of students, but also for the fact that the Portuguese language has started to be regarded by the students as a working tool and not just as an emotional or heritage factor, which was a widely held view in the past.

Reviewing the work done in the past year, Ramos said, "I can make a very positive evaluation of this first year of work from an executive perspective. We have managed to respond to a growing demand that has been arriving at IPOR and we have been catering to a rising demand from children and youngsters, which was quite surprising for me."

For the IPOR director, the fact that more Chinese families with no direct bonds to Portugal or any Portuguese heritage opt for their children to learn Portuguese is very important.

"The families are understanding that the growth of the Portuguese language at an international level can work as a tool for the youngsters," he said, adding, "this seems to indicate that people are seeking to learn the Portuguese language to use it in their daily lives and in professional terms, although this is just our perception for the time being."

"We do not have the data properly [analyzed] yet and we will only address this situation with a concrete and clear view after each year, but I can say that for the time being most of our learners are young people, from Chinese families and without a clear or obvious link to Portugal or the Portuguese language," said Ramos.

He noted that this is "particularly interesting and it might indicate that somehow [...] the way the Portuguese language was seen has changed."

While in the past, the Portuguese basic courses directed at general learning and basic communication were most popular, now it seems that the growth in the num-

RENATO MARQUES



ber of learners in these courses has stabilized, giving way to a more significant increase in the courses that provide professional uses for the language. The growth has been seen mostly in the courses related to the fields of health, economics and administration.

Although the large majority of students are Chinese-speakers, the director noted that there are currently students from several countries such as Australia, the Czech Republic, and Russia, among others.

THE GROWING STATUS OF PORTUGUESE

With the Portuguese language continuously growing as a tool for professional applications, the director of IPOR noted also the increasing status of the language in Macau that has led to a rising demand in local schools.

"I have been seeing a growth in demand for teachers by the schools in general. I also have seen that more and more schools' pedagogical projects include Portuguese language learning. This has

to do with both the Portuguese language as a tool and as heritage," says Ramos.

According to Ramos, the increase in demand happens in both private and public schools and it is related to the present growth of

the status of the language due to government programs.

"In this chapter, I think that the local government has been cleverly exploring, for example, the Portuguese-speaking talents in arts and several areas of artistic fields to

make use of Portuguese-teaching," he said.

"This leads the way to the opening of new worlds through the language, which has been attracting talents from Portuguese-speaking countries to the region

LUSOPHONE WORLD TO BE AFRICA-CENTRIC BY 2050

THE majority of the world's Portuguese-language speakers will live in the continent of Africa by 2050, according to Portugal's Foreign Minister, diminishing the weight Brazil currently commands in the Lusophone world.

There are 250 million speakers of Portuguese around the world today, with Brazilians accounting for about four in every five of them. The weight of Brazil has allowed the country to exert a cultural influence on shaping what is regarded by some as a highly dynamic language.

But the Lusophone landscape will look markedly different in the next three decades, when the number of Portuguese speakers doubles on the back of surging growth in the for-

mer African colonies.

"The Portuguese tongue today is, above all, Brazilian," said Portugal's Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva, as cited by Agência Brasil. However, "the demographic growth of Angola and Mozambique, coupled with a decline in Brazil's population, will pull the pendulum of the Portuguese language towards the African continent."

Six of the nine nations of the Lusophone community are in Africa, namely Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique and São Tomé and Príncipe. The other members of the community are Portugal, Brazil, East Timor and the Chinese territory of Macau. **DB**

to permeate Chinese Macau

through the arts.”

Along with teaching the Portuguese language, the director of IPOR also notes that the institution aims to grow its cultural offerings as learning a language is inseparable from learning a culture.

“We are also managing to grow our cultural offer as we believe in the close relationship between the learning of the language and the learning of the Portuguese-speaking cultures,” he said. “There are several - and quite different - variations of Portuguese-speaking cultures and we take this into account all the time.”

Ramos also noted that the Portuguese language in local schools has been frequently attached to a government strategy concerning Portuguese-speaking countries. To progress further with the strategy, Ramos said that there is a need to reinforce Portuguese as a channel of communication.

“We can say that this is also connected with the Chinese initiative of investing in the long run in the Portuguese language as a channel for building and developing the ar-

tistic field, not just for appreciation but as wealth generation. This is something that is already a reality in several other countries,” Ramos said.

Noting his own personal experience, Ramos remarked that in countries such as the Czech Republic, art is seen as an asset and an important driver of the economy.

“Arts and culture, in general, can be used as a mechanism of tourism attraction and mechanism of job creation and creativity, which can then branch off to other areas such as design, electronic arts and information technology.”

FRIEND OR FOE: THE ROLE OF ENGLISH

With English on the rise in professional Macau, Ramos was asked about whether this European language is supportive or in competition with the learning of Portuguese.

Regarding competition between different languages, Ramos

remarked, “we are not in a logic of competition but, instead, in the logic of fluency.”

“All reasons for learning a language are good,” he stressed. “Languages have several mechanisms of attraction, one of them

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is emotional and another is more pragmatic. In what concerns to the second one it has more to do with the need for effective usage of language in professional terms and this usually relates to an interaction between languages.”

“In business terms, usually people seek to learn a language according to the market they want to reach,” added Ramos.

“I would say that, for example, in a context of Portuguese for economics purposes, English can be seen and used as a ‘reserve language,’ but we always try to use Portuguese as much as possible as it is proven by linguists that hearing - even if people are not fully understanding the message - is important in terms of getting in contact and learning a language.”

“[The English language] can work in support of Portuguese teaching, but this has to do mostly with the individual approach of each teacher and according to the needs of the students or the class that the teacher is teaching.”

“The idea we have here is not of competition with other languages, but of cooperation.

The same goes for other schools and institutions locally that teach Portuguese, many of them offering academic degrees,” he explained.

“Our logic is not to compete with them. We want to be com-

plementary. This is why it is working. I think this is a vision that should be nurtured and I am sure it will be, at least during this board of directors mandate.”

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ONGOING TRAINING

Despite the positive self-evaluation of the Institute's progress, there are still areas that require improvement and this poses a challenge to IPOR.

“There are still areas in which we still need to work more, for instance in the production of teaching materials. We need to update those materials, not just in textbooks but also in our own authentic and complementary materials such as lexical guidebooks. This is work that has been receiving a lot of attention from IPOR.”

Another challenge for IPOR is related to the continuous improvement of teaching quality, in which Ramos says that they are continuously carrying out training.

According to Ramos, “as someone once said, ‘It's not only in medicine that leaps forward happen, the same happens in pedagogy and linguistics and so we are allowing our colleagues to keep on training.’”

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HO IAT SENG URGES STUDY OF CONTENT, SPIRIT OF XI'S LETTER

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On, Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng and some members of the public have praised the letter to Macau senior citizens penned by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The next Chief Executive of Macau wants local residents to deepen their comprehension of Xi's message in the letter, while some senior citizens also regard the letter as being the best gift for Seniors' Day.

Thirty senior volunteers from the Ngai Chon Center of the General Union of Neighborhood Associations of Macau wrote a letter to Xi expressing their pride in being Chinese.

In his reply to the letter on Sunday, October 6, Xi expressed hopes for senior Macau citizens to "talk to Macau youth more about the stories before and after the Macau handover and encourage them to inherit the spirit of 'Love the



Country and Love Macau'."

On Monday, the office for the Chief Executive-elect issued Ho's opinion on Xi's reply, appealing for Macau people to fully comprehend Xi's message and fulfill his hopes for them.

"Macau people who experienced this historical

transformation [China's establishment and Macau handover] have the responsibility to tell the young people of Macau about the changes before and after the handover and let the young people understand the path of the hard-won 'One Country, Two Systems' practice, and en-

courage the youth to pass down the patriotic spirit [love the country, love Macau]," Ho's office wrote.

"The residents of Macau will surely and profoundly understand the content and spirit of President Xi's reply," Ho's office continued.

Besides Ho, the office of soon to depart Chief Executive Chui Sai On also responded to Xi's reply, having written four paragraphs with emotional words praising Xi's trust and encouragement towards Macau, and pledged the local government's future efforts in safeguarding patriotic sentiments in Macau.

Besides the two Chief Executives, one of the seniors who wrote the original letter to Xi, surnamed Chan, said that she was surprised by the fact that Xi replied, adding that the president's letter was the best gift for her for Senior's Day. **JZ**

GRAND PRIX MUSEUM OPENING POSTPONED

THE opening of the Macau Grand Prix Museum has been postponed to the first quarter of 2020, according to director of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes.

The museum, which was originally planned to open in the fourth quarter this year, has been postponed due to the testing of devices that will be installed inside the premises.

According to the MGTO director, the installing and testing of the devices has created difficulties which requires some time to be solved, causing the delay.

The MGTO director claimed that, despite spending more time preparing for the opening, the government will stick to its original budget for the museum, perhaps even spending less. The official clarified that the budget will "surely not" exceed its original amount.

The project had an esti-

mated budget of MOP380 million in 2016 when it was first presented by the government. That figure was later revised to MOP830 million to include the additional costs of purchasing all necessary equipment for the new museum to operate.

The Macau Grand Prix Museum opened in 1993 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Macau Grand Prix. In celebration of the 50th Macau Grand Prix, the Macao Government Tourism Office carried out extensive renovations and a modernization of the museum. The museum is located at the Tourism Activities Center.

Regarding the planned wine museum, the SAR government is still seeking a proper location. Previously, the local government had chosen a site in Coloane. However, the site was found too small in size, making it inadequate for hosting all of the artifacts and exhibits. **JZ**

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ExCo to face overhaul, speculate lawmakers

LAWMAKERS Pereira Coutinho and Sulu Sou expect an overhaul of the Executive Council when the new Chief Executive enters office, reported local Chinese newspaper Cheng Pou.

The expectation is based on the fact that the current members of the Council are to be awarded by the Macau Special Administrative Government.

Last week, the government announced the Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit awarded for 2019 by the Macau SAR. They are being given to 44 individuals and organizations in recognition of their achievements, outstanding contribu-

tions and distinguished service respectively.

Seven recipients of the awards are Executive Council members. According to Coutinho, this implies "mission accomplished." It offers the next Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, a mandate to replace all the members of the Council.

The two individuals who were awarded the Decoration of Honour - Golden Lotus are Liu Chak Wan, member of the Executive Council and of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and chancellor of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST); and Ma Iao Lai, a politician,

member of the CPPCC and of the Executive Council, and vice president of the Macao Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Council members Leonel Alves, Cheang Chi Keong, Ho Sut Heng, Eddie Wong Yue Kai, and Chan Chak Mo were the five people awarded a Decoration of Honour - Silver Lotus.

Holding a similar opinion to Coutinho, lawmaker Sulu Sou said he would not be surprised to see the Council overhauled.

The Executive Council operates under strict confidentiality, but Sou pointed out that residents can assess the council members' performance by the quality of policies, laws,

decrees and decisions proposed or issued by the administrative branch.

Sou thinks the public is aware of the administrative quality of the current government. He hopes that the incoming Chief Executive can appoint capable, competent and ethical people into the Council.

Regarding Chui's renewal of members' appointments in the various committees, both lawmakers criticized the practice. The most recent renewal was for the Economic Development Council. Coutinho thinks Chui's renewal or appointment of council members has left his successor, Ho, fewer options in hand. **AL**

PSP APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



ASSISTANT Commissioner Leong Heng Hong of the Public Security Police Force (PSP) assumed office as Deputy Commissioner yesterday, according to a statement from the government. The inauguration ceremony, which was held at the PSP Headquarters in the morning, was officiated by Commissioner Leong Man Cheong and witnessed by the heads of various departments.

Leong Heng Hong has served as Acting Deputy Commissioner of PSP since 1 May this year.

With his extensive policing experience and professional knowledge, Leong Heng Hong

has been promoted and awarded commendations for his outstanding work performance and excellent leadership.

After completing the 2nd Senior Police Officer Training Program organized by the Academy of Public Security Forces in 1996, Leong Heng Hong served as division head of the Macau Police Department, the Tactical Police Unit, the Islands Police Department and the Logistic Support and Services Division. In addition, he held other positions including the Head of the Intelligence Department and later the Head of the Operational Planning Department.

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BANGLADESH BANK OPENS FIRST OFFICE ON CHINESE MAINLAND

Bangladesh's Eastern Bank Limited (EBL) has opened its first representative office on the Chinese mainland, choosing the southern city of Guangzhou. Guangzhou is a city of great economic vitality and home to the China Import and Export Fair, said Ali Reza Iftekhhar, EBL's managing director. Bangladesh has seen frequent economic and trade exchanges with Guangzhou, where there are more than 100 Bangladesh enterprises, he said. Bangladesh has joined the Belt and Road Initiative, which provides opportunity for Bangladesh to improve its infrastructure and enhance investment, trade and connectivity with countries in South Asia, said Mohammad Showkat Ali Chowdhury, chairman of EBL. He said the Guangzhou office will be a bridge of trade and business between the two countries. Dhaka-based EBL is a commercial bank established in 1992.

SHENZHEN

MARINE ECONOMY EXPO TO ATTRACT INDUSTRY HEAVYWEIGHTS

The 2019 China Marine Economy Expo will be held in Shenzhen from October 14 to 17, bringing together industry heavyweights. Domestic marine economy leaders such as the China National Offshore Oil Corporation and the China State Shipbuilding Corporation will be joined by foreign giants including Royal Dutch Shell, Siemens and ABB at the country's premier expo for the sector. At least 420 firms and organizations from over 30 segments of the marine industry have confirmed participation in the upcoming event, according to state media Xinhua. The event is expected to showcase China's achievements in the marine economy and the latest progress in the global marine industry. The expo is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Guangdong provincial government. China's marine economy has registered steady growth over the years. In 2018, the sector's output surpassed 8 trillion yuan (about \$1.1 trillion), up 6.7 percent year-on-year, official data showed.

Carrie Lam vows to stop Hong

IAIN MARLOW & SHAWNA KWAN

HONG Kong's leader Carrie Lam said her government could handle growing violence without a military intervention by Beijing, but didn't rule out seeking China's help or invoking further emergency measures.

"I still strongly feel that we should find the solution ourselves," Lam told reporters Yesterday, before a meeting of the city's Executive Council. "That's also the position of the central government that Hong Kong should tackle the problem on our own. But if the situation becomes so bad, then no option should be ruled out, if we want Hong Kong to at least have another chance."

Lam condemned the weekend's violence and attacks on businesses, after demonstrators vandalized shops and paralyzed the city's transit system in some of the worst violence of the past four months. The chaos followed Lam's decision to ban protesters from wearing masks under the colonial-era Emergency Regulations Ordinance that could also be used to detain and arrest protesters and censor publications.

Although the weekend's events showed that protesters were still

able to draw tens of thousands of people into the streets, four months of tear gas, vandalism and transit network disruption are beginning to weigh on the financial hub. There's little prospect of a breakthrough, with Lam granting calls for tougher measures, days after using a town hall-style meeting to take the blame for the "entire unrest."

Lam has promised measures in her annual policy address next week to ease housing and income pressures that officials believe helped turn opposition to her extradition legislation into a broader democracy movement. But she acknowledged yesterday that she might not be able to deliver the speech in the Legislative Council for fear the chamber, which was ransacked by protesters on July 1, could again be besieged.

"She has handled the situation very badly," said Willy Lam, an adjunct professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Centre for China Studies. "The draconian nature of the invocation of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance contradicts the earlier atmosphere of reconciliation promoted by that town hall meeting."

The fierce clashes - and the spec-

ter of Beijing deploying its People's Liberation Army troops in the city - have drawn condemnation from officials from the U.S., the U.K. and others. Congress is considering bipartisan legislation that would establish annual reviews to determine whether Hong Kong is sufficiently autonomous to justify continuing its special trading status.

On Monday, U.S. President Donald Trump warned Beijing that trade talks between the two sides could suffer if the country does anything "bad" to try and end protests in Hong Kong. "They have to do that in a peaceful manner," he told reporters at the White House.

Lam said that her visit to Beijing for China's National Day parade on Oct. 1 had been brief and didn't include any business meetings with central government officials. No such discussions or interactions have taken place," she said.

Hong Kong's visitor arrivals fell by more than half from Oct. 1-6, a "golden week" when mainland tourists usually flood the city's low-tax shops during the long holiday. Instead, banks, supermarkets, malls and train stations closed as protesters clashed with police and vandalized mainland-linked businesses across the city.

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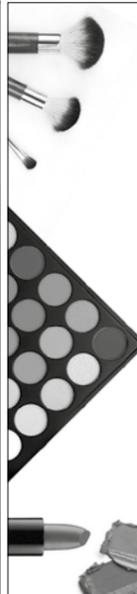
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Kong's 'limitless and lawless' violence

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Lam pledged support to affected industries and called for developers and store owners to provide relief. She didn't rule out the possibility of further measures under the emergency law, which was last used more than a half century ago to put down leftist riots, to address "such a changing situation."

"What I can assure you is the government will take a very serious view and very careful assessment before the ERO is to be invoked again," Lam said.

The dramatic scenes last weekend - including the shooting of a second protester in less than a week - were the latest in months of demonstrations broke out in opposition to Lam's now-scraped legislation that would've allowed extraditions to mainland China. The protests have morphed into the most serious challenge to Beijing's rule since Hong Kong returned to Chinese control in 1997.

While many blame Lam, who's approval rating has been stuck near record lows for months, the protesters are also testing the patience of more moderate supporters, such as retail workers and investors whose lives have been increasingly affected by the chaos.

"People's normal lifestyle have been disrupted and there are many people who have lost money," said Willy Lam. "It's possible that this critical juncture has happened - and that is the radical fringe overall has lost the support of the general public."

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HKEX ABANDONS BID FOR LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

HONG Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. abruptly dropped its 29.6 billion-pound (\$36.4 billion) unsolicited takeover bid for London Stock Exchange Group Plc after a sharp rebuke from the U.K. company and a consistent thumbs-down from shareholders.

The decision is a rare setback for HKEX Chief Executive Officer Charles Li, who saw London at the center of trading between Eastern and Western markets. The withdrawal leaves LSE free to pursue its \$27 billion takeover of Refinitiv, taking the 300-year-old bourse further away from a traditional exchange model and deeper into big data.

Li said yesterday that the "vision for the business looking forward is to build upon the role we already play in Hong Kong, China, Asia and more widely." A spokeswoman for LSE declined to comment.

Before yesterday's about-face, the region's largest exchange by revenue struggled to regain momentum after last month's stinging rebuke from LSE's board. HKEX executives met LSE shareholders in London and New York to try to gain their backing for the takeover plan. The bourse also was in talks to borrow as much as 8 billion pounds to fund the purchase.

While the HKEX's board continues to see a com-

bination as "strategically compelling," it's "disappointed that it has been unable to engage with the management of LSEG in realizing this vision, and as a consequence has decided it is not in the best interests of HKEX shareholders to pursue this proposal," the exchange said in a filing yesterday.

Li's LSE counterpart, David Schwimmer, has said he preferred direct access to China and didn't need the former British colony as a conduit. LSE last month rejected HKEX's initial takeover proposal, citing complications ranging from political unrest in Hong Kong to potential problems with regulators.

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BLIZZARD BANS GAMER ON HK PROTEST SUPPORT

A unit of Activision Blizzard Inc. has punished a player for expressing support for Hong Kong's protest movement, the latest example of a U.S. company attempting to rein in speech that might displease the Chinese communist party.

Blizzard Entertainment said it was banning Ng Wai Chung, also known as Blitzchung, from its professional Hearthstone esports competition for a year. Blizzard is also withholding money he had already earned in the company's top-tier Grandmasters tournament, which Ng said in a Twitter message cost him \$10,000 of prize earnings. The move was triggered when Ng - dressed in a gas mask and goggles

in defiance of authorities' ban on face masks - used a slogan in support of Hong Kong's pro-democracy protesters during a post-match interview.

"After an investigation, we are taking the necessary actions to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future," Blizzard said in a statement. On Chinese microblogging site Weibo, the official account of Hearthstone reposted Blizzard's statement in Chinese. "We will, as always, resolutely safeguard the country's dignity," it added.

Activision Blizzard joins a number of international companies finding themselves embroiled in controversy around free

speech linked to China. Luxury brands like Versace, Coach and Givenchy have all fallen foul of Beijing's demands to refer to both Hong Kong and Taiwan as parts of its territory and not suggest they are independent nations.

Activision Blizzard has tie-ups with Chinese gaming houses Tencent Holdings Ltd. and NetEase Inc. to distribute - and in some cases co-develop - new entries in beloved franchises like Call of Duty and Diablo in the world's biggest video game market and beyond. There's a lot at stake for the company, which happens to be part-owned by Tencent, as it ventures deeper into China. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

TOURISM

NEW PORTS LURE ASIA'S BIGGEST CRUISE SHIP TO THE PHILIPPINES

DITAS LOPEZ

THE Philippines, a country of more than 7,600 islands where you're rarely more than a few miles from the sea, wants a bigger slice of Asia's growing cruise-tourism industry.

For years the Southeast Asian nation has lagged behind its neighbors in attracting cruise visitors, partly because of spotty infrastructure. That's bound to change as more ports are built and officials look at cruise tourism as a key source of arrivals.

With the economy in danger of notching its slowest expansion since 2011, attracting tourists is a key focus of efforts to boost growth. Tourism accounted for 12.7% of the Philippines' gross domestic product last year, already beating the government's goal of 10% by 2022. Government officials are revising up the targets in the country's tourism development plan.

"There is great potential in cruise tourism," Tourism Undersecretary Benito Bengzon told Bloomberg by email. "While our Asian neighbors have the advantage of a regional land connectivity, our archipelago is ideal for cruise tourism."

The Philippines' cruise strategy focuses on Manila, Boracay and Puerto Princesa, as well as potential new destinations in the northern part of Luzon, the country's main island. Salomague Port in Ilocos Sur province, scheduled to open this month, will receive Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.'s biggest ship in Asia in December; the "Spectrum of the Seas" will return again in January and February.

In April 2021, Manila's first cruise-dedicated port is scheduled to



A view of the deck from the NorthStar capsule on The Spectrum of the Seas cruise ship. The ship, operated by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.'s cruise line brand Royal Caribbean International, sits berthed at the Marina Bay Cruise Center in Singapore

open at the Solaire Cruise Center. "These cruise ports will allow more access to the Philippines and encourage more shorter itineraries from north Asian markets like China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan," Bengzon said.

Cruise tourism brings large numbers of people to concentrated areas for brief periods, multiplying and focusing the economic impact. At a recent trade show, government officials and representatives of major cruise lines

discussed the possibility of adding the Philippines to Asian itineraries from 2020.

The private sector is on board for the infrastructure push.

"Cruise calls in Manila, and the Philippines in general, have been growing quite strongly," said Enrique Razon, chairman of casino-resort operator Bloomberry Resorts Corp. "Aside from Manila, we're looking for one cruise-ship facility in the north and possibly two in the south."

International Container Terminal Services Inc., also owned by Razon, is looking to invest 8.7 billion pesos (\$168 million) to upgrade a port in the central Philippine province of Iloilo, which the company says may eventually include a terminal for cruise-ship passengers.

Tourism has been growing steadily in the Philippines in recent years, reaching 7.2 million visitors last year and 4.85 million in the first seven months of 2019.

The government's target is about 8.2 million visitors for 2019 and 12 million by the end of 2022, but that still pales next to Thailand, which expects more than 40 million tourists this year.

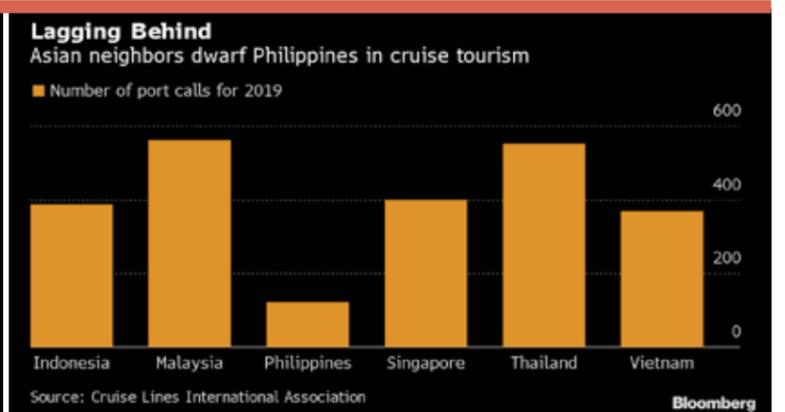
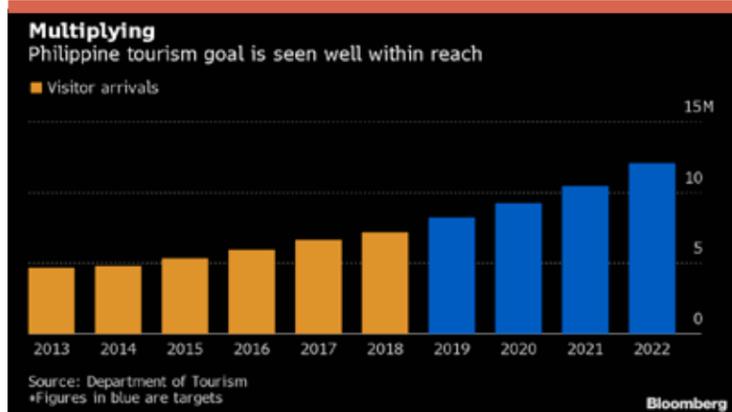
Employment in tourism and related industries has been rising faster than overall job growth. Tourism accounted for 13.4% of Philippine jobs in 2018, projected to rise to 14.4% by 2022, according to the Department of Tourism.

Central bank Governor Benjamin Diokno said the amount of foreign currency tourism brings into the country should rise now that Boracay island, which was closed for six months last year for environmental rehabilitation, has reopened to tourists.

While cruise arrivals can spur development of new tourist spots, they have more environmental impact than land-based tourism, said Robert Dan Roces, chief economist at Security Bank Corp. in Manila. Sometimes dubbed "floating cities," cruise ships have a relatively large carbon footprint, dump fuel into the ocean and leave a lot of waste at their destinations.

Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo Puyat is urging more support for sustainable tourism to spread benefits throughout the country.

"After all, tourism is everybody's business," she said in a statement. **BLOOMBERG**



CORPORATE BITS

Sands China says Art Macao contribution seen by 8 million



With Sands China's All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics wrapping up today, the museum-quality exhibition has been seen by over 8 million visitors to date, the gaming operator announced

in a statement. Sands China's All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics features over 90 ceramic masterpieces by outstanding ceramic artists from 13 different countries and regions.

In preparation for the exhibition, more than 130 frontline team members and docents underwent training of the exhibition in order to better serve visitors and guests.

The exhibition mobilized over 20 internal departments and more than 180 workers for its installation.

Students from local universities were invited to serve as exhibition docents, creating an interactive platform for them to gain in-depth knowledge of the artists and their works. The gaming operator said that they have hosted tours to nearly 600 visitors from over 30 groups from local and overseas universities, community partners and art associations.

Melco executives visit Zhuhai to better understand Greater Bay



Melco Resorts & Entertainment chairman & CEO Lawrence Ho recently paid a visit to the city of Zhuhai with a team of the company's senior executives as part of the Melco initiative 'Splendors of

China.' The visit is the first in a series to enhance and strengthen Melco management team's understanding of the Greater Bay Area, with further trips being planned to Shenzhen

and Guangzhou in the coming months, the gaming operator said in a statement.

The Melco team visited the Hengqin integrated tourism and entertainment project Novotown, visiting Lionsgate Entertainment World and National Geographic Ultimate Explorer within the complex.

The team also visited Gree Electric Appliances' headquarters in Zhuhai, visiting the company's display hall, production line and laboratory.

Ho said, "visiting our neighboring city of Zhuhai to learn about its impressive developments over the past few years, as well as the city's positioning within the Greater Bay Area has been inspirational."

IAIN MARLOW

SEVENTY years after the founding of the People's Republic of China, President Xi Jinping is nearing a goal that was only a distant dream for Mao Zedong: Getting every country in the world to drop diplomatic recognition of Taiwan.

The decision of two Pacific Island states to switch relations to Beijing from Taipei in recent weeks leaves the Republic of China - the government forced off the mainland by Mao's forces in 1949 - with just 15 formal diplomatic partners. President Tsai Ing-wen's security council acknowledged last month that the island could lose as many as two more allies this year, as Xi accelerates efforts to isolate her pro-independence party.

The approaching milestone raises as many questions for Xi as it does for Tsai, as she faces a re-election fight against a China-friendly rival in January. While the diplomatic squeeze may make some voters feel it's futile to resist unification with the mainland, it also risks backfiring and bolstering those who have long argued for replacing the ROC with a Republic of Taiwan.

"If China wants to strangle us in international society, they could try to force all our allies to shift recognition from Taiwan to Beijing, then we'd be totally isolated and it would be hard for Taiwan to claim we're a country and not another province of China," said Liu Birong, a political science professor at Taiwan's Soochow University. "Maybe people will eventually declare independence or something. And the result will be a disaster."

A move toward independence in Taipei could spark a regional crisis because China hasn't ruled out military force to prevent Taiwan's from formally breaking away and Washington is obliged to help the island defend itself under a 1979 law. Support for Taiwan has grown in the U.S. in recent years as China hawks look for ways to check Beijing's rising global influence.

The U.S. is making a concerted show of support as Taiwan prepares to mark its own national day tomorrow. Senator Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, will attend celebrations. Sandra Oudkirk, deputy assistant secretary of state for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands; Representative Sean Maloney, a New York Democrat; and Sarah Sanders, the former White House Press Secretary, are also in Taipei.

Reducing Taiwan to zero diplomatic allies would complete a slow exodus that began when Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek fled across the Taiwan Strait during a bloody civil war with Mao's Communists. The biggest shock came in the 1970s, when the U.S. broke ties with

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Gov't's diplomatic squeeze on Taiwan risks backfiring on Xi

Taipei in favor of Beijing.

While Taiwan's citizens and investors can still travel around the world and conduct business thanks to informal understandings and a patchwork of trade partnerships, it's unclear how long that can last. China could next use its economic influence to curb Taiwan's informal ties, as well, such as when Nigeria ordered Taipei to move its trade mission out of the country's capital in 2017.

"Solomon Islands wasn't lured away by Beijing, Taiwan lost it," Hu Xijin the editor in chief of the Communist Party's Global Times newspaper, wrote on Twitter after the country cut ties. "It's a natural result

of huge gap of strength between Chinese mainland & Taiwan. The US, Australia all have diplomatic relations with China, why can't the small countries?"

For most of the past 70 years, Taiwan has been governed by Chiang's Kuomintang, which sees itself the rightful rulers of "one

China," and is thus sympathetic to Beijing's hope for an eventual union. But a younger generation of China skeptics who view Taiwan as already independent has eroded the KMT's influence amid the island's shift to democracy, culminating in the Democratic Progressive Party's unprecedented sweep of the presidency and parliament in 2016.

China's successful wooing of the Solomon Islands and Kiribati last month - the latest of seven nations to cut ties with Taiwan since

China could next use its economic influence to curb Taiwan's informal ties

Tsai's election -- underscores the costs of defying Xi. Tsai's KMT opponent, Kaohsiung Mayor Han Kuo-yu, has described the Jan. 11 election as a choice between "peace or crisis" and earlier this year said that peace talks with Beijing were "inevitable."

But the diplomatic pressure

could also turn voters away from China, especially as months of pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong highlight apprehension about Beijing's rule. Tsai's poll numbers have surged back in recent months after she became one of the Hong Kong protesters' most high-profile supporters.

China fired missiles into the Taiwan Strait before the island's first direct presidential election in 1996, only to see the candidate it opposed win and turnout reach 76%. Beijing's efforts to isolate

Tsai have helped ensure that the future of Taiwan's relationship with the mainland will dominate the debate in the coming election.

"My feeling is it could backfire," said Graeme Smith, a fellow in the department of Pacific affairs at the Australian National University. "When China has been overly aggressive around elections, it has played in the DPP's favor. It could be another case of them not understanding

how democracies work."

Taiwan wouldn't be completely isolated, even if it loses every formal ally. Foreign officials from places like the U.S., Japan and Europe occasionally visit Taipei, a form of de facto recognition, and Taiwan also maintains memberships in some international agencies including the World Trade Organization and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

That said, the trend of countries abandoning Taiwan looks likely to continue. In a bid to firm up ties, Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu met with leaders from the island nations of Palau and Nauru as they stopped over in Taipei.

"One interpretation is that these switches indicate Tsai Ing-wen's clear failure to manage the cross-Strait relationship," said Kharis Templeman, a Taiwan expert and political scientist at Stanford University. "Another interpretation is that Taiwan is facing an unprecedented threat from Beijing, poaching allies makes this threat even more salient to the average Taiwanese voter." **BLOOMBERG**

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NBA CHIEF DEFENDS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN FACE OFF WITH CHINA

IAIN MARLOW
& JON HERSKOVITZ

AS China's outrage against the National Basketball Association intensified in the wake of a tweet over the Hong Kong protests, the U.S. league dug its heels in to defend freedom of expression.

Hours after China's state television and Tencent Holdings Ltd. said that they would halt airing and streaming pre-season games in the country with 800 million fans, Commissioner Adam Silver told reporters yesterday that the NBA won't tell people what they can or can't say.

"It is inevitable that people around the world -- including from America and China -- will have different viewpoints over different issues," Silver said in a separate statement issued before the press conference. "However, the NBA will not put itself in a position of regulating what players, employees and team owners say or will not say on these issues. We simply could not operate that way."

His comments puts the NBA in direct confrontation with Beijing, which has viewed any hint of support for the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong as a challenge to the nation's sovereignty. Daryl Morey, general manager of the Houston Rockets basketball team, triggered the controversy with his tweet Friday -- deleted later -- supporting the demonstrators. That sparked fury from

supporters of the Communist government, casting a shadow over NBA's ties with one of its most promising markets.

Silver declined to apologize for the tweet, but said that he regretted the consequences. "It's not something that we expected to happen," he told reporters.

"I think it's unfortunate," he said, referring to China's decision not to broadcast some of the games.

"To the extent that we are upsetting people, I regret that," he said.

The pro-democracy movement that has rocked Hong Kong since June has become a red line for companies doing business in China. The targeting of NBA by China is the latest episode of China flexing its muscle against businesses that have failed to toe its official line. Coming under intense pressure after some employees participated in the marches, the chief executive officer and the chairman of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. stepped down, as the carrier cracked down on its workers.

"The implicit threat is that there will be a price to pay for companies that do not actively support Beijing's political stance on Hong Kong," said Hugo Brennan, principal Asia analyst at global risk consultancy Verisk Maplecroft. "This trend is an emerging risk for corporates of all stripes

that have exposure to the mainland market."

CCTV, Tencent

China's CCTV said yesterday that it would halt broadcasts of NBA's pre-season games and that it's investigating "all cooperation and exchanges with the NBA,"

"NBA will not put itself in a position of regulating what players, employees and team owners say or will not say on these issues."

ADAM SILVER
NBA COMMISSIONER

which would include the broadcast of its full season. Tencent, which has the rights for digital broadcasts, followed with its announcement within hours.

While Morey's tweet incited anger in China, Silver's comments to Kyodo Newsearlier defending the Rockets official's right to freedom of expression sparked further outrage, resulting in CCTV's decision.

The broadcaster pointed specifically to Silver's comments as the reason for its decision. "We strongly object to this statement," the post said. "We believe that any comment that challenges China's

sovereignty does not belong in the scope of free expression."

The issue of foreign support for Hong Kong protesters is particularly sensitive for Chinese officials, who have previously accused demonstrators of advocating independence, as well as seeking support from external governments, said Shen Dingli, a Shanghai-based international relations professor.

The NBA furor also came against the backdrop of a broader clampdown by the Trump administration on China's ambitions. Having already blocked Huawei Technologies Co., Washington placed eight other technology giants on a blacklist Monday, accusing them of being implicated in human rights violations. China signaled yesterday that it would hit back.

The fallout between China and the NBA has transformed what was supposed to be a high-profile promotional week for the league in one of its biggest markets into a public-relations disaster.

Celebrities and fans said they would skip the exhibition games this week in China where top stars like LeBron James were scheduled to play, while an NBA charity event at a Shanghai primary school was canceled yesterday. A game between Los Angeles Lakers and New York Nets is

scheduled in Shanghai on Thursday, while another is slated in Shenzhen for Saturday.

Chinese sponsors including sportswear maker Li Ning Co. have already suspended ties with the Rockets and broadcasters stopped airing their games. Sports forum Hupu said it has blocked all Rockets-related news, streaming and comments. Vivo, a Chinese smartphone maker and one of NBA's biggest sponsors in the country, said yesterday it will suspend all its cooperation with the league.

Because CCTV is a monopoly, the NBA likely doesn't make as much money from its broadcast rights in China than it does in the U.S., where bidding wars between TV networks pushes the price up.

But Chinese state broadcasts of NBA games was what introduced professional basketball to the country: CCTV showed its first NBA game in 1987, familiarizing millions of Chinese people to stars like Magic Johnson at a time when the Chinese economy and society were still shut off from the outside world.

China's love of the NBA has only grown since: 800 million people now watch its programming on various platforms every year. Tencent Holdings Ltd. reportedly paid \$1.5 billion earlier this year for the NBA's digital rights for the next five years.

Silver said he was looking forward to talks with appropriate officials to discuss where the league stands when he travels to Shanghai.

"This issue may not die so quickly," he said. **BLOOMBERG**



Samsung Electronics Co.'s de facto leader, Jay Y. Lee

Samsung billionaire heir to cede board seat before bribery probe

SOHEE KIM

SAMSUNG Electronics Co.'s de facto leader, Jay Y. Lee, plans to give up his board seat after his directorship expires late October as he prepares for another trial over alleged bribery, a person familiar with the matter said.

The billionaire heir won't seek to extend his three-year term on the board of the tech behemoth when it ends Oct. 26, but will remain at the helm of the world's largest chip and smartphone maker, the person said, asking not to be named because of the sensitivity of the issue. Lee will instead continue to run Samsung

Electronics with the title of vice chairman though its board will stay central to overall management, the person added.

The 51-year-old is putting some distance between himself and Korea's largest conglomerate ahead of a re-trial over bribery charges that could land him back in jail. He faces addi-

tional allegations in a landmark case that inflamed popular anger over the chaebols that control the country's economy and helped bring down former president Park Geun-hye. Lee may be pre-empting a backlash over his re-seeking a board position - which requires shareholder approval - while contesting a

months-long legal case.

When Lee joined the board in 2016, it was deemed a symbolic move to step out from under the shadow of his ailing father and consolidate his power over Samsung. His ascension was intended to shore up his position as a leader who drives strategic initiatives such as mergers and acquisitions.

Yet months later, Lee's fortunes reversed. Caught up in a nationwide scandal, Lee spent about a year in prison battling accusations that he offered horses and funds to a confidante of then-president Park in return for support of a 2015 merger that cemented his control over the Samsung group.

Since his release in 2018, Lee has been busily re-cultivating an image as the face of successful Korean business. He joined President Moon Jae-in on visits to India and Pyongyang, and expanded his network via meetings with financier Mohammed bin Salman and Indian tycoon Mukesh Ambani.

The only son of Chairman Lee Kun-hee will remain Samsung's overseer for the time being, grappling with a laundry list of tasks including steering Samsung through a severe industry downturn. The company's operating income fell more than 50% in the September quarter, though that was less of a decline than anticipated.

As Lee has stressed in a series of press releases, the company needs to continue to invest in future businesses such as logic chips and even sixth-generation mobile networks to overcome growing uncertainty. **BLOOMBERG**

Japan protests to N. Korea over sea collision, vows firm steps

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JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday that Tokyo has lodged a protest with Pyongyang over a collision between a North Korean fishing boat that illegally entered Japan's exclusive economic zone and a Japanese patrol boat, pledging to step up measures against foreign poachers.

Japanese authorities on Monday rescued about 60 North Korean fishermen who were thrown to the sea after their ship collided with a Japanese Fisheries Agency inspection vessel and sank in Japan's exclusive economic zone off the country's northern coast.

Abe told parliament on yesterday that the authorities helped the fishermen



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onto another North Korean ship and let them go rather than arrest them for criminal investigation due to lack of evidence showing illegal fishing.

But Abe said that doesn't mean Japan is looking the other way.

"The government of Japan will continue to respond resolutely to prevent

illegal operations by foreign fishing boats inside of our exclusive economic zone," he said, adding that Tokyo protested to Pyongyang via a diplomatic

channel in Beijing.

Japan and North Korea have no diplomatic ties. The two countries have disputes over Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, as well as North Korea's nuclear and missile development and its abduction of Japanese citizens in the 1970s and 1980s. Abe has been pushing for his first summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to resolve the abduction issue.

Japan's exclusive economic zone, or EEZ, is a 200-mile (322-kilometer) zone where it has the right to all resources, from fish to natural gas.

The site of Monday's collision, near an area known as a rich ground for squid fishing, has been crowded with North Korean poachers in recent years. Ex-

perts say the increase is due to Pyongyang's campaign to boost fish harvests.

"It makes me angry when I imagine the Japanese fishermen's concerns," said Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Taku Eto, referring to the North Korean ship's entry into the EEZ on Monday.

The Japanese Fisheries Agency's patrol ship returned to a nearby port yesterday for inspection. Television footage showed no major external damage to the ship except for some scratches on its bow, though it was not immediately known if they were caused by the collision.

Coast guard officials were expected to ask the patrol ship's captain and crew members to provide details of how the collision occurred. **AP**

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UK says chances of Brexit deal slim; EU chides 'blame game'

JILL LAWLESS
& RAF CASERT, LONDON

BRTAIN and the European Union traded bad-tempered barbs yesterday, as the chances of a Brexit deal appeared to fade, with just over three weeks until the U.K.'s scheduled departure from the bloc.

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's office blamed EU intransigence for a breakdown in negotiations, sparking a warning from a top EU leader against playing a "stupid blame game."

Johnson's office gave a gloomy assessment after a call between Johnson and German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday morning.

In a statement to British media, Downing St. said Merkel had told the prime minister that "a deal is overwhelmingly unlikely" unless Northern Ireland remains in a customs union with the EU — something the U.K. says it can't allow.

Downing St. said that "if this represents a new established position, then it means a deal is essentially impossible not just now but ever."

The German government confirmed that Merkel and Johnson had spoken by phone yesterday. It didn't comment on the substance of the discussion, saying in an emailed response to a query that "as usual, we are not reporting on such confidential conversations."

The EU denied its position had changed. European Commission spokeswoman Mina Andreeva said "the EU position has not changed. We want a deal. We are working for a deal with the U.K."

European Council President



Donald Tusk tweeted testily that "what's at stake is not winning some stupid blame game."

"At stake is the future of Europe and the UK as well as the security and interests of our people,"

he said, addressing Johnson. "You don't want a deal, you don't want an extension, you don't want to revoke, quo vadis?" — a Latin phrase meaning "where are you going?"

Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney tweeted that it was "hard to disagree"

with Tusk's statement, saying it reflected "frustration across EU and the enormity of what's at stake for us all."

EU leaders have demanded more "realism" from Britain in response to a Brexit plan proposed

by Johnson. The bloc says the proposals don't fulfil the U.K.'s commitment to a frictionless border between Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Johnson, meanwhile, has ur-

berately undermining the Brexit talks. Keir Starmer, Brexit spokesman for the main opposition Labor Party, said the Downing St. statement was "yet another cynical attempt by No. 10 to sabotage the negotiations."

"Boris Johnson will never take responsibility for his own failure to put forward a credible deal. His strategy from day one has been for a no-deal Brexit."

KEIR STARMER
BREXIT SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOR PARTY

ged the bloc to compromise.

French President Emmanuel Macron has said the EU will assess by Friday whether a deal is possible.

Johnson's opponents in Britain accused the government of deli-

berately undermining the Brexit talks. Keir Starmer, Brexit spokesman for the main opposition Labor Party, said the Downing St. statement was "yet another cynical attempt by No. 10 to sabotage the negotiations."

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who opposes Brexit, tweeted: "The UK government's attempts to shift the blame for the Brexit fiasco to anyone but themselves - today it's Merkel - is patetically transparent."

Johnson insists the U.K. will leave the EU on Oct. 31 even without a deal.

Yesterday, Britain published more details of its plans for a no-deal Brexit, which the government says can minimize any economic shock from leaving without a deal.

Economists and major business groups warn that no amount of preparation can eliminate the pain of new barriers with the EU, which accounts for almost half of U.K. trade.

Many in the EU — and in Britain — are skeptical that Britain will leave the bloc on Oct. 31, because the U.K. Parliament has passed a law compelling the government to ask the EU for a delay to Brexit if no deal is agreed upon by Oct. 19.

Johnson says he will obey the law, but will not ask for a delay. It's not clear how those two statements can be reconciled — but it's clear Johnson wants to pin the blame for any delay on Parliament and the EU, so that he can campaign as a champion of Brexit in a U.K. election that's likely to be called soon.

The U.K. Parliament is set to be suspended later yesterday so that a new session can begin next week with a major policy speech from Johnson's Conservative government.

An earlier attempt by the government to shut down Parliament for five weeks was ruled illegal by the U.K. Supreme Court because it had the effect of preventing Parliament from scrutinizing the government's Brexit plans. This week's shorter suspension is more routine. Lawmakers will return on Monday for the State Opening of Parliament, which includes a speech delivered by Queen Elizabeth II outlining the government's legislative plans.

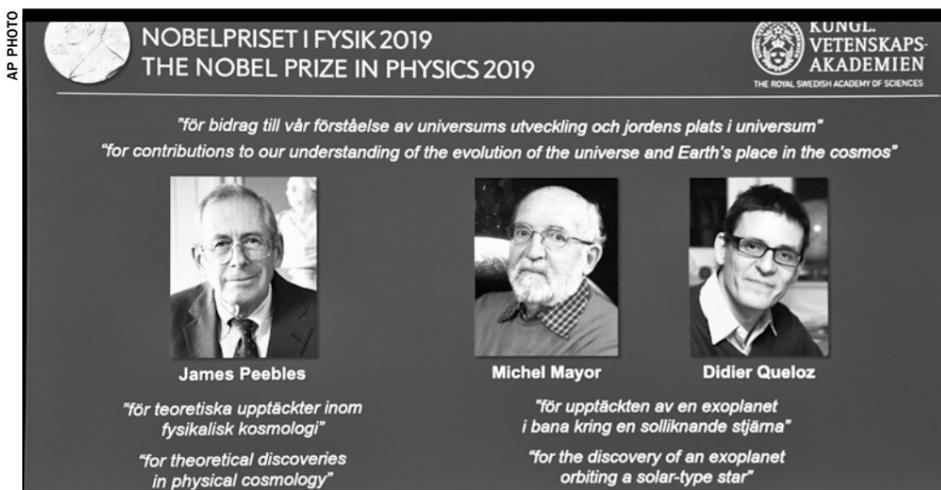
But most of those plans may be halted by an early election. Both government and the opposition see a national vote as the only way to break Britain's Brexit deadlock, though they disagree on the timing. AP

3 win Nobel Prize in Physics for work to understand cosmos

DAVID KEYTON,
STOCKHOLM

ACanadian-American cosmologist and two Swiss scientists won this year's Nobel Prize in Physics yesterday for their work in understanding how the universe has evolved from the Big Bang and the blockbuster discovery of the first known planet outside our solar system.

Canadian-born James Peebles, 84, of Princeton University, was credited for "theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology" and Switzerland's Michel



Mayor, 77, and Didier Queloz, 53, each from the University of Geneva, were ho-

nored for discovering "an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star," said Prof. Goran

Hansson, secretary general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Peebles, hailed as one of the most influential cosmologists of his time, will collect one half of the 9-million kronor (USD918,000) cash award, and the Swiss men will share the other half.

The Nobel committee said Peebles' theoretical framework about the cosmos — and its billions of galaxies and galaxy clusters — amounted to "the foundation of our modern understanding of the universe's history, from the Big Bang to the present day."

His work set the stage for a "transformation" of

cosmology over the last half-century, using theoretical tools and calculations that helped interpret traces from the infancy of the universe, the committee said. Peebles is the Albert Einstein Professor of Science at Princeton.

Mayor and Queloz were credited having "started a revolution in astronomy" notably with the discovery of exoplanet 51 Pegasi B, a gaseous ball comparable with Jupiter, in 1995 — a time when, as Mayor recalled — that "no one knew whether exoplanets existed or not." AP

what's ON



CELEBRATION OF THE MOON – MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2019

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)
12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: November 1, 2019

VENUE: Patio and Hall D1, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

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A CHERISHED MEMORY FROM 1999 – ARCHIVES EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF MACAU TO THE MOTHERLAND

TIME: 10am-6pm (closed on Mondays and public holidays)

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THE GOLDEN AGE OF ARABIC SCIENCE: EXHIBITION FROM 1001 INVENTIONS

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

UNTIL: October 27, 2019

VENUE: Gallery 2, Exhibition Center, Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (several discounts available)

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QUIETNESS AND CLARITY: WORKS OF CHEN ZHIPO FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE NANJING MUSEUM

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UNTIL: November 17, 2019

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art

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Offbeat

POLICE: POWER TOOL USED TO VANDALIZE 'AMERICA'S STONEHENGE'



Police in New Hampshire say it appears someone used a power tool to vandalize a stone at group of rock configurations called America's Stonehenge.

The vandalism was reported to the Salem police Sunday by the property's owners. The stone was knocked over.

Police also said an 18-inch wooden cross was suspended between two trees, and several photos and hand-drawn images were attached to it. Police haven't identified anyone in the photos.

They believe the person or persons involved were trying to reenact a scene in a fictional book that features America's Stonehenge.

America's Stonehenge, which features cave-like, granite enclosures, has drawn believers who say it's a thousand or more years old, and skeptics who say the evidence suggests it was the work of a 19th century shoemaker.

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18:55	TDM Entrevista (Repetição)
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3 - Oct - 9 Oct



JOKER

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min

ABOMINABLE

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30pm

Director: Jil Culton

Starring: Patrick Tam, Michael Tong, Jade Leung

Language: Chinese (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

THE CLIMBERS

ROOM 2

9:30pm

Director: Daniel Lee

Starring: Jing Wu, Ziyi Zhang, Yi Zhang

Language: Putonghua (Chinese/ English)

Duration: 125min



AD ASTRA

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: James Gray

Starring: Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga

Language: English

Duration: 123min

this day in history



1967 CHE GUEVARA 'SHOT DEAD'

Marxist revolutionary Ernesto 'Che' Guevara has reportedly been killed during a battle between army troops and guerrillas in the Bolivian jungle.

A statement issued by the commander of the Eighth Bolivian Army Division, Colonel Joaquin Zenteno Anaya, said the 39-year-old guerrilla leader was shot dead near the jungle village of Higuera, in the south-east of the country.

Guevara, former right-hand man to Cuban prime minister, Fidel Castro, disappeared from the political scene in April 1965 and his whereabouts have been much debated since.

His death has been reported several times during the past two-and-a-half years, in the Congo and in the Dominican Republic, but has never been proven.

In his statement, Colonel Anaya said Guevara was one of six guerrillas killed in today's battle. It is understood five Bolivian soldiers were also killed in the clash.

Guevara's body is due to be flown by helicopter to La Paz later today. It is understood that his hands have been amputated for identification purposes.

Argentine-born Che Guevara, an experienced guerrilla leader, was a member of Fidel Castro's "26th of July Movement" which seized power in Cuba in 1959.

He rose quickly through the political ranks, becoming head of the National Bank and ultimately Minister of Industries, and many saw him as the intellectual force behind Castro's government.

But amid rumours of differences with Castro, largely on guerrilla warfare policies, and a desire to further his revolutionary ideals in other parts of Latin America, he resigned in April 1965 and disappeared. Some say he was dismissed although there has never been evidence of this.

It is known he still maintained ties with the Organisation for Latin American Solidarity (OLAS), a group dedicated to "uniting, coordinating and stepping-up the struggle against United States imperialism on the part of all the exploited peoples of Latin America."

His death comes less than two months after an OLAS conference in Havana which highlighted the need for further armed guerrilla action in South America.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A post mortem examination on Che Guevara's body, carried out two days after his death, suggested he had not in fact been killed in battle but had been captured and executed a day later.

His body was buried in an unmarked grave near Valle Grande and his remains were not found until June 1997, when they were returned to Cuba.

Following his death, Guevara became a hero of Third World socialist revolutionary movements and remains a much-admired romantic figure to this day.

He was born Ernesto Rafael Guevara de la Serna in Rosario, Argentina on 14 June 1928.

As a teenager he was reading left-wing literature, by Marx and Lenin, and frequently took part in riots against the Peronistas in Argentina.

He qualified as a doctor in 1953 but left Argentina soon afterwards to travel around South America, during which time he became involved in many left-wing movements.

Bitterly anti-American, he joined forces with Castro in Mexico in 1956 and was one of 12 survivors of the failed Cuban take-over in the same year.

It was also during 1956 that he married his first wife, Peruvian Hilda Gadea, with whom he had one child, but the couple were divorced soon afterwards.

He escaped to the Sierra Maestra, Cuba's vast mountain range, where he established a guerrilla force and from where the successful take-over in 1959 was co-ordinated.

After the Cuban revolution he married Cuban Aleida Marsh and the couple had four children.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You are possessed of an overpowering spirit of renewal - and this bodes very well for anyone from your past who's looking to come back into your life. Are you willing to give someone a fresh start?



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

You'll get bonus points for doing something physical. This is a great time to go out dancing, play some ball with your friends, or enjoy a long and challenging hike.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Today your skills of observation will be very valuable. Especially in a group environment, your ability to see things that others are not picking up on will give you an important advantage when you need it.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You have to speak your mind today - no matter how scary doing so may seem. Some people need to hear the cold, hard truth today - and you need to be the one to tell it to them.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Do you feel as though there's something going on that you aren't being told about? Your paranoia might not be unfounded today. Go a little slower in your daily activities, and watch out for plotters.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

If they are hesitant to give you the answers you seek, then that should tell you something right then and there. Full disclosure is very important right now.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

No one talks badly about someone you care about and gets away with it, so if you hear some trash talking going on today, do not waste any time putting this rude person in their place!



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

If you want people to respect you more, today is a great day to step up and show them what you are made of. To have the biggest impact in the shortest amount of time, go for the direct approach.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Reality is whatever you say it is, so do not get hung up on other people's definitions. If you think the sky is green, it's green. Whatever you say goes, and the people who don't agree just don't get it.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It may be extremely tempting to let other people take the reins today and just follow along - after all, it is easier to just go where you are told to go and do what you are told to do.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

If you haven't been giving it enough attention, then today you should investigate new ways to jazz up your office routine. You won't be able to change everything, so focus on the things that you can change.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Listen to the more conservative side of your nature today, and don't get involved with anything you're not totally sure of. Avoid making any major transactions, whether your money or your heart is concerned.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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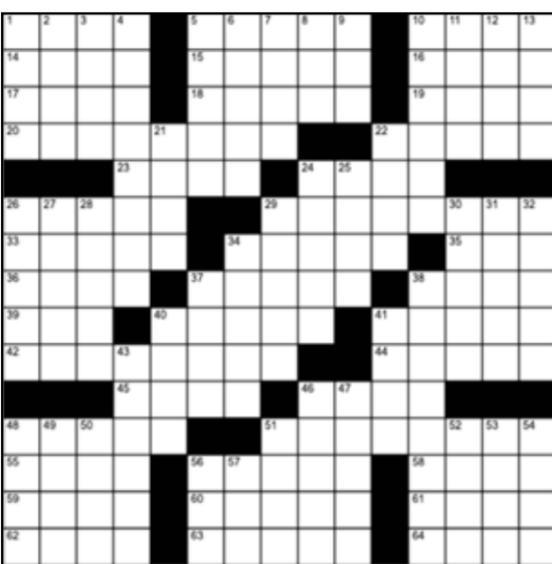
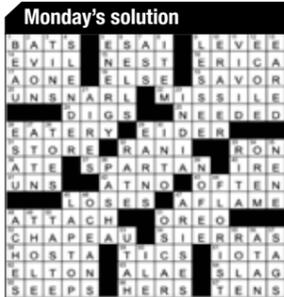
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Harbin	15	24	clear
Tianjin	22	33	clear
Urumqi	19	26	cloudy
Xi'an	17	31	clear
Lhasa	12	23	overcast
Chengdu	20	24	clear
Chongqing	22	30	overcast
Kunming	17	24	shower
Nanjing	21	24	moderate rain
Shanghai	20	24	heavy rain
Wuhan	21	30	shower
Hangzhou	21	25	moderate rain
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	25	32	moderate rain
Hong Kong	26	29	drizzle
WORLD			
Moscow	13	24	clear
Frankfurt	10	22	clear
Paris	10	20	clear
London	8	18	clear
New York	19	24	overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Retail store; 5- Large artery; 10- Friends; 14- Garment of ancient Rome; 15- Avarice; 16- End in ___ (draw); 17- Shared between us; 18- Scores; 19- Hobbiling; 20- Abstract; 22- Bird that gets you down; 23- Margarine; 24- Peat sources; 26- Artillery burst; 29- Female descendant; 33- Crawl; 34- Like some divorces; 35- Suffix with pay or plug; 36- Petri dish gel; 37- Send in; 38- Chicago paper, for short; 39- ___ Alamos, NM; 40- Bygone birds; 41- Navigators Islands, today; 42- Sporting competitors; 44- Role for Clark; 45- "Jaws" boat; 46- Bangkok tongue; 48- Gum; 51- Grass pile; 55- Part of Q.E.D.; 56- The end of ___; 58- Monopoly token; 59- Life-or-death; 60- Herring type; 61- Ranch unit; 62- Precious; 63- Give it ___; 64- Knob;

DOWN: 1- Red sign; 2- Time; 3- Grimm figure; 4- Jewish festival; 5- Texas A&M player; 6- Maine college town; 7- Interpret; 8- Aviv preceder; 9- Show stoppers?; 10- Kind of white; 11- Not very much; 12- Corona fruit; 13- Clairvoyant; 21- Hoof sound; 22- Like custard; 24- Foundation; 25- Force from office; 26- Milan's La ___; 27- Slang; 28- Strap; 29- Audition tapes; 30- Leader of the Mel-Tones; 31- Marner's creator; 32- Capital on the Atlantic; 34- Euripides tragedy; 37- Campus mil. group; 38- Native of Moorea; 40- "Jurassic Park" actress; 41- Ladies of Sp.; 43- Hang around; 46- ___ Bulba; 47- Marriott rival; 48- Comedian Foxx; 49- Buffalo's lake; 50- Franklin D.'s mother; 51- You are ___; 52- With the bow, to a violinist; 53- Firewood measure; 54- Joint with a cap; 56- Botanist Gray; 57- "Car Talk" airer;



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MIKE TYSON IS READY TO TALK YOUR EARS OFF ABOUT MMA

THE former heavyweight champion is set to join the Professional Fighters League as host of the new series "Mike Tyson's New Fight Game: The PFL," which will debut this week on the league's YouTube channel and other digital platforms before the playoffs start Friday. Tyson will conduct interviews with fighters, and musicians, entertainers and other famous fans of mixed martial arts. Tyson will be joined on "Fight Game" by

co-host Sean O'Connell, PFL ESPN play-by-play announcer and PFL 2018 light heavyweight champion. "We can take this to another dimension," Tyson said. Tyson can add TV host to an entertainment tableau highlighted by a scene-stealing stint in "The Hangover." He voiced himself in an animated show on the Cartoon Network and even starred in a one-man show on Broadway.



MICHELLE OBAMA'S NEXT PROJECT IS A COMPANION TO 'BECOMING'

MICHELLE Obama's first project since "Becoming" is more about her readers than about herself. "Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice" will be published Nov. 19 by Clarkson Potter, an imprint of Penguin Random House. The new release was announced this week. It is a companion to her multimillion-selling "Becoming," which came out last November. It features an introduction by the former first lady and quotations and questions related to her memoir. It is designed to help readers tell their own stories. In the introduction, Obama writes that she hopes the journal will encourage people to write down their "experiences, thoughts, and feelings, in all their imperfections, and without judgment."

A BOOK TODAY

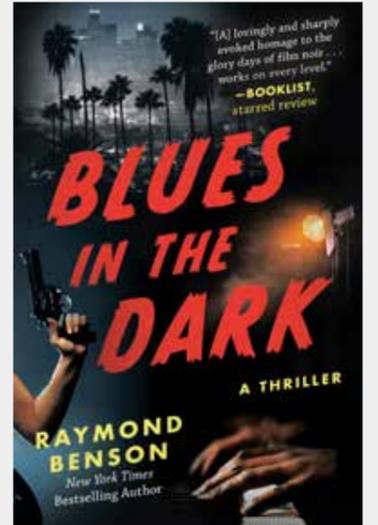
'BLUES IN THE DARK' IS COMPELLING CRIME NOVEL

A movie producer who moves to Los Angeles and stumbles upon a story sparks Raymond Benson's look at a turbulent Hollywood of the 1940s with ramifications in the present in "Blues in the Dark."

Karissa Glover has just arrived in Los Angeles when she learns of a can't-miss deal on an old mansion that hasn't been lived in since the murder of movie starlet Blair Kendrick in the late 1940s. She barely moves in when she realizes that Kendrick's story needs to be told, so she works with her producing partner to create a film telling the world about this femme fatale who has largely been forgotten.

The chapters alternate between Glover following the path of Kendrick's life when she arrived in Hollywood and the finished film taking the reader into the 1940s. Benson outlines a world of prejudice where women who wanted to become stars were expected to sleep with producers and movie studio executives.

Kendrick wanted to see her name in lights, and when she's offered a lucrative contract, she thinks she's made it. When she



falls in love with jazz musician Hank Marley, she quickly learns that interracial relationships aren't met by others with fondness.

The shifting perspective that contrasts Glover's quest and the resistance she meets to find out what happened to Kendrick with Kendrick's desire to make films and love the man she wants is compelling and heartbreaking. Benson has crafted a noir film inside the pages of a book and the cast of characters in the present and past come vividly to life.

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RWC REVIEW

South Africa demolishes Canada 66-7, all but into quarters

GERALD IMRAY, KOBE

SOUTH Africa demolished 14-man Canada 66-7 to pretty much confirm its place in the Rugby World Cup quarterfinals yesterday.

The Springboks scored 10 tries and had four tries and a bonus point in a whirlwind first 17 minutes at Kobe Misaki Stadium to run the Canadians off their feet.

Canada was already 40-0 down when replacement lock Josh Larsen was the sixth man sent off at the tournament, this time for a shoulder charge to the neck of South Africa's Thomas du Toit at a ruck just before halftime.

Strangely, facing what threatened to be the biggest beating of the World Cup so far, the red card seemed to lift Canada for a period.

The Canadians were conceding far worse than a point a minute for the first 30 minutes and 47-0 behind at halftime. But they scored their one try early in the second half when it was 14 vs. 15. They also kept the Springboks scoreless for 15 minutes after the break while a



South Africa's Cobus Reinach runs in to score a try

man down.

Scrumhalf Cobus Reinach had a hat trick in the opening 20 minutes. The Boks added just three tries in the second to their seven tries in

the first half, underlining the gutsy work by Canada after losing Larsen.

The biggest cheer was for Canada flanker Matt Heaton when he drove over in the 45th to make his

first test try one against the two-time World Cup champions.

South Africa would only be denied a place in the quarterfinals if Italy beats defending champion

New Zealand by a huge margin in their final Pool B game, and both teams also get a bonus point in the process. Italy has never beaten New Zealand, let alone by the 100-plus points required to keep the Springboks out of their seventh quarterfinals in seven attempts.

South Africa's backs ran riot in the first half in Kobe with the first seven of the Springboks scores and eight of the 10 coming through the backline.

Veteran hooker Schalk Brits and prop Frans Malherbe, who ground over for the last try in the 73rd minute, were the only forwards to score.

South Africa's first try through center Damian de Allende arrived in the third minute. The two-time champions had their bonus-point fourth try in 17 minutes. It was 40-0 after 29 minutes.

Reinach's third was the pick of the tries. Elton Jantjies dropped a crosskick over Canada's backline from inside his 22, wing Warrick Gelant caught it and broke, and fed de Allende who found Reinach to finish between the posts.

Canada had one good attack in the half and the fans roared them on. But wing DTH van der Merwe couldn't hold on to a crosskick in the corner when a try was up for grabs. Van der Merwe also spilled a chance late in the second half which could have made him just the fifth player to score a try in four World Cups. AP

RWC PREVIEW

Fiji coach McKee: It's time for players to seize the moment

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FIJI head coach John McKee wants his players to understand all that's at stake in today's Rugby World Cup Pool D match against Wales.

All eyes back home in rugby-mad Fiji will be on the game at Oita Stadium, where Fiji plays its last group game and must beat the Six Nations champion to maintain its very small chance of reaching the quarterfinals.

"They've got to realize that the things that they do set an example for future generations," McKee said. "These boys are very proud



of representing their country and they really want to put in a performance that makes the whole nation proud."

Before the Flying Fijian backs can torment Wales

with their electrifying running game and inspirational off-loading, there's a big battle up front to be won.

There was significant improvement in Fiji's

scrum play in the 45-10 win against Georgia, which is just as well considering what the Fijian forwards will be facing.

"We take some good momentum out of the Georgia

game but know we have to step up against Wales, who are a much tougher prospect than Georgia," McKee said. "We have got some very good backrowers, and whichever way we play them it is a very strong back row."

No. 8 Viliame Mata has fully recovered from the calf strain he picked up in the 39-21 defeat to Australia, and which reduced him to about 20 minutes against Georgia because the medical staff were cautiously managing his recovery.

"He gets his opportunity in the starting group and we will be looking to Peceli Yato to have a big impact off the bench," said McKee, who expects captain and flanker Dominiko Waqaniburotu to set the standard to follow in the same way veteran lock Alun Wyn Jones does for his Wales teammates.

"Dominiko is certainly a player who leads from the front and is highly respected among the group," McKee said. "For our

players, when Dominiko is out there, he gives them a real lift because he is such a high workrate player. He often doesn't get the same accolades as some of our other players, who get involved in the more dynamic parts of the game."

Fiji's task is made harder by the fact Wales is at full strength in the forwards.

"We're in a better place than we have been. All (the) players are fit, well and ready to go," said Wales forward coach Robin McBryde. "We've got to make sure we work well, get really tight and match (Fiji). We're not taking anything too lightly and that's an area we've been focusing on after the first two games, just to tighten things up a little bit."

McKee tips the breakdown contest as "one of the closest battles" and a potentially vital factor in deciding the outcome of the game. If the Welsh take the sting out of Fiji's momentum, then that's a large part of their job done. AP

OPINION

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



A GLOBAL CALL FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The recent plea for strong action to combat climate change at a UN Climate Action Summit in New York by Greta Thunberg, a 16 year old climate activist from Sweden, was inspiring. I strongly recommend that you all watch it on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-JAmG75eRm8). She passionately and vigorously chastised world leaders for doing far too little to combat climate change. She bluntly told them that young people are watching and waiting for them to clean up the mess that they have created through their aggressive pursuit of "of money and fairytales of eternal economic growth" to the grave detriment of our planet. She further scathed them for doing too little too late, noting that a 50% risk of global temperatures rising more than 1.5 degrees is not acceptable to future generations and that the real risks are much higher if world leaders continue on their current inadequate course. She finished by saying that world leaders are failing future generations and youngsters are starting to understand this betrayal and will never forgive their forefathers for leaving such a huge problem for them to deal with. Powerful stuff!

Greta made her plea at the UN in the wake of an Inter-generational Global Climate Strike which saw several million children, young adults and others skip school and work to participate in protest marches in over 150 countries. This was just the most recent of several such national, regional and global protests about the lack of action to combat climate change. Sadly, I have not heard of any protests in Macau related to this strike.

Some people have, stupidly in my view, criticized children for missing school and joining these protests. Surely, we want active and engaged citizens who care about their communities and are positively involved in their growth and development. This must be taught in schools, and what better way for children to learn about such things than getting actively involved in standing up for what they believe in. These protests are a great learning opportunity that should be nurtured rather than quashed. I have always said that the best way to get action to combat climate change is to educate children so they can shame their elders into doing what is needed.

I have discussed climate issues many times in these articles, and pointed out the dangers of inadequate action, and identified many positive actions that the Macau government could take. Greta noted that the science has been clear for 30+ years and scalded world leaders for being totally incompetent and not doing anywhere near enough to combat climate change, and rightly so. World (and Macau) leaders are still only nibbling round the edges, letting the problem get bigger and bigger and leaving a giant mess for future generations, which is unforgivable.

Many ask why they should be combating climate change when others do too little. This is a nonsense argument that is equivalent to claiming that it is OK to commit a crime because others are committing that crime, which has never been a valid moral or legal defense. We are heading towards a global existential crisis and every country, every business and organization and every person should be doing everything within their power to combat it. If you start you will inspire, or shame, others into following your example.

Too many people and too many companies are happy to destroy our planet to make money and this should be unacceptable to all of us. Too often, legal systems impose inadequate fines that can be simply shrugged off. I do not understand why such negligence does not lead to criminal prosecutions and confiscation of all the resulting profits – I feel that criminals (and their families) should not profit from their anti-social behaviour.

The Macau government is still nibbling round the edges of the global climate problem and we deserve, and should demand much more action.

The Macau University of Science and Technology, together with the Macau SAR Government, the Liaison Office of the Central Government in Macau and the China National Space Administration (CNSA), will launch the city's first scientific satellite project this morning.

The project will be overseen by the university's State Key Lab of Lunar and Planetary Sciences, and counts the support of the Macao Foundation and the China Space Foundation.

Due to the uniqueness and importance of the project, the university is organizing a ceremony, followed by a press conference, to announce the news.

The ceremony is expected to be officiated by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, as well as the secretary general of the Liaison Office, Wang Xindong, deputy director of CNSA, Tian Yulong, and other representatives from the government.



PORTUGAL'S SOCIALISTS WIN ELECTION, NOW EYE ALLIANCES

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PORTUGAL'S Socialist Party had little time to savor its general election victory, as tough negotiations for parliamentary support loomed and the economy braces for leaner times.

The center-left Socialists won Sunday's general election with 36.6% of the vote and are preparing to govern for another four years. The main opposition Social Democratic Party came second with almost 28%. Portugal, unlike some other European Union nations, has not seen a surge in nationalistic, far-right or populist parties, although one such party earned a seat for the first time.

The Socialists, however, are 10 seats shy of a majority in the 230-seat parliament. To ensure that its legislation is approved, the government will need support from other parties.

A healthy economy, with growth of 2.1 % last year and unemployment at around 6%, helped the Socialist Party back into the Sao Bento Palace, the seat of power in Lisbon.

The Socialists have also earned praise around Europe for taming Portugal's chronic overspending, with Finance Minister Mario Centeno bringing the budget deficit close to zero this year.

Antonio Costa, the Socialist leader and incumbent prime minister, said in his victory speech that he in-

tends to continue his business-friendly policies and prudent fiscal management.

But economic troubles are brewing in Europe, and once the election results were known the radical Left Bloc and Portuguese Communist Party — the most obvious candidates for an alliance —

Costa II administration will implement significant economic reforms," he said.

The next government faces plenty of economic challenges.

Apart from signs of a broad slowdown in the European Union, looming on the horizon is the United Kingdom's impending departure from the EU, now scheduled for Oct. 31. The U.K. is one of Portugal's main export markets.

Portugal also has a government debt equivalent to more than 120% of its gross domestic product — the third highest in the EU — so any interest rate rise could be deeply damaging.

The country's aging population, meanwhile, is threatening the financing of Portugal's welfare system. The EU says at current fertility rates, the number of Portuguese will decline from 10.3 million this year to 6.6 million in 2100.

Climate change is another problem, especially in the southern half of the country where rainfall is increasingly scarce.

Three relatively new parties also earned seats in parliament, including right-wing populist party Chega, which got more than 66,000 votes from the 10.8 million eligible voters and a seat in the Republican Assembly, Portugal's parliament.

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were quick to issue demands for more spending.

The Left Bloc snared 19 seats and the Communist Party got 12.

Left Bloc leader Catarina Martins said her party's demands in return for support would include the re-nationalization of the national postal service CTT, which was privatized in 2014, and a boost in public investment in housing and transport.

The Communists want the minimum monthly wage to rise to 850 euros (\$932) from 600 euros, an increase in pensions and free pre-school for all children up to three years old, among other things.

Antonio Barroso, deputy director of research at London-based consultancy Teneo, said he didn't expect many changes in the country's political path.

"Regardless of the final configuration of the government, it is unlikely that the

Thailand Police in Thailand have arrested a political activist accused of threatening national security by posting a comment on Facebook about how royal families in other nations lost power.



Turkey will not bow to threats over its Syria plans, the Turkish vice president said yesterday in an apparent response to President Donald Trump's warning to Ankara the previous day about the scope of its planned military incursion into northeastern Syria.

Russia The government denied it has any troops in Mozambique, after reports that a Russian soldier was killed in the southern African country.



France has delivered to India its first Rafale fighter jet from a series of 36 aircraft purchased in a multi-billion dollar deal in 2016.



UK Hundreds of climate change activists camped out in central London on yesterday during a second day of world protests by the Extinction Rebellion movement to demand more urgent actions to counter global warming.



USA Samuel Little, the inmate who claims to have killed more than 90 women across the country is now considered to be the deadliest serial killer in U.S. history, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

USA Joe Biden unveiled an education plan yesterday that focuses on making colleges more affordable and strengthening pathways to the middle class that do not require a bachelor's degree.