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**South Korea** has reported 45 new cases of COVID-19, all but two of them in the greater capital area, continuing a weekslong resurgence that health authorities fear will develop into a massive wave. The figures announced by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday brought national totals to 11,947 cases and 276 deaths.

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**Nepal** Police fired a water cannon and tear gas to break up a protest yesterday against the government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak. About a thousand people gathered on the road leading to the prime minister's office in Kathmandu demanding more testing and alleging corruption by officials in the purchase of equipment and testing kits.

**India** reported a record of 9,996 new coronavirus cases over the past 24 hours with health services in the worst-hit cities of Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai getting swamped by the rising infections. The Health Ministry on yesterday also reported an increase of 357 deaths. India's tally of confirmed cases has reached 286,579, the fifth highest in the world, with 8,102 deaths.

**Indian** authorities have seized diamonds, pearls and silver jewelry worth millions of dollars as part of an investigation of a fugitive diamond merchant who is being held in London while fighting his extradition. The seized valuables worth \$180 million had been kept in a logistics company's warehouse in Hong Kong after being taken there from Dubai in 2018, India's Enforcement Directorate, which investigates financial crimes, said in a statement.

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### TYPHOON MAY HIT SARS OVER WEEKEND

A low-pressure area that is developing near the Philippines has the coast of Guangdong in its trajectory, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) announced in a severe weather reminder. It will likely reach both SARs this coming Sunday. Despite its currently unclear path and intensity, the SMG forecasts that the meteorological phenomenon may "bring unsettled weather" to Macau. Meanwhile, a forecast on Windy.com expects the cyclone to make landfall in Hong Kong on Sunday with wind speeds ranging from 60km/h to 75 km/h. Residents are reminded to stay tuned for authorities' updates on the situation.

### LAWMAKER DOUBTS GOV'T'S FLOOD-PREVENTION MEASURES

Lawmaker Mak Soi Kun has asked the city's government to reveal the results of flood-prevention measures. In 2011, the local government established an interdepartmental team to research the Inner Harbor's flooding problem. However, in 2018 the government announced that the team was no longer operating. In Mak's interpellation, he said that the SAR government has been studying flood-prevention planning for over seven years now. "How many measures have been concluded?" Mak asked. Furthermore, the lawmaker urged the local government to explain the flood-prevention plans for the short-, mid- and long-term. He also demanded the SAR government reveal the reason behind the recent floods after heavy rainfall.

### CHAMBER OFFICIAL BELIEVES NORMAL BORDER RULES MAY RESUME SOON

Macau and Guangdong may return to normal border regulations in the near future, according to Ma lao Lai, Vice-President of the Macao Chamber of Commerce. Yesterday, Ma said that he believes the two cities are now qualified to go back to pre-Covid-19 immigration regulations. He anticipates that smooth movement across the borders will recover once both governments reach a consensus. Relief for Macau businesses and restoring the the SAR's economy are among the hopes for border service resumption. Ma added that the local government was discussing the opening of Macau to visitors from the Greater Bay Area with the mainland Chinese authority.

# GROUP CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF SALARY SUBSIDY SCHEME

JULIE ZHU

**M**ACAU People Power has urged the SAR government to expand the salary subsidies scheme to include more residents.

Yesterday, a representative of the association delivered a petition of appeal to government headquarters.

Iam Weng Hong, the deliverer of the petition, said that his organization had received complaints from local residents who wanted to receive the government subsidy. According to Iam, these citizens claimed to have contributed to Macau over the course of the past 30 years.

As part of the government's effort to combat the economical effect of Covid-19, eligible taxpayers will be entitled to a monthly grant of 5,000 patacas for a period of three months, which is a total of 15,000 patacas. This number is based on the 2019 median monthly income of employed Macau residents, which was 20,000 patacas. The subsidy was designed to cover 25% of the 2019 median monthly income.

However, workers are only eligible if they were employed until January 1, 2019.

"Some workers have been working for over 30 years. However, this 15,000 pataca subsidy



has disqualified many of those who lost their jobs before January 1, 2019. They feel resentful," said Iam.

"So, our association has requested that the local government expand the eligibility criteria for this employee subsidy and we suggest that Macau local residents who have been paid social security for over 60 months in total should be included in the benefits," said Iam. "The public will know that the Macau government is fair and has not forgotten [these residents'] hard work

and contribution to the city."

According to Iam, the 60-month standard that was drafted by the association is based on "serious consideration."

"We believe that 60 months is reasonable. If people think that 60 months is not reasonable, or if people have a better proposal, then they could have contacted us earlier or could have taken action by themselves," said Iam.

When addressing the number of requests received by the association, Iam hesitated. "I have been in contact with one

resident. He told me that we are the 'savior of the nation.' He is a tourism bus driver. He is over 60 years old. He has been working for sure for over 30 years. It's not right that he does not get to be compensated," Iam said.

Earlier this month, Iam and another member of Macau People Power demanded that the local government create measures and instructions in preparation for an "imminent war." They called on the Macau authority to announce their plans before June 6.

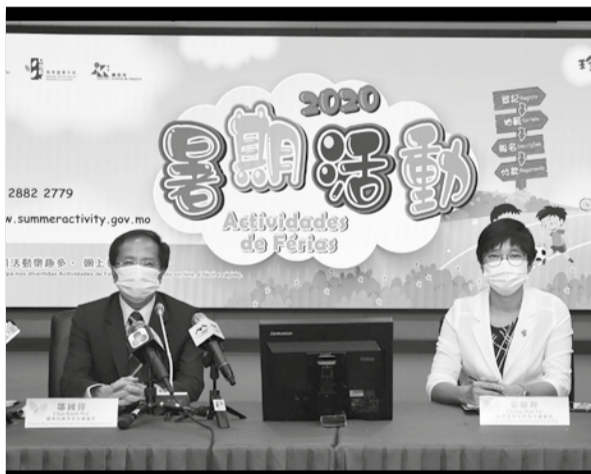
# Fewer seats for Summer Activities this year

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HIS year's Summer Activities Program will have 30,000 fewer seats than last year, due to Covid-19 conditions in Macau, the government has announced.

Each year, the program is co-hosted by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) and the Sports Bureau (ID). The former manages cultural and leisure events and the latter manages sporting events.

In response to Covid-19 in the city, this year's program will not run physical applications for seats. The en-



tire application process will be conducted online, with support offered by telecom company CTM.

In a press conference held yesterday, the DSEJ

announced that applications will start at 10 a.m. today and will be available until 10 p.m. on June 18. The results of the draw will be announced on June 23. Short-

listed applicants should enroll between June 26 and July 1.

Other applicants can register again between June 26 and 29 and check if they have gotten a seat on July 2. If they have, they should enroll between July 3 and 4.

The DSEJ disclosed that this year would have 94 new items or events, most of which will be parent-child events, as they are very popular. Other additions include handicrafts and home economics lessons.

Cultural and leisure events will start on July 20, while sports events will roll out gradually

from the start of August.

For those participating in sports events, wearing masks will not be mandatory during the event, but will be needed before and after the event.

This year's sports events will only cover training by individuals. In other words, training in groups will not be available because, according to the ID official, it will be difficult to ensure participants maintain a sufficient distance between one another.

The types of sports events offered this year will be the same as last year.

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# Security chief couldn't guarantee next year's June 4 vigil

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**S**ECRETARY for Security, Wong Sio Chak, stated yesterday that he would not make assumptions and could not guarantee that the June 4 vigil's application would be approved by his team next year.

This year's vigil was banned by the Public Security Police Force, an entity under Wong, on the grounds of Covid-19 prevention. On the sidelines of a legislative committee meeting yesterday, Wong was asked to promise the vigil would return next year.

The security chief refused to make the promise, saying "we can't make assumptions about what will happen next year." He kept stressing that the ban was in force due to Covid-19.

Wong said that even if there was no pandemic next year, there may be other events with public health and public order implications.

"I can't guarantee that the vigil will be approved next year," Wong

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Wong Sio Chak

stated. "There may be other conditions. Of course, I won't hope there will be another pandemic next year."

He added that the vigil was not banned in the 30 years before this. Previously, the vigil was declared a city civic entity, such as

the City Council before the Handover, and the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau after that. The police, meanwhile, acted as an advisory body only.

On the other hand, the security chief confirmed that his team had pressed charges against the two

daughters of lawmaker Au Kam San. They were accused of allegedly illegally assembling near the Senado Square, where the banned vigil would have taken place.

According to Au, his two daughters were only sitting on a stone bench in front of St Dominic's

Church with an electric candle and an image of the famous June 4 "tank man" beside them.

In the meantime, two "festive parades" were staged at two different locations on June 5 and 6 in support of Beijing's national security legislation on Hong Kong. The police admitted that the two events were not declared in advance.

Wong said that his team are still investigating the legality of the two events. He believes that the results will be released soon, but they were not publicized as of press time.

Meanwhile, democrat lawmaker Sulu Sou is not convinced by Wong's comment. He reiterated that civil assemblies and protests "do not require an application." He emphasized his comment by saying that "the only grounds on which the authority can refuse a civil protest or assembly is that the aim of the event is violating the law."

He further stressed that this clarification is of phenomenal importance because "if residents develop [a] misunderstanding [on the matter], they would unconsciously trivialize themselves."

"It is hard to tell whether [Wong] didn't know about it or it was just a mistake," the lawmaker added.

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# CHEONG PLEDGES MORE ECO-FRIENDLY GOV'T VEHICLES

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At the Legislative Assembly yesterday, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, André Cheong, replied to the spoken inquiries of lawmakers, saying that

they are aiming to reduce the number of vehicles, progressively replace the current fleet with a more eco-friendly one, and promote the use of clean energy solutions.

The reply was regarding an inquiry from lawmaker Leong Sun Lok, who called on the government to change the current situation. He called the number of vehicles owned by the government and the vehicle types wasteful, saying they carried consequences for traffic and the number of parking spots occupied in both the public parking lots and street parking spaces.

Leong also wanted to know what work was being done by the administration to replace the gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles for electric vehicles (EVs) that pollute less.

"We are promoting their acquisition if we can prepare the necessary conditions. We need to have charging stations. Some services do not have the charging stations to be able to charge to EVs," Cheong said. "In the new building we will do everything possible to, from the project [stage], include the charging stations because this can effectively promote the use of EVs."

Cheong noted that the government has been paying special attention to this topic especially "to ease traffic pressure."



Revealing some data, he said that the government currently possesses a total of 2,115 vehicles and is using 915 parking spots, 348 of which are located in public car parks and 567 of which are street parking spots.

According to Cheong, this year the government will continue a measure that was previously enforced and aims to control the number of vehicles through "strict control over the acquisition of new vehicles."

In practical terms, this means that according to guidelines issued by the Financial Services Bureau to all public services, the government

will only authorize the acquisition of new vehicles when the new vehicle replaces an old model that will be scrapped, or when the new vehicle replaces more than one vehicle.

Regarding the new acquisitions, the government will also give preference to the replacement of the fossil fuel-powered vehicles with EVs, Cheong said. "We will also install more charging stations for [electric] vehicles so we can have more EVs [in the government services]," he added.

In reply to further questioning from Mak, Cheong also revealed that the government currently has

a total of 31 eco-friendly vehicles, which the secretary considered to be a "low rate." He admitted that "there is a lot to do on this matter and the government must lead the way."

The official also hinted that the rules on the acquisition of vehicles for high ranking government officials might have to be updated, as they have included characteristics such as the engine capacity and the price of the vehicle before taxes as limitations, saying, "[taking the price into consideration] for example, the majority of Tesla cars exceed the parameters of the government acquisition because electric vehi-

cles are already exempt from taxes." He added, "the regulations are over 10 years old and maybe it's time to review them to include the use of eco-friendly vehicles more clearly. We hope we can optimize even more on this matter."

To reduce the number of vehicles and the use of public car parks, the secretary also said that the government would enforce the digitalization of several government procedures, "to facilitate and reduce the need of delivering documents [in paper format] and the use of vehicles to deliver them."

The goal that is admittedly more difficult to achieve is the sharing of vehicles by several government officials and staff. Leong also proposed this solution, saying, "Why can't government officials share the same car when attending a meeting at the same location?"

Lawmaker Mak Soi Kun tried to reply to the question, noting that he was aware that such procedures were already common practice in some bureaus, particularly in the Land, Public Works, and Transport Bureau.

Lawmakers also discussed the use of government vehicles for private purposes. Cheong said that there were already a lot of rules and regulations on this topic and that they are very restrictive.

"There are rules that regulate this from the acquisition to the use. The scope of the use is very clear in the regulations. If this scope is exceeded, the user is infringing the rules," Cheong said. "The public services keep a very rigorous record of the use of their vehicles to control their use because this constitutes an infraction and everyone can file a complaint about this to the [related] service or even to the Commission Against Corruption." He recalled that the anti-corruption watchdog had already investigated some cases on this matter in the past.

## Gov't fails to exercise measures with similar standards, says Agnes Lam

RENATO MARQUES

LAWMAKER Agnes Lam expressed that the government had acted as though there were different standards for events hosted by the government and private entities.

The Times asked the lawmaker about the banning of an environment-related public event by a non-government environmental protection group reported yesterday,

"I respect the government's measurements on Covid-19 in general. However, regarding trash collection activities, I have lear-

ned from the government promotion materials that the Environmental Protection Bureau is hosting a similar activity on the same weekend. So, I do not understand why the one proposed by the social group was denied by the police," Lam said. "The problem here is that it looks like the government is not exercising measures with the same standards. There is not enough justification for why one activity is allowed [while] another one is not allowed."

The lawmaker is known to support several environmental causes. If the gover-

ment needs to implement restrictive measures due to Covid-19, the implementation needs to be consistent and the government should not adopting a double standard. Otherwise, "such measures will be easily be seen only as an excuse for the government to stop some activities that they do not like," she said.

Lam also noted that the current situation in Macau is that there have been no new cases of the disease for over two months. This has given way to the loosening of some of restrictions, and she is hoping that the government can revisit those

measures and clearly explain which ones will be maintained and why.

For some public activities, like those related to trash collection, "it would be good if the government issued instructions on how to operate them in a way to protect participants, and at the same time, allowing the [groups] to resume the activities soon, following such instructions."

A series of ongoing activities organized by the group Macau for Waste Reduction, which is dedicated to waste collection for recycling, have been disrupted by the police authorities on Tuesday.

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# Ex-IPIM head heard in court over corruption allegations

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE opening court hearing on the corruption allegation against Jackson Chang, the former president of the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), was finally held yesterday after being postponed twice.

The former head of the IPIM, which was the government entity that handled immigration through investment, was charged by the Commission Against Corruption for allegedly taking bribes to foster immigration approvals. The immigration channel no longer exists now due to a change of policy.

This case has a total of 26 defendants. The prosecution has registered 90 witnesses. Only 10 defendants were present at this first hearing. The fourth defendant, Ng Kuok Sau, was absent, while his wife and fifth defendant, Annette Ng, was present. The Ngs were the owners of a construction company and were accused of helping people with their immigration applications in the name of their company.



Jackson Chang

Annette Ng denied the accusations of fabricating documents to deceive the IPIM,

saying that she had six children to take care of and was never present in office more than

once a week.

In addition, she declared in the court that she had no know-

ledge of the actual number of companies under her name. Moreover, she was only responsible for signing documents and was authorized to handle the company's funds. Furthermore, Annette Ng said that she neither read into the details of the documents nor was she aware of the relationship between her husband and Chang.

The second defendant, Ian Iat Chun, who was an IPIM employee at the time, denied that he was allowed to purchase five residential apartments built in Hengqin by the Ngs' company at prices below market value in return for immigration perks.

According to Ian, Ng Kuok Sau had claimed that he wanted to attract more construction talent to Macau but had complained about the complexity of the IPIM's procedures. Ian stressed that he had left the IPIM at the time and provided his opinion free-of-charge. He thought that the information that Ng Kuok Sau had provided was true.

The first two court sessions were both unsuccessful due to an insufficient number of defendants present. At the second session, which was unsuccessful since only 10 defendants were present before the court, the presiding judge, Leong Fong Meng, stated that the third hearing would be held regardless of the number of defendants present, pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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# Association demands gov't stop repeated quarantine measures

JULIE ZHU

**T**WO local residents delivered a petition of complaint to the government's headquarters yesterday, urging the Macau SAR to stop measures that require mandatory 14-day quarantines be repeated.

The pair were representing an association called the Hong Kong Macau Residents Mutual Care Platform. One of the representatives, surnamed Cheng, complained that Macau and its neighboring regions have been implementing quarantine policies which force people to undergo quarantine multiple times in different places.

In Cheng's opinion, since the Covid-19 situation in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China has stabilized, residents from Guangdong province, Macau and Hong Kong who have not recorded any outbound travel in the past 14 days should only be quarantined for 14 days in one of the three places upon presentation of a negative Covid-19 test result. These people should no longer have to undertake another 14-day quarantine when arriving the city.



On Wednesday, the government announced that a special ferry service between Macau's Taipa Ferry Terminal and Hong Kong International Airport was being arranged.

Cheng said that the three

Pearl River Delta provinces should establish a permanent mutual recognition and accreditation mechanism, especially for pandemic prevention.

The government previously said that it had received re-

quests from over 400 overseas Macau students expressing the wish to return to Macau with the help of the SAR government.

Earlier, the government had arranged a chartered flight to

Hubei province to bring back over 60 Macau residents to the city. The SAR government also assisted overseas Macau citizens to travel back to Macau from Hong Kong airport. All these returnees underwent a 14-day quarantine in local hotels.

In addition to the two aforementioned proposals, Cheng urged the Macau local government to subsidize unemployed residents.

Some members of the Macau public have been calling on the local government to give employee subsidies to more workers, and Cheng expressed a similar opinion.

Cheng proposed that the local government give the 15,000 pataca employee subsidy to "infants, students, women, the unemployed, the injured, the disabled, the retired and many more venerable groups."

Nonetheless, the government should increase the scale of financial support in the youth entrepreneurship subsidy program. Cheng wants the government to subsidize youth entrepreneurs by giving them 500,000 patacas, compared to the current 300,000 pataca subsidy. Priority should be given to sectors related to hygiene and pandemic prevention he said, adding that the repayment period should be extended to at least 10 years. Cheng also noted that companies that have gone bankrupt should be exempt from paying back loans.

# HK to conclude work on mutual health status between Macau, mainland China

**T**HE Hong Kong government is about to conclude its work to promote the mutual recognition of health codes between Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China, Hong Kong newspaper Ming Pao reported.

It is said that authorities in Hong Kong, Guangdong province and Macau have almost finished negotiations on the issue and the detailed plan will be officially announced this week if an agreement is reached.

Approval will be granted if the Covid-19 situation remains stable in these areas. The move, which seeks to eliminate the repetition of quarantine for travelers moving between the three regions, comes as the great



ter China region appears to have brought the spread of Covid-19 under control.

It is thought that priority will be given to 27 groups of people who have been granted test immunity by the Hong Kong government, including

businessmen who have business on the mainland and drivers commuting between Hong Kong and the mainland. Families and travelers will not be included for now. According to the report, the Hong Kong govern-

ment's limit for the quota is expected to be a four-digit figure at least.

Earlier this month, Hong Kong's Secretary for Food and Health Sophia Chan Siu-chee had said the three governments were discussing the possibility of a joint measure that would shorten quarantine times for travelers. "For instance, [if] someone has already completed a 14-day quarantine on the mainland and is coming to Hong Kong with valid proof of this, then the Director of Health could shorten the quarantine period here for this person [if the test results] are negative," Chan told a radio program. Travelers moving between Macau and Hong Kong must undergo a mandatory quarantine period of 14 days. Although Macau allows tourists from the mainland to enter the city without the need to undergo quarantine, neighboring Guangdong province requires all arrivals, even its own residents, to quarantine. LV

# APPROVED MORTGAGE LOANS DROP 35%

**T**HE value of new residential mortgage loans (RMLs) approved by Macau banks dropped by 35.1% month-on-month to MOP2.01 billion in April, according to data issued by the Monetary Authority of Macao.

New RMLs to residents, which represent 99.7% of the total number, fell by 34.7% to MOP2.01 billion. Non-resident RMLs decreased to MOP5.2 million.

The monthly average of new RMLs approved between February and April 2020 was MOP2.2 billion, down 13.1% from the previous period (January to March 2020).

New RMLs collateralized by uncompleted units (i.e. equitable mortgages) fell by 53.0% month-on-month to MOP234.1 million. Compared to last year, new equitable mor-

tgage approvals also dropped by 61.5%.

Commercial real estate loans (CRELs) also dropped by 56.5% month-on-month to MOP2.39 billion.

New CRELs to residents, comprising 99.0% of the total, decreased by 49.0% to MOP2.37 billion, while new CRELs to non-residents fell to MOP25.0 million. The monthly average of new CRELs approved between February and April 2020 was MOP3.8 billion, down by 0.5% compared to the previous period (January to March 2020). As of end-April, the outstanding value of RMLs was MOP231.4 billion. The outstanding value of CRELs was MOP181.7 billion, which had grown by 0.3% from last month but had fallen 7.5% compared to last year. LV

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## JOSHUA WONG CALLS LEBRON A HYPOCRITE FOR CHINA SILENCE

**H**ONG Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong accused LeBron James of hypocrisy, after the NBA superstar moved to form a group supporting black voting rights in the U.S.

Wong, the former student protester who has testified before the U.S. Congress on behalf of Hong Kong democracy activists, said in a tweet yesterday that James's position clashes with his past comments on the protests in the former British colony. James was widely criticized in Hong Kong last year for calling basketball executive Daryl Morey's support for the city's protesters "misinformed."

Some Hong Kong protesters have expressed solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in the U.S., in part because both share a common criticism of police tactics. Street protesters have adopted some methods popularized by their Hong Kong counterparts during clashes

with police in cities across the U.S. in recent weeks.

While James has long been vocal on U.S. political issues and announced plans to start a group protecting black voting rights this week, the Lakers star provided key support for the National Basketball Association during its dispute with China over Hong Kong last year. Beijing reacted to Morey's tweet by canceling broadcasts of NBA games in the crucial overseas market.

Joshua Wong, who served two months in jail for his role in 2014 protests that shut down large swaths of the city, has been barred from seeking political office for his past support of "self-determination." China is currently drafting national security legislation in Beijing that's expected to levy harsher sentences against Hong Kong residents convicted of supporting secession or cooperating with foreign powers, among other offenses. **BLOOMBERG**

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## South China cleaning up from floods but more rain on the way

**P**ARTS of southern China still cleaning up yesterday from floods that have left at least 20 people dead or missing are forecast to be hit with more rain over coming days.

Nearly 3 million people have been affected by the floods with 228,000 forced to seek shelter and 1,300 homes destroyed, according to the Ministry of Emergency Management. Direct economic losses are estimated at more than \$500 million, the ministry said.

While damage has been concentrated in Hunan province and the Guangxi region, authorities

were monitoring the situation in the city of Wuhan, the epicenter of the global coronavirus pandemic, which lies along the Yangtze River, Vice Minister of Water Resources Ye Jianchun said at a briefing.

Guangxi's crucial tourism sector, already hit hard by the pandemic, has suffered further losses from the floods.

In the picturesque town of Yangshuo, famed for its river scenery and karst outcroppings, streets flooded and tourists had to be evacuated on bamboo rafts. The county government said more

than 1,000 hotels and home-stays and 5,000 shops suffered water damage.

Firefighters and other public workers pitched in helping to clear debris and spray disinfectant, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Seasonal flooding regularly strikes the lower regions of China's major river systems, particularly those of the Yangtze and the Pearl to the south. Authorities have sought to mitigate the damage through the use of dams, particularly the massive Three Gorges structure on the Yangtze. **AP**

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NORWAY

# White nationalist gets 21 years for slaying, mosque attack

A white nationalist Norwegian man who killed his stepsister and then stormed an Oslo mosque and opened fire, hitting no one, was found guilty yesterday and sentenced to 21 years in prison, the longest jail term under Norwegian law.

Philip Manshaus, who had said in court that he regretted not having caused more damage, "has proven to be an extremely dangerous person," prosecutor Johan Oeverberg said as he demanded the maximum penalty.

Last year, Manshaus, 22, killed his 17-year-old stepsister, Johanne Zhangjia Ihle-Hansen, by shooting her four times with a hunting rifle at their home in the Oslo suburb of Baerum.



Philip Manshaus

Ihle-Hansen was adopted from China as a 2-year-old.

Then he drove to a nearby mosque where three men were preparing for Eid al-Adha celebrations. Manshaus fired four shots from a rifle at the mosque's glass door before he was overpowered by one

of the men in the mosque, Muhammad Rafiq.

Manshaus, who wore a bulletproof vest and a helmet with a video camera in the attack, was armed with a hunting rifle and a shotgun. Judge Annika Lindstroem of the Oslo District Court said Manshaus had plans to kill

as many people as possible and set the mosque on fire.

Manshaus believed that "Europe is under attack from people of ethnic origin other than his own" and that "the white race is on the brink of extinction," said Lindstroem.

In court, Manshaus confessed to the acts but called them "emergency justice." Investigators found a photo of Adolf Hitler on his cell phone.

Lindstroem said Manshaus claims he was acting "in self-defense against the enemy."

The presiding judge said Manshaus was inspired by shootings in March 2019 in New Zealand, where a gunman targeted two mosques, killing 51 people, and in August 2019 in El Paso, Texas, where an assailant targeted Hispanics and left at least 22 dead.

His plans and his reference to national socialism also recall the views of Norwegian right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik, who in 2011 killed 77 people in a bombing and shooting rampage in Norway. Breivik, who gave a Nazi salute in the courtroom, is serving a 21-year prison sentence for carrying out a terror attack. AP

SIX months away from the classroom, at least. That's the prospect facing most children in the U.K., an absence that is likely to cause harm to their futures - particularly if they come from poorer households.

Concerns over inequality have grown following the government's decision this week to scrap plans for all younger students in England to return to school before the summer break in July because of the difficulties in meeting coronavirus social distancing requirements.

In a wide-ranging report about inequalities published yesterday, the well-respected Institute for Fiscal Studies think tank warned that an "already prominent attainment gap" between children in England from wealthier families and those from more deprived ones is at risk of widening.

"Unless there is a concerted effort to help these children once schools reopen, these wider gaps may well become permanent," the IFS said in the report, which is part of an ongoing analysis of inequalities chaired by the Nobel Prize-winning economist Professor Angus Deaton and funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

It noted that fee-paying schools are almost twice as likely to be providing online teaching as those funded by the government attended by children from the 20% poorest families. Children from wealthier families also have better home facilities and are more likely to have private tutoring.

The authors of the report said poorer



UK

## WORRIES MOUNT OF INEQUALITY INCREASE FROM SCHOOL CLOSURES

children in particular will need additional teaching once the crisis passes.

Although many English primary schools have been open all spring for the children of key workers - including health care professionals and delivery drivers - the Conservative government had planned to give all pupils the chance to return following months of home learning.

Last week, the very youngest and those in their last year of primary school were able to return. The plan was that all others would return in stages since schools were closed in mid-March.

Now, most of England's 9 million or so schoolchildren will not go back to class before September, and maybe not even then if there is a new wave in coronavirus contagions. Secondary schools are not reopening except for some personal time for those set to embark on exams next year.

Anne Longfield, the Children's Commissioner for England, a position that promotes the rights of children, is urging the government to swiftly back a summer support scheme to reduce inequality in education and to extend funding for free school meals to those eligible.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the government was considering such a move.

"It's going to be a big summer of catch-up," he said. "We're going to keep making sure kids get the remedial help they need for the stuff that they've missed for months and months to come so that they they genuinely make up for lost time."

Elsewhere in the U.K., Scotland and Northern Ireland have said schools won't reopen until August, while Wales is making plans to welcome students back later this month. AP

## this day in history



### 1964 NELSON MANDELA JAILED FOR LIFE

The leader of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, Nelson Mandela, has been jailed for life for sabotage.

Seven other defendants, including the former secretary-general of the banned African National Congress (ANC), Walter Sisulu, were also given life prison sentences.

Crowds gathered silently outside the court building in Pretoria's Church Square waiting for the verdict to be handed down. Hundreds of police patrolled the area.

The Rivonia trial - named after the suburb of Johannesburg where several of the defendants were arrested - began eight months ago, with Mandela, 46, and his co-defendants proudly confessing their guilt to plotting to destroy the South African state by sabotage.

As members of the ANC - the main African nationalist movement - they have campaigned for an end to the oppression of black South Africans.

But the movement was banned in 1960 following the Sharpeville massacre and campaigners decided they had no choice but to resort to violent means.

Mandela - a lawyer by training - told the court earlier: "I do not deny that I planned sabotage. I did not plan it in a spirit of recklessness nor because I have any love of violence. I planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the political situation that had arisen after many years of tyranny, exploitation and oppression of my people by the whites."

His co-accused included: Walter Sisulu, Dennis Goldberg, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Moseoledi, Andrew Mlangeni - all ANC officials and Ahmed Kathrada, the former leader of the South African Indian Congress.

Lawyer for the defendants, Harold Hansen QC said: "These accused represent the struggle of their people for equal rights. Their views represent the struggle of the African people for the attainment of equal rights for all races in this country."

But the judge, President Quartus de Wet, said he was not convinced by their claim to have been motivated by a desire to alleviate the grievances of the African people in this country.

Judge de Wet said: "People who organise revolution usually plan to take over the government as well through personal ambition."

However, he stopped short of imposing the supreme penalty of death.

The convicted men were cheered as they left court in a police lorry. The crowd was dispersed without any serious incident.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

This was the second time Nelson Mandela had been tried for high treason - in 1956 he was charged but after a four year trial the case was dropped.

There were demonstrations in Britain following the 1964 sentencing. A world petition calling for the prisoners' release was handed to the United Nations Secretary General. Nelson Mandela spent most of his 27 years behind bars serving hard labour in Robben Island prison off Cape Town. He was released in 1990, jointly awarded the Nobel peace prize with President FW de Klerk in 1993 and elected South Africa's president in the country's first multi-racial elections held in 1994.

He stepped down in favour of Govan Mbeki's son Thabo in 1999 but continues to travel the world campaigning for peace. Walter Sisulu died at the age of 90 in May 2003.



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Food, dance, music, art, fashion, whatever captures your imagination deserves your attention. Feed yourself figuratively and literally on the expressions and ideas of other cultures.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May. 20  
Today, you should choose to appeal to people's intellect and not their emotions. Instead of charming them or flirting with them to get them on your side, use logic.

**GEMINI**  
May. 21-Jun. 21  
Conversations are the name of the game today. You'll have a blast starting them, and even if you might have a hard time understanding one or two, it will all be in good fun.

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Your laudable generosity is way out of balance with the minimal contents of your wallet, so it might be time to start saying no to all those folks who keep coming to you for loans.

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**AQUARIUS**  
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If you're interested in having a mellow day today, you're going to have to make it that way by saying no to more responsibilities. If it were up to everyone else, you'd be busy as a bee.

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You won't have to worry about anyone breathing down your neck or second-guessing you. They're all too busy doing their own thing right now. This is the day to try your wackiest, goofiest schemes.

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## WEATHER

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	18	30	cloudy
Harbin	12	23	thundershower
Tianjin	20	28	cloudy
Urumqi	22	33	cloudy
Xi'an	22	37	clear
Lhasa	10	20	drizzle
Chengdu	19	34	cloudy
Chongqing	21	33	clear
Kunming	15	29	shower
Nanjing	22	28	moderate rain
Shanghai	22	26	heavy rain
Wuhan	23	31	drizzle
Hangzhou	22	25	heavy rain
Taipei	25	30	drizzle
Guangzhou	25	31	moderate rain
Hong Kong	28	32	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	13	18	drizzle
Frankfurt	9	18	drizzle
Paris	11	18	drizzle
London	9	19	drizzle
New York	21	31	moderate rain

## CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS:** 1- Wispy clouds; 6- A Simpson; 11- Fed, purchasing group; 14- Body of salt water; 15- Deduce; 16- Aliens, for short; 17- Keyed in; 18- Apple juice; 19- Slangy refusal; 20- Unit of currency in Iran and Yemen; 22- Eagle's home; 24- Seventh day; 28- Stableman; 30- Ring combo; 31- Thin as \_\_\_; 32- Boatswain; 33- Jurisdiction of Charles or William; 37- Conductor de Waart; 38- Worries; 39- Employ; 40- Recovery; 43- His and her; 45- Cordillera of South America; 46- Christian festival; 47- Cavalryman; 49- Mill; 50- Jeopardy; 51- Gossip; 52- Male sheep; 53- Stomach woe; 56- Piece of French bread; 61- Barcelona bear; 62- Trades; 63- Remove a covering; 64- Orch. section; 65- Everglades bird; 66- "See ya!"

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**BAYERN M 2, FRANKFURT 1**

**FOOTBALL**

# Bayern beats Frankfurt in cup semi, still targeting double

**R**OBERT Lewandowski scored the winning goal as Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 2-1 yesterday [Macau time] to reach the German Cup final, with both teams paying tribute to the global protests against the killing of George Floyd.

Lewandowski netted his 45th goal of the season in the 74th minute as Bayern stayed on track for fifth a German league and cup double in eight years. It will face Bayer Leverkusen in the final on July 4 in Berlin.

Eintracht wore shirts with a #blacklivesmatter hashtag across the chest, alongside the sponsor logo. Bayern had the

same message on its corner flags, warm-up shirts and some boards at the side of the field.

Numerous players and clubs in Germany have signaled support for the U.S. protests against police treatment of black people and racial discrimination in the wake of Floyd's death in Minneapolis on May 25. Floyd, a handcuffed black man, died after a white police



AP PHOTO

But Bayern was back in the lead six minutes later through Lewandowski, though he had to wait for the video assistant referee system to overturn a mistaken offside call against his teammate Alphonso Davies.

Earlier, Dominik Kohr's headed clearance off the line from Müller's header in the seventh minute set the tone for a first half in which Eintracht narrowly escaped conceding on several occasions. Lewandowski tripped over his own feet as a cross came in, and later had a shot pushed just wide by goalkeeper Kevin Trapp.

"We should have scored one or two more goals in the first half," Bayern coach Hansi Flick said in televised comments. "In the second half we made it harder for ourselves."

Bayern leads the Bundesliga table by seven points with four games remaining and could secure the title as Saturday, depending on results elsewhere. AP

## NO MORE MASKS FOR COACHES, SUBSTITUTES IN GERMAN SOCCER

**COACHES** and substitutes won't have to wear face masks on the touchline for much longer in German soccer, after one of the most striking measures against the coronavirus was relaxed. The German federation and men's league said yesterday that people in a team's technical zone won't have to wear masks during the game, as long as they stay 1.5 me-

ters away from each other. There was no mention of relaxing rules on masks at other times, such as during arrival at the stadium. Players on the field have never had to wear masks, and there were already relaxed rules for each team's head coach to be able to give instructions. More journalists will also be allowed at games.

officer pressed his knee against his neck, ignoring his "I can't breathe" cries even after Floyd eventually grew still.

Bayern dominated the game, a rematch of the 2018 cup final, from the very start, but allowed Frankfurt brief hopes of a comeback late on. Lewandowski pulled Eintracht's entire three-man back line out of position

for the first goal, allowing Ivan Perisic space for a diving header off a lobbed pass from Thomas Müller in the 14th minute.

Frankfurt substitute Daichi Kamada changed the game almost immediately after coming on, delivering a smart pass on the turn for Danny Da Costa to hammer in an equalizer in the 69th.

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**OPINION**

**Editorial**

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**THE SERPENT'S EGG**

Police authorities have denied the organization of the annual June 4 vigil in remembrance of the victims of Tiananmen on the grounds of public health safety.

Nothing really surprising. June 4 vigil, here and in Hong Kong, has always been seen as an embarrassment to the establishment and to China.

Though I find it somehow refreshing that the local government went lengths to justify the cancelling, the sequence of events crashed my well-intentioned expectations.

It's not at all political, they said, it's for health reasons in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Well, anyone walking around in Macau and going places to dine or drink, or shop or even dance knows that the town has been back in business for well over a month. In a walk in the park, any park, you see hundreds of people. Go to a supermarket or a shopping mall: you meet crowds.

In what way did this particular event pose an additional threat to the community's health? Barely none. Especially because the police would have put measures in place such as social distancing and wearing masks (well, that one might have been tricky...).

So, we have to wonder: was this a political decision? Of course, it was.

The annual vigil has always been an embarrassment. Why not take the plausible cause, the health concerns - so at hand, so reasonable - and disallow it? So they did it last week for the first time in 30 years.

However, new problems have arisen. The next day, June 5, a demonstration took place in support of the National Security Law for Hong Kong, voted recently by NPC's standing committee.

Problem one: last year, a demonstration was forbidden by local authorities when a group wanted to show their support for Hongkongers protesting against an extradition bill - which eventually was dropped by Chief Executive Carrie Lam in face of massive criticism.

The reason evoked for the cancellation was that Macau had no business to demonstrate about issues regarding the other SAR.

Problem two: the police said that it was unaware of the Macao Youth Association caravan, and called it a "festive parade." How can the police be "unaware" of a public activity gathering dozens of pro-Beijing advocates?

Take these double-standards decisions with the detention of the two daughters of pro-democracy lawmaker Au Kam San and the round-up of a teenager by policemen, on the night of June 4. The former were charged with illegal assembly; the latter was driven home by the agents who advised her to dedicate herself to her studies and forget about politics. (Pretty much what many schools in Macau preach, anyway.)

Mix that with the ruling of the highest court on June 4 vigil giving way to arbitrary rule for sustaining a police decision where the law states that only the Chief Executive has the power to inhibit a fundamental right.

Secretary Wong Sio Chak can't possibly predict what world we will be in in a year, much less if the city will have conditions to sustain a vigil interrupted.

The Hong Kong arm of China's biggest asset manager is amassing cash and building up short positions in a bet that the U.S.-China power games will escalate ahead of the American election later this year.

The market hasn't fully accounted for the "extreme steps" that President Donald Trump might take in an attempt to shore up flagging poll numbers, said Gan Tian, chief investment officer of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Ltd., who oversees almost \$400 million in hedge fund assets.

"It could be to challenge China in South China Sea, it could be a military or diplomatic alliance with Taiwan that crosses the red line, or worse," Gan said in a phone interview from Hong Kong. "If

that happens it would ripple through the financial market immediately."

Tension is building between China and the U.S. after a three-year trade dispute. Politicians in Washington are lashing out over the coronavirus outbreak, China's treatment of its Muslim minority and its tightening grip on Hong Kong. Congress is mulling sanctions against Chinese officials and companies and proposing to curtail their access to capital and markets.

Gan cleared almost all of his positions in February and March, escaping the worst selloff since the financial crisis as the coronavirus spread globally. But even as markets have rallied, he's still sitting tight.

**HBO MAX REMOVES  
 'GONE WITH THE WIND,'  
 WILL ADD CONTEXT**



"Gone With the Wind" premieres in NYC in 1939

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HBO Max has temporarily removed "Gone With the Wind" from its streaming library in order to add historical context to the 1939 film long criticized for romanticizing slavery and the Civil War-era South.

Protests in the wake of George Floyd's death have forced entertainment companies to grapple with the appropriateness of both current and past productions. On Tuesday, the Paramount Network dropped the long-running reality series "Cops" after 33 seasons. The BBC also removed episodes of "Little Britain," a comedy series that featured a character in blackface, from its streaming service.

In an op-ed Monday in the Los Angeles Times, the filmmaker John Ridley urged WarnerMedia to take down "Gone With the Wind," arguing that it "romanticizes the Confederacy in a way that continues to give legitimacy to the notion that the secessionist movement was something more, or better, or more noble than what it was — a bloody insurrection to maintain the 'right' to own, sell and buy human beings."

In a statement, the AT&T-owned WarnerMedia, which

owns HBO Max, called "Gone With the Wind" "a product of its time" that depicts racial prejudices.

"These racist depictions were wrong then and are wrong today, and we felt that to keep this title up without an explanation and a denouncement of those depictions would be irresponsible," said an HBO Max spokesman in a statement.

The company said that when "Gone With the Wind" returns to the recently launched streaming service, it

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will include "historical context and a denouncement of those very depictions, but will be presented as it was originally created, because to do otherwise would be the same as claiming these prejudices never existed."

Based on a 1936 book by Margaret Mitchell, "Gone With the Wind" is a historical epic about a romance between Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh), the daughter of a Georgia plantation owner, and Rhett Butler (Clark Gable), a gambler who joins the Confederacy.

"Gone With the Wind" has long been denounced for featuring slave characters who remain loyal to their former owners after the abolition of slavery. It remains the highest-grossing film of all time when adjusted for inflation. It won eight Academy Awards including best picture and best supporting actress for Hattie McDaniel, the first black actress to be nominated or win an Oscar.

The move by WarnerMedia prompted widespread debate on social media, especially among those who didn't realize HBO Max planned to return "Gone With the Wind" to its platform.

"I'm told that no longer can you find on HBO 'Gone with the Wind' because somehow that is now offensive," said Kayleigh McEnany, White House press secretary. "Where do you draw the line? Is it to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and James Madison? (Should they) be erased from history? What about FDR and internment camps? Should he be erased from history?"

"Gone With the Wind" remains widely available for digital rental and purchase. Yesterday, it rose toward the top of movie charts on Amazon and Apple's iTunes. AP

Hong Kong's de facto central bank intervened for the fifth consecutive day as the local currency traded at the strong end of its trading band. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority sold HKD3.72 billion worth of local dollars on Wednesday, taking the total since it began intervening in April to HKD48.1 billion. Demand for the currency has increased as investors piled into Chinese shares sales. Netease Inc. jumped on its debut yesterday.



China's auto sales surged 14.5% in May, a second straight month of growth as the global industry's biggest market gradually recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. The China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said yesterday that sales of passenger cars jumped 7% from a year earlier to 1.67 million, an improvement over April's 2.6% contraction.



Ukraine Authorities have allowed foreign parents into Ukraine to collect babies who were born to surrogate mothers and stranded in the eastern European country due to the coronavirus pandemic. Ukraine's human rights ombudswoman, Lyudmila Denisova, said that 31 couples had arrived and been united with their children. "It is a special day. I have already met parents from Spain, whose daughter was born five weeks ago," Denisova said on Facebook.

WHO The head of the World Health Organization said Wednesday he and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar have discussed cooperation to fight a new Ebola outbreak in Congo, even as the Trump administration is planning to pull the United States out of the U.N. health agency. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he had a "very good discussion" with Azar last week, adding that "he assured me of U.S. continued commitment" especially against Ebola.