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**China** A 5.1 magnitude earthquake shook the northeastern Chinese city of Tangshan yesterday. Rail service to Tangshan, 160 kilometers east of Beijing, was temporarily suspended while tracks were inspected for possible damage, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. No deaths or injuries were reported.



**Japan** The governor of Japan's Okinawa island demanded a top U.S. military commander take tougher prevention measures and more transparency hours after officials were told that more than 60 Marines at two bases have been infected with the coronavirus over the past few days.

**North Korea** The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said she doesn't expect her brother to meet President Donald Trump this year, saying there's no reason for the North to gift Trump high-profile meetings when it's not being substantially rewarded in return.



**Philippines** Lawmakers voted Friday to reject the license renewal of the country's largest TV network, shutting down a major news provider that had been repeatedly threatened by the president over its critical coverage. The network, which used to be viewed by millions of Filipinos on free TV, has been able to continue broadcasting some of its TV and radio news programs over paid cable channels, but with a small fraction of its former viewership.

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### POLICE BUST ILLEGAL FOOD OPERATION IN RESIDENTIAL UNIT

In the course of investigating an illegal non-resident worker report, the Public Security Police Force happened to bust an illegal fish processing facility in a residential unit in Taipa, arresting three people. They are now looking for two other people who were not present during the raid. The facility processed 300 fish each day and supplied the products to catering establishments near Avenida Olimpica in Taipa. Of the three people arrested, two are non-resident workers and one is an overstaying tourist. The other two who were not present during the raid are cousins and the owners of the company. The fish processing facility was unsanitary and cockroaches were found at the site, according to the police.

### FOUR MEN FALL VICTIM TO NAKED VIDEO CALL SCAM

The Judiciary Police received reports from four men who said they had fallen victim to a blackmailing scam involving naked video calls. According to the police, two of the men lost a combined total of HKD28,000. One of the four is a non-resident worker from the mainland, who was asked by a woman to install an app with the file name "base.apk." The two of them then had a 10-minute long video call while naked. Afterwards, he was blackmailed and asked to pay 3,300 Chinese yuan. Another of the victims is a 19-year-old university student. After a brief naked video call, he was blackmailed and asked for MOP25,000 in gaming cards. The blackmailing continued after he paid, so the victim contacted the police. The two remaining victims did not lose any money in the scam.

### AIPIM DONATES FOOD TO CARITAS AFTER FUNDRAISER

The Macau Portuguese and English Press Association (AIPIM) delivered food items to Caritas Macau on Saturday afternoon that it acquired from a fundraising campaign in recent weeks. During the campaign that ran from June 12 to July 9, some 23,600 patacas was raised. In addition to the contribution from AIPIM members and AIPIM's funds, the Macau Institute for Corporate Social Responsibility in Greater China in Macau joined this initiative with a 7,500-pataca donation. With the funds raised, AIPIM acquired rice and canned food, which were handed over to Caritas to assist the families of both residents and non-residents that the charity has been supporting in this pandemic period.

### AL COMMITTEE AGREES TO GOV'T AGE LIMIT IN HOUSING BILL

Regarding the amendments to the current economic housing law, Ho Ion Sang, head of the Legislative Assembly's First Standing Committee, said that the committee has accepted the government's explanation on why the minimum age for individual subsidized housing applicants was raised from 18 to 23. As for family cluster applicants, the government has revoked its proposal to raise the age to 25 and has agreed keep it at 18. The committee also agreed to the government's proposal to rank by points, but recommended the addition of other criteria, such as family cluster size and years of residence in Macau.

# PANDEMIC DEALS BLOW TO JOB MARKET CONFIDENCE

STAFF REPORTER

**C**onsumer confidence is sitting at levels similar to that in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, according to the Macao Employee Confidence and Satisfaction Index 2020, which was published last Friday at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

The global spread of Covid-19 and the economic recession has weakened consumer confidence, particularly regarding the current Macau job market.

The survey results showed that the overall confidence index has dropped by 4.8%. Meanwhile, employee's confidence toward Macau job market registered a significant fall of 14.2%. A similar pattern was found when the result was compared to the period after the 2008 financial crisis, when the overall index dropped 6.1% and job market confidence fell 15%.

The employee confidence towards the Macau job market index survey included items such as the difficulty of finding a job, chances to look for a better job and the employment situation in the next five years. The first two items in the index dropped by about one-fifth.

**T**HE 110 free-of-charge parking spaces for motorbikes along a section of Avenida de Artur Tamagnini Barbosa near the Border Gate will be removed to create a wider sidewalk, announced Lam Hin San, director of the Transport Affairs Bureau (DSAT).

With certain parts of the walkway measuring only 0.3 meters in width, the DSAT director considered the sidewalk too narrow for pedestrian use.

Currently, there is a string of 110 parking spaces for motorbikes on the road along the si-

## Transport bureau to cut 110 motorbike parking spaces

dewalk, where parking is free-of-charge.

The public is usually vocal about the DSAT's decisions to remove the parking spaces. This time, however, Lam does not think there will be a huge response. That is because there will be an extra 172 parking spaces for bikes added to the public parking lot at the Workers' Stadium after its renovation.

The official also found

the current parking spaces to be dangerous for motorcyclists, who have to walk on the road after parking their bikes, as the sidewalk is blocked off by fences.

Meanwhile, 12 metered parking spaces on Rua de Lei Pou Ch'on will also be removed as part of the sidewalk revamp. The new subsidized housing estate at Ilha Verde has a parking lot can provide parking for a

maximum of 1,400 light vehicles and 1,600 motorbikes. This will more than compensate for the reduced number of spaces, the official said.

Praça de Ferreira do Amaral in front of Hotel Lisboa will also undergo a revamp. Shelters will be installed at the bus stops on ground floor. In the future, five bus routes will be moved to the underground motorbike parking lot. Motorbike

parking will be moved to first underground level, which is currently closed to the public. However, the official said there is no timeline for the relocations.

The DSAT will also adjust 27 zebra crossings. Diagonal zebra crossings will be tested at two intersections – Rua da Tribuna and Rua da Sereidade, and Avenida do Almirante Lacerda and Estrada do Repouso. **AL**



Academics at MUST unveil the findings of the Macao Employee Confidence and Satisfaction Index 2020

"One reason [for the severe impact caused by this pandemic] is due to Macau's single-product economy [of gambling]," said Professor Sun Li-yun, one of the researchers.

Sun and his team suggested that Macau develop a diversified economy by expanding the cultural and creative industries. This would help to offset the negative impacts caused by external

factors, such as a pandemic.

When asked about the situation for MUST graduates of this year, the professor stated that the survey only targeted people who were already working, and therefore graduating students were not included.

Macau's overall unemployment rate has risen to 2.4%, a 0.7% increase compared to the last quarter of 2019. The local unemploy-

ment rate has also climbed up to 3.4%. Many graduates will face difficulty finding their first job in the city this summer.

The Macao Employee Confidence and Satisfaction Index was first conducted in 2007. In the following years, the study has been continued in order to make comparisons and to enhance communication between employers and employees.

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# After local promotions, Macau tour guides earning nearly basic income

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**A**FTER months without work, some tour guides are now earning 4,000 patacas per month when they are fortunate enough to conduct one tour per week, a tour guide surnamed Wong has told the Times.

Wong said that tour guides are now living on what he refers to as a "government subsidy scheme," the Macao Ready Go! Local Tours campaign. The campaign encourages Macau residents to sign up for local tours by providing subsidies worth up to 560 patacas.

The campaign is spearheaded by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and operated by the tourism industry. So far it has attracted 74,000 registrants for the 660 local tour guides working within the campaign.

The income for each of the tour guides participating in the campaign should be more or less the same, according to the information Wong provided. Tour guides are not allowed to choose between tour groups or itineraries; they are assigned at random by lot drawing.

Nonetheless, the local tourism regulator expects their income will increase. The head of the MGTO, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, foresees that there will be more work for tour guides because the local tourism campaign will attract more participants with renewed or additional itineraries.

According to the tourism board

ANTHONY LAM



chief, among the 15 itineraries offered in the campaign, those with marine or resort tours have proved more popular with the public.

Senna Fernandes has also disclosed that meetings have been held every week to review and decide on the details of the campaign. She hinted that studies are underway to determine additional itineraries.

This year is the 15th Anniversary of the Historic Centre of Macau being listed as a UNESCO World Heritage. The tourism

board will also consider including more World Heritage sites in Macau into the new itineraries.

Besides the comments by the tourism regulator, the president of the Travel Industry Council of Macau, Wu Keng Kuong, has added that additional itineraries are required because many residents could not register for their preferred tours due to their excessive popularity.

The council president described the additional itineraries as "refreshingly new," hinting that

evening tours will be arranged because of the hot summer days. Originally, the council wanted to release the new itineraries this week, but due to procedural needs they are expected at the end of this month.

Wu was satisfied with the turnout and pledged to work on expanding the capacity of tours.

As for hotel occupancy, the MGTO head disclosed that there was no obvious rise in the past few weeks. Currently, the city has more than 40,000 hotel rooms. The tou-

ism regulator is in discussion with hotel and resort operators to determine whether conditions will allow them to offer promotions targeting local residents in August.

Indeed, hotels and resorts across the city, especially larger ones in Cotai, have offered these so-called "staycation" packages to local residents over the past two months or so. However, normally local residents do not spend a night in a hotel room on weekdays, preferring to make use of such promotions on weekends.

## GBA health code recognition 'almost ready' but officially paused

LYNZY VALLES

**T**HE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong U has officially confirmed that the planned travel bubble between Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong province has been halted for the time being due to the increasing number of active cases in Hong Kong.

The secretary spoke to the press on the sidelines of a public event, explaining that mutual health status recognition between the three regions of the Greater Bay Area is still being negotiated.

According to the official, communication and preparation works will not be

suspended and that mutual health code recognition will not be launched until an appropriate time.

In a Facebook post, Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam noted that it was necessary to re-examine the mutual recognition of health codes between the three regions, which she considered "almost ready."

Lam noted that there were multiple groups with a high transmission risk in a short period of time, implying that the launch of the mutual health status recognition scheme would not be feasible for now.

Echoing the same sentiments, Hong Kong's Chief Secretary for Administration Matthew Cheung ex-

plained that the Hong Kong government would announce the details and implementation of the health code arrangement in due course, following discussions with the governments of Guangdong province and Macau.

"Due to the reversal of the epidemic in recent days, there have been many local cases of an unknown origin within a short period of time. The governments of the three places should re-examine when the health code program should be launched. The [Hong Kong] SAR government's primary task is to reduce the spread of the epidemic in the local community," Cheung wrote on his blog.

In Macau, Ao Ieong pledged that the government would continue to pay close attention to the developing situation in Hong Kong.

She also disclosed that the Macau Health Bureau and its counterpart in Hong Kong were in contact to determine an appropriate time to introduce new measures to combat the spread of Covid-19.

Last week, a set of stringent infection control rules was implemented at all border crossing checkpoints in Macau. The rules will also help assess any potential risks the new wave may pose to the region.

Hong Kong considers its third wave of Covid-19

its most serious by far, as many cases were reported to be local infections.

Among the 61 cases recorded on Saturday, 28 cases were officially positive for the virus and 16 of which were local infections. The rest are still awaiting confirmation. Yesterday, the city acknowledged 37 new infections.

According to Hong Kong experts, the new wave of infections may be due to the lifting of social distancing measures.

The Hong Kong government significantly eased its social distancing protocols on June 19. This has allowed restaurants to operate at full capacity again, while bars and night clubs

were required to operate at 50% capacity. Other businesses have also been allowed to operate as normal.

In a report issued by the South China Morning Post, Gabriel Leung, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong, believes that there are at least 50 to 60 hidden cases in the community. He cited an international study that suggested that a strain of the virus had increased its infectiousness by 31% due to a DNA mutation.

The medical expert warned that each infected person could potentially transmit the virus to four people, based on its current infectiousness.

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Tatiana Olfindo, pictured in the Maldives

RENATO MARQUES

ONE of the consequences of the many travel restrictions imposed by countries and regions all around the world is the high number of people left stranded, struggling to get home safely.

When Tatiana Olfindo left her home in Macau to embark on a journey to gain the professional experience needed for her studies in hotel management, she did not realize that her journey would soon become an unforgettable experience of self-learning and self-growth.

As Macau residents continue returning home from all corners of the globe, the Times is digging into their remarkable quarantine tales. This is Olfindo's story.

#### PLANS CANCELED ON ACCOUNT OF COVID-19

On January 5, 2020, Olfindo, a hotel management student at the Macao Institute for Tourism Studies (IFTM), left Macau to start a six-month internship in both the front office and food and beverage departments at the Mövenpick Resort Kuredhivaru Maldives.

This place was considered by many (including Olfindo) to be a "paradise." The conditions offered for her internship seemed to match her perfectly and would increase her experience in the hospitality industry.

As she told the Times, the ini-

## STORIES FROM QUARANTINE: STRANDED IN PARADISE

tial plan was to undergo training for three months with the front desk department and then another three months in F&B. Olfindo was supposed to start in April, but on March 23 she was informed by management that the resort would have to close due to the Covid-19 situation in Malé, the capital of the Maldives.

"I was told that the company would have to let me go and they had to cancel my internship because the resort would have to close down since Covid-19 was affecting the whole industry in the Maldives, with a lot of resorts closing down."

"They told me as soon as flights would start to operate they would just send me home," Olfindo explained. "Unfortunately, due to the situation in Malé, they had about 1,000 cases or more by April. That is why everything was canceled and there were no flights, so I had to stay in the Maldives for three more months."

#### STRANDED IN A LONELY PARADISE

During the three-month period, both Olfindo and her mother tried to contact agencies, airlines and the Macau authorities

to find a way to bring her home, but they were unsuccessful.

The worst part was when the people she had been sharing her "adventure" with started to leave.

"When the repatriation flights and other flights started to operate and take people to their homes I was so heartbroken, because most of them were like my big brothers and sisters, and they took care of me while we were all stranded there," she said.

"The longer the situation went on, the more people were able to go home through repatriation flights organized by their governments. However, for me, I didn't know if there were any Macau people stuck in the Maldives like me and that made me feel lonelier as time passed."

"Me and my mum were trying to get hold of any flight, anyway to get home, as my local Maldivian friends were leaving to return to their home islands. Everyone else [that could] was leaving so I started to feel lonely," she said.

"It was really a crazy experience. I really broke down so many times when people were leaving or when my family was calling to check on how I was. I tried to tell them I was OK and tried to be po-

sitive but there were times when I just couldn't hold it in."

#### REPATRIATION FOR ONE

To pass the time, which was now going by slowly in contrast to when her hotel work had been busy and demanding, Olfindo went swimming.

"I was enjoying the clear sea and the white sands that we don't have here in Macau. Just trying to find ways to enjoy nature over there and enjoy the three months of a free vacation in the best possible way," she said.

Olfindo noted that the resort handled staff and intern accommodation and food the entire time. These were always provided free of charge until they found finally a flight out of the island.

Finally, an opportunity presented itself to Olfindo few weeks later when she was about to lose any hope of being able to return to Macau by July.

"I reached a point where I couldn't take it anymore and I told my mum to contact any agencies that could provide help. We reached out to the Macau government through the tourism office, and even my school [IFTM], but they could not help in any way," she

said. "But my mum finally managed to find a way for me to return home via an agency that had a connection with Cathay Pacific."

Still, Olfindo said it took them three weeks to manage to find a flight. She was able to depart on July 8 and made stops in Colombo, Sri Lanka and Tokyo before finally arriving in Hong Kong. From there, she took the special ferry service from the airport to Macau.

As she explained, the procedures had to be done from the final destination backward.

"First I had to book and confirm with Macau authorities the ferry to Macau. Then with that confirmation, the agency managed to pass it to Cathay Pacific so they could book the flight with the Sri Lankan airline from Malé to Colombo and then Colombo to Japan. From Narita to Hong Kong, I took Cathay Pacific," Olfindo explained.

"It was a very long journey that started at 1 a.m. on July 8, when I left my island resort. I got to Macau at 1 a.m. on July 10. Then I had to wait for the results of the [Covid-19] swab test, which took about 3 hours. I got to my designated quarantine hotel, the Sheraton [Grand Macao] Hotel, after 4 a.m.," said Olfindo, who is still in quarantine in Macau.

Her journey took over 48 hours and she was the only passenger on the airplane from Malé to Colombo.



# Stanley Ho draws tributes from Xi Jinping, Hong Kong bigwigs

**H**ong Kong's biggest names came out to say goodbye to Stanley Ho, the King of Gambling, marking the end of an era. But the most powerful presence at his funeral Friday may have been his second wife's clan, who now helm some of the biggest gaming operators in Macau.

Stanley Ho, onetime kerosene trader who went on to build a casino empire in Macau, was laid to rest by his family on Friday. He died on May 26 at age 98. His coffin was escorted by top politicians and businessmen including Hong Kong's chief executive Carrie Lam and Macau's former chief executive Edmund Ho, no relation to the late tycoon.

Pansy Ho, eldest daughter of his second wife and the descendant seen to lead the \$15 billion empire, read out tributes from eminent personalities starting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang and thanked everyone for their condolences.

The funeral proceedings showcased unity by Ho's kin - he had 17 children with four women he called wives. The cohesiveness is a relief for investors awaiting a turnaround in Macau gaming revenues as casinos continue to suffer from the coronavirus pandemic. At the same time, the funeral underscored the dominance of Pansy and her siblings over Ho's empire which has seen succession-related family feuds in the past.

While delivering his eulo-



gy, Charles Lee, ex-chairman of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd., praised the casino titan and how his legacy was being carried forward by Pansy, Daisy, Maisy, Josie and Lawrence Ho - all from Ho's second wife.

Ho dominated gaming in the former Portuguese colony after winning a monopoly license in 1961 and built Macau into the world's biggest gambling hub overtaking Las Vegas. His SJM Holdings Ltd. flourished as China's economic opening created a flood of new wealth in a country with a passion for gambling.

"Ho worked hard all his

life and became a well-respected entrepreneur," said Tung Chee-hwa, former chief executive of Hong Kong. "He loved the country, loved Hong Kong and loved Macau

throughout his life."

Later at the service, Tung joined Carrie Lam, former Macau Chief Executive Edmund Ho and others as pallbearers in carrying Ho's casket.



Ho's second wife and her offspring have a massive sway over Macau's casino industry.

Pansy is the chairman of one of Macau's biggest conglomerates and co-chairman of casino operator MGM China Holdings Ltd. Lawrence is chairman of another casino franchise, Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd while Daisy Ho, is the chairman of SJM Holdings.

Ho's three living wives stood side by side during the funeral. Lawrence gave a thank-you speech on behalf of all the family members. He quoted his father as saying that one should return to the society when one receives from it.

"Father's teaching will forever stay in our mind. In the future we will continue father's spirit and contribute to the society," he said. Lawrence held his father's picture and walked behind his coffin covered in white flowers.

Memorials of the tycoon had started since Wednesday. Relatives, friends, officials, business leaders, university heads and the public streamed into the venue to pay tribute. Hundreds of wreaths surrounded the mourning hall, the waiting room, and the exterior of the building on the street.

Ho's remains will be buried at the family graveyard at Mount Davis in Hong Kong at a later selected time. **MDT/AGENCIES**

## Macau officials face quarantine after returning from Ho's funeral

**EDMUND** Ho, vice-chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of Macau, and Lei Wai Nong, Secretary for Economy and Finance, will be in mandatory quarantine for 14 days following their return from Hong Kong where they attended the late Stanley Ho's funeral ceremonies.

They represented the Macau government at the late casino tycoon's final farewell.

Former Macau Chief

Executive Edmund Ho was one of the pallbearers, alongside Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, former Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, Liaison Office Director Luo Hui-ning, and his deputy Tan Tieniu.

The information was released Friday during a press conference by Dr. Alvis Lo Iek Long from the Conde de São Januário Hospital.

"Recently, the epidemic situation in Hong Kong has become more

serious, so everyone who has traveled to Hong Kong has to follow our rules and undergo 14 days of medical observation. Nobody is exempt. These measures are to ensure the health of the citizens of Macau," he said.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Elsie Ao Ieong U, initially told the press on Friday morning that all local residents coming from the neighboring region for official business or other reasons are required to undergo a mandatory 14-

day quarantine.

According to the official, the SAR government will continue to assess the developing Covid-19 risks to Macau.

According to Radio Macau, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, along with other officials who attended the funeral, will stay at either the Shearaton Grand Hotel Macao or Pousada Marina Infante, the two quarantine locations designated by the Heath Bureau.

Edmund Ho, the first Chief Executive of the

Macau SAR, will stay in an "undisclosed place" for security reasons, according to Lo, who did not elaborate any further.

The late casino tycoon's funeral service was held on Friday, and was attended by relatives and over 100 high-profile personalities. President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Keqiang and Vice-Premier Han Zheng sent black floral wreaths to the funeral of the SJM Holdings co-founder.

A public vigil was held at the Hong Kong Funer-

al Home in North Point on Thursday. Stanley Ho's remains will be buried in Hong Kong's Mount Davis Cemetery at a later date.

Following his death, SJM properties turned off their exterior lights to pay their respects to their founder. In June, SJM opened a memorial area for the late gaming tycoon to the local public in the East Wing main lobby of Hotel Lisboa. SJM employees, along with members of the public, were welcome to pay their respects. **LV**

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# UK-CHINA TIES FREEZE WITH DEBATE OVER HUAWEI, HONG KONG

SYLVIA HUI, LONDON

ONLY five years ago, then-British Prime Minister David Cameron was celebrating a “golden era” in U.K.-China relations, bonding with President Xi Jinping over a pint of beer at the pub and signing off on trade deals worth billions.

Those friendly scenes now seem like a distant memory.

Hostile rhetoric has ratcheted up in recent days over Beijing's new national security law for Hong Kong. Britain's decision to offer refuge to millions in the former colony was met with a stern telling-off by China. And Chinese officials have threatened “consequences” if Britain treats it as a “hostile country” and decides to cut Chinese technology giant Huawei out of its critical telecoms infrastructure amid growing unease over security risks.

All that is pointing to a much tougher stance against China, with a growing number in Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party taking a long, hard look at Britain's Chinese ties. Many are saying Britain has been far too complacent and naive in thinking it could reap economic benefits from the relationship without political consequences.

“It's not about wanting to cut ties with China. It's that China is itself becoming a very unreliable and rather dangerous partner,” said lawmaker and former Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith. He cited Beijing's “trashing” of the Sino-British Joint Declaration — the treaty supposed to guarantee Hong Kong a high degree of autonomy when it reverted from British to Chinese rule — and aggressive posturing in the South China Sea as areas of concern.

“This is not a country that is in any way managing itself to be a good and decent partner in anything at the moment. That's why we need to review our relationship with them,” he added. “Those who think this is a case of separating trade from government ... you can't do that, that's naïve.”

Duncan Smith has lobbied other Tory lawmakers to cut Huawei out from Britain's superfast 5G network. Not only that: He says all existing Huawei technology in the U.K. telecoms infrastructure also needs to be eliminated as soon as possible.

The company has been at the center of tensions between China and Britain, as U.K. officials review how the latest U.S. sanctions — imposed over allegations of cyber spying and



In this May 29, 2020 file photo, protesters hold a British National (Overseas) passport and Hong Kong colonial flag in a shopping mall during a protest against China's national security legislation

aimed at cutting off Huawei's access to advanced microchips made with American technology — will affect British telecom networks.

Johnson decided in January that Huawei can be deployed in future 5G networks as long as its share of the market is limited, but officials have since hinted that that decision could be reversed in light of the U.S. sanctions. A new policy is expected within weeks.

Huawei says it is merely caught in the middle of a U.S.-China battle over trade and technology. It has consistently denied allegations it could carry out cyber espionage or electronic sabotage at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party.

“We've definitely been pushed into the geopolitical competition,” Vice President Victor Zhang said Wednesday. U.S. accusations about security risks are all politically motivated, he said.

Nigel Inkster, senior adviser to the International Institute for Strategic Studies and former director of operations and intelligence at Britain's MI6 intelligence service, said the issue with Huawei was not so much about immediate security threats. Rather, he said, the deeper worry lies in the geopolitical implications of China becoming the world's dominant player in 5G technology.

“It's less about cyber espionage than generally conceived because, after all, that's happening in any place,” he said. “This was never something of which the U.K. was lacking awareness.”

Still, Inkster said he's been cautioning for years that Britain needed a more coherent strategy toward China that balances the economic and security factors.

“There was a high degree of complacency” back in the 2000s, he said. “There was always less to the ‘golden era’

than met the eye.”

Britain rolled out the red carpet for Xi's state visit in 2015, with golden carriages and a lavish banquet at Buckingham Palace with Queen Elizabeth II. A cyber security cooperation deal was struck, along with billions in trade and investment projects — including Chinese state investment in a British nuclear power station. Cameron spoke about his ambitions for Britain to become China's “best partner in the West.”

Enthusiasm has cooled significantly since. The English city of Sheffield, which was promised a billion-pound deal with a Chinese manufacturing firm in 2016, said the investment never materialized. Critics have called it a vanity project and a “candy floss deal.”

Economic and political grumbles about China erupted into sharp rebukes earlier this month when Beijing imposed sweeping new national security

laws on Hong Kong. Johnson's government accused China of a serious breach of the Sino-British Joint Declaration, and announced it would open a special route to citizenship for up to 3 million eligible Hong Kong residents.

That amounts to “gross interference,” Chinese Ambassador Liu Xiaoming said. Liu also warned that a decision to get rid of Huawei could drive away other Chinese investment in the U.K., and derided Britain for succumbing to U.S. pressure over the company.

Rana Mitter, an Oxford history professor specializing in China, said that the security law — combined with broader resentment about Chinese officials' handling of information about the coronavirus — helped set the stage for a perfect storm of wariness among Britain's politicians and the public.

Mitter added that Britain has careened from “uncritically accepting everything about China” to a confrontational approach partly because of a lack of understanding about how China operates.

Some have cautioned against escalating tensions. Philip Hammond, the former British Treasury chief, warned that weakening links with the world's second-largest economy was particularly unwise at a time when Britain is severing trade ties with Europe and seeking partners elsewhere. Hammond also said he was concerned about an “alarming” rise of anti-Chinese sentiment within his Conservative Party.

Duncan Smith rejected that, saying concerns about China's rise are cross-party and multinational. He is part of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, a newly launched group of lawmakers from more than a dozen countries — from the U.S. to Australia to Japan — that want a coordinated international response to the Chinese challenge.

“We need to recognize that this isn't something one country can deal with,” he said. AP



The short-lived ‘golden era’ in UK-China relations. In these 2015 file photos, Chinese President Xi Jinping enjoys a beer with former British Prime Minister David Cameron, and toasts Britain's Queen Elizabeth II during a state banquet at Buckingham Palace

SAM McNEIL, BEIJING

**T**WO World Health Organization experts were heading to the Chinese capital on Friday to lay the groundwork for an investigation into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic.

An animal health expert and an epidemiologist will meet Chinese counterparts in Beijing to work out logistics, places to visit and the participants for a WHO-led international mission, the U.N. organization said.

A major issue will be to “look at whether or not it jumped from species to human, and what species it jumped from,” WHO spokesperson Dr. Margaret Harris said at a briefing in Geneva.

Scientists believe the virus may have originated in bats and was transmitted to another mammal such as a civet cat or an armadillo-like pangolin before being passed on to people.

A cluster of infections late last year focused initial attention on a fresh food market in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, but the discovery of earlier cases suggests the animal-to-human jump may have happened elsewhere.

In an effort to block future outbreaks, China has cracked down on the trade in wildlife and closed some markets, while enforcing strict containment measures that appear to have virtually stopped new local infections.

The WHO mission is politically sensitive, with the U.S. — the top funder of the U.N. body — moving to cut ties with it over allegations it mishandled the outbreak and is biased toward China.

“China took the lead in inviting WHO experts to investigate and discuss scientific virus tracing,” Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said Friday.

AP PHOTO

# WHO experts to visit China to plan Covid-19 investigation

World Health Organization

WHO Representative in China



In this Jan. 23, 2020, file photo, Dr. Gauden Galea, the World Health Organization (WHO) representative in China, speaks during a press interview

In contrast, he said, the U.S. “not only announced its withdrawal from the World Health Organization, but also politicized the anti-epidemic issue and played a buck-passing game to shift responsibilities.”

More than 120 nations called for an investigation into the origins of the virus at the World Health Assembly in May. China has insisted that WHO lead the investigation and for it to wait until the pandemic is brought under control. The U.S., Brazil and India are continuing to see an increasing number of cases.

The last WHO coronavirus-specific mission to China was in February, after which the team's leader, Canadian doctor Bruce Aylward, praised China's containment efforts and information

sharing. Canadian and American officials have since criticized him as being too lenient on China.

An Associated Press investigation showed that in January, WHO officials were privately frustrated over the lack of transparency and access in China, according to internal audio recordings. Their complaints included that China delayed releasing the genetic map, or genome, of the virus for more than a week after three different government labs had fully decoded the information.

Privately, top WHO leaders complained in meetings in the week of Jan. 6 that China was not sharing enough data to assess how effectively the virus spread between people or what risk it posed to the rest of the world, costing valuable time. AP

## KAZAKHSTAN REJECTS CHINESE WARNING OVER PNEUMONIA OUTBREAK

**KAZAKHSTAN** health officials on Friday dismissed a Chinese report that the Central Asian country is facing an outbreak of pneumonia that is more deadly than coronavirus.

The Kazakh denial follows a notice issued Thursday by the Chinese embassy that warned its citizens about an outbreak of pneumonia in the ex-Soviet nation that is producing a death rate higher than that from Covid-19-induced pneumonia.

“This information doesn't conform to reality,” Kazakhstan's Health Ministry said. It noted that the country's statistics on pneumonia include patients who tested negative for coronavirus but had symptoms compatible with Covid-19.

According to official data, the number of pneumonia cases in Kazakhstan has increased 55% in the first half of the year compared with the same period in 2019.

The emergencies chief of the World Health Organization, Dr. Michael Ryan, said Friday that many of the pneumonia cases in Kazakhstan were likely to be Covid-19 and “just have not been diagnosed correctly.” MDT/AP

# Beijing vows retaliation against US sanctions over Xinjiang

**C**HINA said it will retaliate against U.S. officials and institutions following Washington's imposition of sanctions on three local officials of the ruling Communist Party over human rights abuses in the northwestern region of Xinjiang.

China will “definitely fight back” against actions it considers interference in its internal affairs and that which threaten its sovereignty, security and development interests, foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters at a daily briefing.

Zhao said China “strongly opposes and condemns” the Trump administration's decision to bar the three

officials from entering the U.S., the latest in a series of moves taken against China as relations deteriorate over the coronavirus pandemic, human rights, Hong Kong and trade.

“In response to the wrong practice of the U.S., China decided to take reciprocal measures against the relevant U.S. institutions and individuals who performed badly on the Xinjiang-related issues,” Zhao said.

The U.S. administration's Thursday announcement comes a day after it slapped visa bans on Chinese officials deemed responsible for barring foreigners' access to Tibet. Thursday's step, however, hits a more

senior level of leadership, targeting Chen Quanguo, Xinjiang's ranking leader and a member of the party's Politburo, along with regional security officials Zhu Hailun and Wang Mingshan.

They and their immediate family members are banned from entering the United States. The Associated Press profiled Zhu as part of a package of stories last year.

The sanctions were announced a week after an AP investigation showed forced population control of the Uighurs and other largely Muslim minorities, one of the reasons cited by the State Department for the sanctions

“The United States will not stand idly by as the Chinese Communist Party carries out human rights abuses targeting Uighurs, ethnic Kazakhs and members of other minority groups in Xinjiang, to include forced labor, arbitrary mass detention, and forced population control, and attempts to erase their culture and Muslim faith,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

China has detained an estimated 1 million or more members of its Muslim ethnic minority groups in internment camps, described by the government as vocational training facilities aimed at countering Mus-

lim radicalism and separatist tendencies. It says those facilities have since been closed, a claim impossible to deny given the restrictions on visits and reporting about the region.

Camp veterans and family members say those held are forced, often with the threat of violence, to denounce their religion, culture and language and swear loyalty to party leader and head of state Xi Jinping.

China says vast, resource-rich Xinjiang has long been its territory and claims it is bringing stability and prosperity to the region. Many Uighurs and others among the region's native population say they are

being denied economic options in favor of migrants from elsewhere in China and that the party wishes to eliminate their separate cultures.

In October 2019, the United States imposed visa restrictions on Chinese officials “believed to be responsible for, or complicit in” the detention of Muslims in Xinjiang. It also blacklisted more than two dozen Chinese companies and agencies linked to abuses in the region — including surveillance technology manufacturers and Xinjiang's public security bureau — effectively blocking them from buying U.S. products. AP

AP PHOTO



Daily wage laborers wait to be employed, in front of a closed shop in Hyderabad, India

# Surging cases in India, Africa highlight pandemic inequalities

**S**OUTH Africa's confirmed coronavirus cases have doubled in just two weeks to a quarter-million, and India on Saturday saw its biggest daily spike as its infections passed 800,000. The surging cases are raising sharp concerns about unequal treatment in the pandemic, as the wealthy hoard medical equipment and use private hospitals and the poor crowd into overwhelmed public facilities.

Globally more than 12.5 million people have been infected by the virus and over 560,000 have died, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Experts say the pandemic's true toll is much higher due to testing shortages, poor data collection in some nations and other issues.

Some of the worst-affected countries are among the world's most unequal. South Africa leads them all on that measure, with the pandemic exposing the gap in care.

In Johannesburg, the epicenter of South Africa's outbreak, badly needed oxygen concentrators that help COVID-19 patients who are struggling to breathe are hard to find as private businesses and individuals are buying them up, a public health specialist volunteering at a field hospital, Lynne Wilkinson, told The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, South Africa's public hospitals are short on medical oxygen — and

they are now seeing a higher proportion of deaths than private ones, the National Institute for Communicable Diseases says.

South Africa now has more than 250,000 confirmed coronavirus cases, including more than 3,800 deaths. To complicate matters, the country's troubled power utility has announced new electricity cuts in the dead of winter as a cold front brings freezing weather. Many of the country's urban poor live in shacks of scrap metal and wood.

And in Kenya, some have been outraged by a local newspaper report that says several governors have installed intensive care unit equipment in their homes. The country lost its first doctor to COVID-19 this week.

"The welfare, occupational safety & health of frontline workers is a non-negotiable minimum!" the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union tweeted after her death. On Saturday, the union and other medical groups urged President Uhuru Kenyatta to implement a promised compensation package to ease the "anxiety and fear that has now gripped health care workers."

More than 8,000 health workers across Africa have been infected, half of them in South Africa. The continent of 1.3 billion has the world's lowest levels of health staffing and more than 560,000 cases, and the

pandemic is reaching "full speed," the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

Many parts of the world are facing fresh waves of infections as they try to reopen their economies.

In India, which reported a new daily high of 27,114 cases on Saturday, nearly a dozen states have imposed a partial lockdown in high-risk areas. Cases jumped from 600,000 to more than 800,000 in nine days. People are packing India's public hospitals as many are unable to afford private ones that generally uphold higher standards of care.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged top officials to improve infection testing and tracking, especially in states with high positivity rates.

Officials on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa said dozens of U.S. Marines have been infected at two bases there in what is feared to be a massive outbreak. The officials said the U.S. military asked that the exact figure not be released.

"We now have strong doubts that the U.S. military has taken adequate disease prevention measures," Gov. Denny Tamaki told reporters.

In Australia, the beleaguered state of Victoria reported 216 new cases in the past 24 hours, down from the record 288 the previous day. It hopes a new six-week lockdown in Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city with a population of 5 million, will curb the spread.

"We cannot pretend that doing anything other than following the rules will get us to the other side of this," said Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews.

In Latin America, where inequality is sharp and Brazil and Peru are among the world's top five most badly hit countries, the COVID-19 pandemic is sweeping through the continent's leadership, with two more presidents and powerful officials testing positive in the past week.

Yet developing countries are not the only ones overwhelmed. Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. have hit 3 million, with over 130,000 deaths — the worst outbreak by far in the world. The surge has led to equipment shortages as well as long lines at testing sites.

Texas is among the U.S. states setting records for infections, virus hospitalizations and deaths almost daily after embarking on one of America's fastest reopenings. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott on Friday extended a statewide disaster as the state surpassed 10,000 hospitalized patients for the first time.

"Things will get worse," Abbott told Lubbock television station KLBK. "The worst is yet to come as we work our way through that massive increase in people testing positive." MDT/AP

## this day in history



### 1985 LIVE AID MAKES MILLIONS FOR AFRICA

The Live Aid concert for the starving in Africa has raised triple the £10m expected.

And as the London event draws to a close at Wembley Stadium, Britain had contributed £1,100,000 to the global total of £30m.

Described as the Woodstock of the eighties, the world's biggest rock festival was organised by Boomtown Rats singer Bob Geldof to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

Wembley was packed with a crowd of 72,000, and TV pictures, co-ordinated at BBC Television Centre, have been beamed to over 1.5 bn people in 160 countries in the biggest broadcast ever known.

The transatlantic concert began in London's midday sunshine with a fanfare for Prince Charles and Princess Diana and Status Quo performing Rocking All over the World.

Stars were flown in by helicopter into the arena in a line-up that included David Bowie, Wham and royal favourites Dire Straits.

Frequent appeals by Bob Geldof reminded viewers of the motive for the occasion: "Don't go to the pub tonight. Please stay in and give us your money. There are people dying now."

He himself took the call from the ruling family in Dubai who made the biggest single donation of £1m.

Across the UK eight appeal centres were set up with 200 phone lines to handle - mainly credit card - donations of up to £2,000.

In the US 22,000 pledges were received within five minutes of the Beach Boys taking to the stage in the simultaneous concert at JFK Stadium, Philadelphia.

The 16-hour music marathon is being completed there tonight with acts including Bob Dylan, Duran Duran and Paul Simon.

Nine months after the droughts, disease and famine in north eastern Africa were brought to the media's attention the UN has warned that 160m people are still affected.

Governments have begun a global relief operation but there are still problems of distribution in the worst hit areas - mainly Sudan and Ethiopia.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

After seeing BBC news reports of the African famine Bob Geldof and Midge Ure from Ultravox wrote the song Do They Know It's Christmas to raise money for the crisis. Mr Geldof went on a crusade to attract other stars to the cause.

Performing under the name Band Aid, they released the song on 7 December 1984. It was the fastest selling single ever and raised £8m.

Live Aid eventually raised £40m. Half of the money was spent on food and half on long-term development.

Bob Geldof was given an honorary knighthood in 1986. On 2 July 2005 Bob Geldof organised Live 8 - a series of rock concerts around the world to raise awareness about global poverty and put pressure on the leaders of the G8 nations to tackle the problem.

Six days later the G8 summit at Gleneagles in Perthshire, Scotland, agreed a \$50bn aid package for Africa.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
 You have shown amazing patience with someone who seems to be making the same mistakes over and over again - despite their promises that they would stop.

**TAURUS**  
 Apr. 20-May. 20  
 Someone has been desperately trying to get your attention, but you have been so busy focused on other things that you haven't slowed down to notice them by the side of the road, trying to flag you down.

**GEMINI**  
 May. 21-Jun. 21  
 This is a day that offers a lot of great starts and beginnings, but there will be no follow through on any of them - you are going to be just too busy to help lead things into a formative phase.

**CANCER**  
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
 You have the ability to help the people you care most about today, so use it! And don't worry - it won't be difficult to make some major changes start happening for others.

**LEO**  
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
 Today, teamwork will only be effective if you put in your fair share of ideas. Do not hide behind the camouflage of other people, hoping their involvement will be enough to get things done.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
 Everyone has two sides to their personality (at least), so today if someone is getting on your nerves, focus on the part of their personality that is most compatible with yours.

**LIBRA**  
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
 It's not universally true that opposites attract, but you've been noticing some hot magnetic energy between two very different (and very single) people in your life.

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 There is some unpredictable energy flying around your environment today, so beware. Nothing is for certain, and nothing is going to be written in stone.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 Don't worry about losing your edge of falling under the spell of your couch. Just because you're not running around crossing things off your list doesn't mean that you aren't getting things done.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 One of your long lost friends is going to reappear on the scene very soon, and they will offer you a missing link that will connect you to several opportunities - including greater wealth and a hotter romance.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 The best kind of wisdom comes from people who know you well, so if you are feeling the urge to start a new relationship with one of your old relatives, then you shouldn't wait to get started.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
 Tiny details have lives of their own, and if you don't watch them carefully, they'll take you in all the wrong directions. Timing may be an obstacle to overcome, so be aware that last minute delays are possible.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sanson**



**SUDOKU**

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**WEATHER**

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
<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- Bushy hairdo; 5- Upper limbs, weapons; 9- Silt deposit; 14- Jump; 15- Have a hunch; 16- Fuming; 17- Take \_\_\_ from me; 18- Minstrel's instrument; 19- Chad neighbor; 20- Ladies of Spain; 22- Hayes's Veep; 24- Matching; 25- Crotchety; 26- Harsh; 29- Dadaist Max; 31- Shut; 32- "Peter Pan" pirate; 33- Faulkner's "\_\_\_ Lay Dying"; 36- Entirely; 37- Causes to remember; 40- Mil. address; 41- Mosquito protection; 42- Push with the head; 43- Fiddlesticks!; 45- Sums owing; 47- Middy nap; 48- Poe maiden; 51- Earthbound bird; 52- Pear-shaped fruit; 54- Drilling result; 58- Languishes with longing; 59- Inner drive; 61- Busy as \_\_\_; 62- Rock; 63- Actor Julia; 64- Tabula \_\_\_; 65- Bridge positions; 66- Discard; 67- Textile worker;

**DOWN:** 1- Melodramatic cry; 2- Celebration; 3- Drops from the sky; 4- Objects; 5- Blazing; 6- Employ again; 7- Encountered; 8- Move sideways, killed; 9- Passenger ships; 10- Provide bearings; 11- Specimen of genus Aquila; 12- Direct; 13- Crowd together; 21- Less common; 23- Sharpened; 26- Examine, search; 27- Fashion mag; 28- Unit of potential difference; 29- Gives off; 30- 1996 Tony-winning musical; 32- Brown-bag stuff; 33- Contented sighs; 34- Petty quarrel, ejected saliva; 35- Caucus state; 38- Grew less; 39- Long-winded speech; 44- Where sailors go; 45- University lecturer; 46- Rubs out; 47- Protect; 48- Pass into disuse; 49- Patti LuPone role; 50- Taboos; 51- Scoundrel; 53- Yours and mine; 55- Auction site; 56- \_\_\_-majesté; 57- Regan's dad; 60- Fan sound;

**Friday's solution**

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<b>Fire department</b> 28 572 222	<b>Water Supply - Report</b> 2822 0088
<b>PJ (Open line)</b> 993	<b>Telephone - Report</b> 1000
<b>PJ (Picket)</b> 28 557 775	<b>Electricity - Report</b> 28 339 922
<b>PSP</b> 28 573 333	<b>Macau Daily Times</b> 28 716 081
<b>Customs</b> 28 559 944	
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<b>Kiang Wu Hospital</b> 28 371 333	
<b>Commission Against Corruption (CCAC)</b> 28326 300	
<b>IAM</b> 28 387 333	
<b>Tourism</b> 28 333 000	
<b>Airport</b> 59 888 88	



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**Buckingham, Taipa** High floor & Large terrace  
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- Club facility includes swimming pool, dining room, sauna and spa, Karaoke rooms
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**\$4,900,000**  
900 ft<sup>2</sup>  
2 1



**Unique Studio, Taipa**

**\$3,780,000**  
650 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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**Views of Nam Van & Macau Tower**

**\$21,800/mth**  
1,900 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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**Taipa Village studio**

**\$9,000/mth**  
650 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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- [Macau] One Oasis modern studio 1 691 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$6,357,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Taipa] Taipa Village- two connected 4 2 1,404 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$8,380,000** (ref: 19096006)
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For Rent

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- [Taipa] Private house 2 3 3 4,266 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$45,000/mth** (ref: 19055006ST)
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**Rented**

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**R**OUGHLY five hours after an internal email went out Friday to Amazon employees telling them to delete the popular video app TikTok from their phones, the online retailing giant appeared to backtrack, calling the ban a mistake.

"This morning's email to some of our employees was sent in error," Amazon emailed reporters just before 5 p.m. Eastern time. "There is no change to our policies right now with regard to TikTok."

Company spokeswoman Jaci Anderson declined to answer questions about what caused the confounding turnaround or error.

The initial internal email, which was disseminated widely online, told employees to delete TikTok, a video app increasingly popular with young people but also the focus of intensifying national-security and geopolitical concerns because of its Chinese ownership. The email cited the app's "security risks."

An Amazon employee who confirmed receipt of the initial email but was not authorized to speak publicly had not seen a retraction at the time of Amazon's backtrack.

Amazon is the second-largest U.S. private employer after Walmart. Moving against TikTok could have escalated pressure on the app in a big way, particularly if other companies did the same. The U.S. military already bans TikTok on employee phones and the company is subject to a national-security review of its merger history.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said this week that the government was "certainly looking" at banning the app, setting off confused and irritated posts as well as jokes by TikTok users.

Chinese internet company ByteDance owns TikTok, which is designed for users outside of China; it also makes a Chinese version called Douyin. Like YouTube, TikTok relies on its users for the videos that populate its app. It has a reputation for fun, goofy videos and is popular with young people, including millions of Americans.

But critics have cited concerns, including the possibility of TikTok censoring videos, such as those critical of the Chinese government, sharing user data

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# Amazon says email to employees banning TikTok was a mistake

with Chinese officials, and violating kids' privacy. TikTok has said it doesn't censor videos based on topics sensitive to China and it would not give the Chinese government access to U.S. user data even if asked.

TikTok said earlier in the day that Amazon did not notify it before sending the initial email around midday Eastern time Friday. That email read, "The TikTok app is no longer permitted on mobile devices that access Amazon email." To retain mobile access to company email, employees had to delete the TikTok app by the end of the day.

"We still do not understand their concerns," TikTok said at the time, adding that the company would welcome a dialogue to address Amazon's issues. A TikTok spokeswoman declined to comment further Friday evening.

TikTok has been trying to appease critics in the U.S. and distance itself from its Chinese roots, but finds itself caught in an increasingly sticky geopolitical web.

It recently named a new CEO, former Disney executive Kevin Mayer, a move experts said could help it navigate U.S. regulators. And it is stopping operations in Hong Kong because of a new Chinese national security law that led Facebook, Google and Twitter to also stop providing user data to Hong Kong authorities.

Pompeo said the U.S. government remains concerned about TikTok and refer-

red to the administration's crackdown on Chinese telecom firms Huawei and ZTE. Washington has tried to convince allies to root Huawei out of telecom networks with mixed success. President Donald Trump has also said he is willing to use Huawei as a bargaining chip in trade talks. Huawei has denied that it enables spying by the Chinese government.

A U.S. national-security agency has been reviewing ByteDance's purchase of TikTok's precursor, Musical.ly. Meanwhile, privacy groups say TikTok has been violating children's privacy, even after the Federal Trade Commission fined the company in 2019 for collecting personal information from children without their parents' consent. Concerns aren't limited to the U.S. India this month banned dozens of Chinese apps, including TikTok, citing privacy concerns, amid tensions between the countries.

Amazon may have been concerned about a Chinese-owned app's access to employee data because the U.S. government says China regularly steals U.S. intellectual property, said Susan Ariel Aaronson, a professor at George Washington University and a data governance and national-security expert.

Part of Amazon's motivation with the ban, now apparently reversed, may also have been political, Aaronson said, since Amazon "doesn't want to alienate the

Trump administration."

Seattle-based Amazon and its founder, Jeff Bezos, are frequent targets of Trump. Bezos personally owns The Washington Post, which Trump has called

"fake news." Last year, Amazon sued the U.S. government, saying that Trump's "personal vendetta" against Amazon, Bezos and the Post led it to lose a \$10 billion cloud computing contract

with the Pentagon to rival Microsoft. Meanwhile, federal regulators as well as Congress are pursuing antitrust investigations at Amazon as well as other tech giants. AP

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OPINION

World Views

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**OUR PAST IS RACIST AND BIGOTED. HOW DO WE FACE IT?**

The past is never dead. It's not even past.

William Faulkner's famous line comes from a harrowing tale about two women in Mississippi. One is a Black nursemaid, Nancy, who is to be hanged for the murder of a baby girl. The other is her White employer, Temple, the child's mother, who ekes out the semblance of respectable married life. Neither can escape the vengeful reappearance of deeds done many years earlier.

Since the killing of George Floyd, a Black American man, under the knee of a White police officer, the past has been reemerging with extra ferocity. In the U.S. and Europe, people have been pulling down statues of slavers and racists, renaming institutions and streets, and trying in countless other ways to change how the past is represented in the now.

In some cases, these actions seem so obvious it's hard to believe they weren't taken long ago. For more than a century, Mississippi, Faulkner's home, has had a flag containing the Confederate battle standard, adopted by White supremacist legislators a generation after the Civil War. It's coming down only now.

In other cases, the gestures may be heartfelt, but they come off as awkward. When King Philippe of Belgium sent his "deepest regrets for the wounds of the past" to the Congo, which his country colonized brutally under the reign of one of his ancestors, he still couldn't bring himself simply to apologize.

Nor could Mark Rutte, the prime minister of the Netherlands, which also has a history of trading slaves — because some people "may find that painful," as he said in parliament. He neglected to mention that many other people find the very omission of such an apology painful.

And then there are reactions like Donald Trump's. The entire debate about statues and symbols is "a merciless campaign to wipe out our history, defame our heroes, erase our values," the U.S. president said against the background of Mount Rushmore and its granite faces depicting four of his predecessors, including two who owned slaves. Trump's approach — selective denial — is deceitful and insensitive. It's also cynical because his intent is to divide and mobilize a backlash.

The noble way is to confront the past honestly, as Faulkner's Temple does eventually. This path, however, inevitably leads to frustration and anguish. Sometimes the past indicts us without mercy. Other times it's excruciatingly ambiguous.

As Rutte asked in parliament, can you "hold people who are alive today responsible for the past?" In one sense, doing so seems unfair, indeed impossible. But in another sense, it also seems unfair not to. After all, many American Blacks still suffer the aftereffects of slavery and Jim Crow, and many Whites indulge in their inherited privilege.

This moral ambiguity is why debates about reparations can never be satisfactorily settled, and not only when it comes to indemnifying the descendants of slaves in the U.S. Poles, Greeks and others regularly demand that Germany pay reparations for Nazi atrocities. Similar tensions exist between Japan and its former victims in Asia. But unless reparations are paid by the actual perpetrators directly to their victims, they can be counterproductive. Whoever ends up paying may feel absolved of all future responsibility. And both sides may inadvertently demean the original crime by haggling over its "price."

Reexamining our public monuments is actually the easier part of dealing with the past. Ruthless honesty, combined with respect for ambiguity, must start here. I often stand in the heart of Berlin, gazing at the vast Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, an undulating sea of concrete slabs. Then I turn around and look at the statue of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe across the street, lost in eternal contemplation. Germany's lowest and highest, both in the same place, both at once.

The harder part is living with a past that never dies. We cannot edit or rewrite it. So we must understand it and accept its exhortation. [Abridged]

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's long-governing party comfortably won Friday's general elections as expected amid the coronavirus pandemic, but faced a setback as the opposition made minor gains.

Lee said his People's Action Party secured 83 parliamentary seats, retaining its overwhelming majority with 89% of the total seats, but its popular vote dipped to 61%. The Workers' Party, the only opposition with a presence in Parliament, increased its seats from six to 10 — the biggest victory for the opposition since independence.

It marked a decline in the PAP's performance from 2015 polls

when it took 93% of seats and nearly 70% of total vote. Several key PAP leaders also lost, including two former ministers.

"It's not as strong a mandate as I hoped for but it's a good mandate," Lee told a news conference. "The results reflect the pain and uncertainty that Singaporeans feel in this crisis ... this was not a feel-good election but one where people are facing real problems and expect more rough weather to come."

The PAP has dominated politics since 1959, when Lee's father, Lee Kuan Yew, became Singapore's first prime minister and built the resource-poor city-state into one of the world's richest nations during 31 years in office.



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**PUERTO RICO QUESTIONS SPAIN'S LEGACY AS STATUES TUMBLE IN US**

**S**TATUES, street names, plazas and even the body of conquistador Juan Ponce de León himself: Spain left a nearly indelible legacy in Puerto Rico that attracts hordes of tourists every year, but some activists are trying to erase it as they join a U.S. movement to eradicate symbols of oppression.

Dozens of activists marched through the historic part of Puerto Rico's capital on Saturday, some wearing traditional Taino clothing as they banged on drums and blew on conch shells to demand that the U.S. territory's government start by removing statues including those of explorer Christopher Columbus.

"These statues represent all that history of violence, of invasion, of looting, of theft, of murder," said an activist who goes by the name of Pluma and is a member of Puerto Rico's Council for the Defense of Indigenous Rights. "These are crimes against humanity."

Columbus landed in Puerto Rico in 1493 accompanied by Spaniard Ponce de León, who later became the island's first governor and quelled an uprising by the native Tainos, a subgroup of the Arawak Indians. Historians and anthropologists believe that up to 60,000 Tainos lived in Puerto Rico at the time, but they were soon forced into labor and succumbed to in-

fectious disease outbreaks.

Centuries later, local government officials honored both explorers by erecting statues and naming streets and plazas after them across Puerto Rico. The Columbus Plaza is located at the entrance of Old San Juan and

"No, it won't be easy," acknowledged activist Francisco Jordán García, who helped organize the march. "It's going to be a long process."

But he quickly offered alternatives: "We can melt them and create a different statue of someone who truly deserves it."

Activists recently contacted the office of San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz and said an assistant told them officials would evaluate the cost of taking down the statues. A Cruz spokesman did not return a message for comment.

The march comes as Puerto Ricans' interest in the territory's indigenous past continues to grow. In the 2010 Census, some 42,000 of the 3.7 million people living on the island at that time identified themselves as at least partially Taino.

Statues of Columbus have been removed or toppled elsewhere in the U.S. mainland following an uproar over racism after the police killing of George Floyd. Protesters in Baltimore threw a Columbus statue into a harbor, while they beheaded another one in Boston. Meanwhile, officials in states including New York, Ohio, California, Missouri and Connecticut have removed similar statues. AP

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ACTIVIST

**Russia** A provincial governor in Russia's far east has been arrested on charges of involvement in multiple murders, officials said. Sergei Furgal, the governor of the Khabarovsk region along the border with China, was arrested in Khabarovsk and was flown to Moscow.



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**Egypt** A doctor arrested after writing an article about Egypt's fragile health system. A pharmacist picked up from work after posting online about a shortage of protective gear. An editor taken from his home after questioning official coronavirus figures. As Egyptian authorities fight the swelling coronavirus outbreak, security agencies have tried to stifle criticism about the handling of the health crisis by the government of President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.



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**Poland** Voters in Poland cast ballots yesterday in the country's razor blade-close presidential runoff between the conservative, populist incumbent and the liberal, pro-Europe mayor of Warsaw in a battle that reflects deep divisions in this European Union nation.

**Serbia-Kosovo** The European Union praised the leaders of Serbia and Kosovo Sunday for getting long-stalled talks on normalizing their tense relations back on the rails and for setting up a face-to-face meeting in Brussels later this week.

**Spain** Over 4.4 million Spaniards in two northern regions were voting in regional elections yesterday amid tight security measures to avoid more outbreaks of the coronavirus. Regional authorities in both the Basque Country and Galicia have prohibited over 400 people who have tested positive for the virus that causes Covid-19 from going to polling stations to vote.