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**South Korean** President Moon Jae-in apologized for the first time yesterday for the death of a man who was shot by North Korean troops last week, saying his government failed in its responsibility to safeguard a citizen. The shooting triggered outrage and criticism that Seoul apparently wasted hours to rescue the South Korean official who was found adrift in North Korean waters before his death.



**Pakistan's** anti-graft body arrested opposition leader Shahbaz Sharif yesterday over his alleged involvement in a money laundering case after a court rejected bail for him, a move coming just before planned protests next month by his party seeking to force Prime Minister Imran Khan's resignation.

**Armenia** and Azerbaijani forces kept fighting yesterday over the disputed separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh after hostilities broke out the day before, with both sides blaming each other for resuming the deadly attacks that reportedly also wounded scores of people.



**India's** confirmed coronavirus tally reached 6 million yesterday, keeping the country second to the United States in number of reported cases. The Health Ministry reported 82,170 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, driving the overall total to 6,074,703. At least 1,039 deaths were recorded in the same period, taking total fatalities up to 95,542.

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CRIME

# FOUR FALL VICTIM TO NUDE CHAT FRAUD, INCLUDING TWO TEENAGERS

JULIE ZHU

**I**N the past few days, the Judiciary Police (PJ) has received four reports related to blackmail following nude video calls, the department said during a press conference yesterday.

The first victim is a local man born in the 1990s. On September 26, he befriended a man claiming to be an Australian citizen of African origin who lives in Macau.

After a short period of chatting online, the two then switched to the app Line for further communication, which led to a nude video call.

According to the police authority, the suspect "unexpectedly" took his clothes off during the call. Only then did the victim realize that his partner was actually white.

Despite his sense of unease over the man's lie about his ethnicity, the victim continued the chat which lasted roughly eight minutes.

About 30 minutes after, the suspect contacted the victim to demand a payment of \$1,000 (about MOP8,000), otherwise he would share the video with the victim's friends and relatives through contact information the suspect obtained from the victim's Instagram.

The victim bargained the price down to MOP2,000, although he



still did not pay. Eventually, he reported the case to the police authority.

In the second case, the victim is a 17-year-old male middle school student. On September 26, he befriended a woman on Facebook and switched to Line to continue communicating with her.

That evening, the victim engaged in a 21-minute long nude video chat with the woman.

About 45 minutes after the call had ended, the student's father received a link to the video and he discovered out that his son had been recorded. At the same time, an unknown man contacted the father on WhatsApp asking for a HKD10,000 payment to delete the video.

The father did not pay and reported the case to the police authority with his son.

The third victim is another

male middle school student who is 16 years old. He was contacted by an unknown woman on Instagram who he then befriended on Google Hangouts. The woman proposed a nude video call which went on for seven minutes.

One hour after the call, the victim received a link to the video.

The woman asked for MOP7,000 for the video to be deleted. The student did not pay and reported the case to the police authority immediately.

The only victim who has claimed to lose money is the fourth victim, who is also a Macau resident.

On September 26, the victim befriended someone who claimed to be a woman from Hong Kong on Skout.

The pair engaged in a five-minute-long nude video call. Thirty minutes after their call ended, the suspect asked the victim for HKD6,000 to prevent the video from being shared with all his contacts.

The victim transferred the MOP6,000 to the criminals. However, the blackmail did not

stop and the victim received new requests for more money. However, this time the victim did not pay and reported the case to the police authority.

In August, three young people, including two students, came forward as victims of blackmail following nude video chats with strangers.

The cases all share similarities. The suspects first came into contact with the strangers through a mobile app. The unidentified suspect then instructed them to download a specific app for nude video calls. The criminals then blackmailed the victims to demand money.

As of press time, the police authority is still investigating the four cases and no suspects have been identified.

## DRIVER TRICKS PASSENGER OVER BANKNOTE

**A** taxi driver in his 60s tricked a female customer into believing that she had given him a 100 pataca banknote instead of a 1,000 pataca banknote.

During yesterday's police press conference, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) reported the fraud case. On September 23, the victim, a mainland female tourist, got in a taxi at Avenida da Amizade to travel to Cotai.

The taxi meter indicated her fare was 55 patacas, which she paid for with one bank note and received 45 patacas back. During the payment, the taxi driver was rushing the passenger out of

the vehicle, which was dark inside at the time. Under pressure from the taxi driver, the woman took the change and got out of the vehicle. The woman thought she had given the driver a 100 pataca bank note.

However, she realized later that she had actually paid with a 1,000 pataca bank note and that the driver had cheated her. She reported the case to the police authority.

Later, the PSP apprehended the driver and interrogated him. The suspect admitted he had taken the money and hidden it. **JZ**

# TSI rules against gov't on 102-year-old land dispute, compensation set at over MOP100 million

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has ruled on a land dispute originating from 1918 between the Macau government and the owners of a land plot with a total area of 24,498 square meters located in Taipa Island.

In the ruling, the judges of the TSI sentenced the government to pay com-

penetration totaling around 100 million patacas.

The case began in 1918 when the then-Portuguese government of Macau expropriated part of the land plot located in the vicinity of Estrada Almirante Magalhães Correia, Estrada da Ponta da Cabrita and Avenida Padre Tomás Pereira, behind where the Edifício do Lago is currently located.

According to a statement from the Office of the President of the Courts of Final Appeal and Second Instance, the land was expropriated to build a shooting range, but the action was never officially registered.

Many years later, in 1994 the government used another part of the same land plot to build the access roads to the Amizade

Bridge. In 1999, the former Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, which is now known as the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), built an old tire depot on another portion of the land plot.

Since the expropriation was never registered, the heirs of the original landowners claimed ownership of the plot. As the government refused the reclamation, they filed a

court case against the Macau authorities.

After reaching the TSI due to both parties appealing the first decision of the Administrative Court, the judges analyzed the case and ruled in favor of the heirs. They determined that the Macau government and the IAM should pay compensation for the unlawful use of the land over a long period.

Besides the financial compensation of over MOP100 million, the government was also sentenced to return a land piece of an area of 20,263 square meters which remains available.

The Public Prosecutions Office, which was representing the Macau SAR, has already filed an appeal with the Court of Final Appeal.

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# Golden Week to test Macau's infection prevention measures

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**T**HE week-long holiday that commemorates the founding of the People's Republic of China, commonly known as Golden Week, will be the ultimate test of Macau's prevention and control measures which are in force due to Covid-19, said the medical director of Conde de São Januário Hospital, Dr. Alvis Lo, yesterday during the briefing of local health authorities.

Replying to questions from the media about the need to continue enforcing so many restrictive measures, Lo said, "Golden Week will be a test that will allow us to evaluate our [current] preventive measures and review them [if necessary]."

The doctor, who is a member of a panel of local health experts in charge of establishing and reviewing the measures in force, noted, "to enforce new measures [...] can come as an emergency and happens from one day to another, but to revoke [previously enforced measures] it takes times

as we need to do it slowly and in a controlled manner."

"We know that the measures in force cause constraints and hassles to many people but [those] people must understand that we need to protect our population," he remarked.

Macau has not registered any local infections for 183 days and also has not detected any imported cases for 94 days. It was also noted that the mainland, the only entry point available for visitors to Macau, has also not recorded any cases of Covid-19 infection in the past 20 days.

Due to a forecasted increase of activity across the borders due to Golden Week, local health authorities announced that the daily quota for Nucleic Acid Tests (NAT) has been raised to a maximum of 19,000 tests a day with the NAT testing post of Forum Macao to raise its capacity to 13,000. The posts at Kiang Wu Hospital and the Macau University of Science and Technology Hospital have also raised their capacity raised to over 1,500 and 1,000 tests per day respectively.

According to Lo, in extreme circumstances, there is still the possibility that people will resort to the company China Certification & Inspection Group Macau Co. LTD, which can provide testing and deliver results within the same day for a price of MOP500.

## REGENCY ART HOTEL DONE WITH QUARANTINE

The Regency Art Hotel in Taipa will cease to operate as a designated quarantine venue from September 30, the representative of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Lau Fong Chi, said yesterday during the media briefing.

The official also noted that as in previous occasions, health authorities will proceed with the thorough cleaning and disinfection of all facilities before handing the hotel back to management so it can operate normally as a hotel unit again.

## HYGIENE BEHIND SCHOOL OUTBREAKS

Questioned about Health Bureau (SSM) reports of an infection

cluster in schools with a virus that causes respiratory problems, Dr. Leong Iek Hou, coordinator of the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, acknowledged that the infections, although unrelated to Covid-19, have been confirmed as viral, suggesting that schools should pay more attention to hygiene.

"With the reopening of classes, namely in kindergartens, there were cases of infections with respiratory symptoms. We have detected that was due to a viral infection that caused low-temperature fevers as well as other low effects. This disease is related to our hygiene a lot. When we have these cases [this means] schools must do a proper cleaning and open the windows to renew the air of the rooms, and they need to raise the frequency of disinfection," Leong said.

"There is always a risk of contagion in schools due to proximity [of children], but it is a low risk," she added. "Even if there is a case [of Covid-19], what we need to do is to act fast. We cannot keep schools closed permanently."

## MACAUSLOT SALES DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2020

The sales of Macau Slot Co. Ltd (Macauslot) in the first half of 2020 amounted to just 30% of that in the same period in 2019, according to a report by public broadcaster TDM. The CEO of Macauslot expects sales to return to their previous numbers as the pandemic situation becomes more stable and betting resumes. Ho estimated that the second half of this year may record similar sales compared to the same period in 2019. Currently, Macauslot's biggest customer market is the Macau SAR, followed by mainland China. According to Ho, the company's business has suffered in recent years due to mainland China's crackdown on online betting. In the future, Macau Slot Co. Ltd will focus more on local development.

## LAWMAKER ASKS ABOUT VIRTUAL PROPERTY INHERITANCE

Lawmaker Leong Sun lok has asked the local government to protect people's right to inherit virtual property. In his interpellation to the SAR government, Leong pointed out that nowadays people purchase virtual products online, and also save important documents such as emails and photos in cloud storage. The lawmaker asked whether there are laws in Macau to ensure that the person's offspring can inherit the valuable and memorable products and redeem the files. In Leong's opinion, when such a situation occurs, the users' next of kin normally experience difficulties in negotiating with the product providers. He wants the government to protect people's rights in this regard.

## MORE MONEY READY FOR MACAU'S MAINLAND INSURANCE BUYERS

The Macau SAR government is giving more money to local residents who purchase medical insurance in mainland China, according to an Executive Decree published in the Official Gazette yesterday. The Chief Executive has approved an increase in the subsidy amount from 490 patacas to 520 patacas for people with a disability and senior citizens aged 65 or above. The order is already in effect and is applicable to all registered cases starting from July 1 this year. The subsidy now extends to all of Zhuhai, not just the Hengqin district. The applicants must live in Zhuhai.

# Local workforce unemployment rate rises to 4%

**M**ACAU'S unemployment rate is on the rise amid the Covid-19 pandemic, with the latest figure – covering the period from June to August – rising to 4% for the resident workforce, and to 2.8% overall.

The unemployment situation for the resident workforce is getting tougher, as a 0.2% increase

from the previous period from May to July was recorded. Meanwhile, the increase of the overall unemployment rate was 0.1% when compared to the May-July period.

At the same time, the local underemployment rate has also gone up to 3.7%, equating to a 0.4% increase from the previous period.

During this period, the city had a total labor force of 404,000 and a labor force participation rate of 70.2%. A total of 392,500 were employed, 276,600 of which were local residents. These figures decreased by 2,900 and 1,100 respectively.

Analyzed by industry, employment in gaming, junket and hotels activi-

ties decreased, while employment in restaurants increased.

With fresh graduates entering the labor market, the proportion of new labor market entrants seeking their first job increased by 6.8% to 16% of the total unemployed.

The number of unemployed people searching for a new job decreased

by 500. Most of the unemployed were previously working in the gaming, junkets, retail and the construction sectors.

Compared with June-August 2019, the underemployment rate and the unemployment rate increased by 3.3% and 1% respectively, while the labor force participation rate dropped by 0.1%. **AL**

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### MACAU BEIJING OFFICE RECEIVES 180 ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Macau SAR government's Beijing office has received over 180 requests asking for assistance, according to Leong Kit Chi, director of the office. Among these 180 requests, approximately 150 cases involve border control policies and entry quarantine regulations. Currently, over 1,000 Macau residents are studying in universities in Beijing. During the pandemic, the office has been primarily coordinating with the mainland government to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Leong says that the office will continue to maintain in close communication with these students and their schools in order to provide the proper assistance.

### APP-HAILED TAXIS TO PROVIDE FREE WI-FI

The SAR government is expanding access to its FreeWiFi.MO network to 200 app-hailed taxis, according to a statement released by the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT). In order to continue expanding free Wi-Fi coverage in Macau, the CTT has encouraged the participation of local institutions in FreeWiFi.MO since 2017 to provide members of the public with free Wi-Fi services. The plan has so far received support and participation from more than 40 public and private organizations, increasing the number of access points to more than 560 institutions. The latest participating organizations include Kiang Wu Hospital, New Yaohan and Macau Taxi. The CTT reiterated that as of today, FreeWiFi.MO is available in various locations ranging from integrated resorts, hotels, public departments, hospitals and department stores.

## LANDSLIDE REPORTED YESTERDAY MORNING AMID RAINSTORM SIGNAL

A landslide was reported to have taken place near Hac Sá Village in Coloane, as heavy rainfall and a thunderstorm struck the city early yesterday morning.

The weather conditions prompted the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau to issue both the Thunderstorm Warning and the Yellow Rainstorm Warning separately at around 6 a.m. The latter warning system was only restored at the start of this month. A Yellow Warning does not trigger school suspension.

Both warnings were withdrawn by 10 a.m.

The heavy rainstorm also caused a minor landslide at Coloane. Reports of the incident were received by the Fire Services Bureau at about 8 a.m. The affected site measured about 8 by 3 meters.

Although no injuries have been reported by the fire bureau response team that was deployed, the incident caused the closure of one lane of Estrada Nova de Hac Sá, the road running downhill to Hac Sá Beach.

A statement issued by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) at the start of summer this year pointed out that the city's peak rain season lasts from June to August each year. However, heavy rainfall has been recorded outside of that period.

The IAM has reminded members of the public to stay away from trees and hillsides when heavy rainfall or strong winds are occurring, as they may cause landslides or flying broken branches which may be dangerous to passers-by.

They also noted that when rainstorm warnings are in force, there may be gusty winds in open areas, the countryside or on bridges, implying that members of the public should protect themselves against these extreme weather conditions.

Members of the public should avoid outdoor activity, especially in the countryside, during or right after heavy rainfalls. They should also avoid staying near hillsides or under trees. The bureau has pledged to monitor conditions of trees and hill slopes. AL



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# Social media live broadcasts, influencer promotions to debut at trade show

ANTHONY LAM

A local business-to-consumer trade show will return in its seventh iteration during the upcoming October 1 long weekend with new highlights, such as influencer promotions and social media live sessions, the organizing body told a press conference yesterday.

Wang Sai Man, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Association of Macau, which is the organizing body for the Macau Industrial Products Show, pointed out in his speech that the mode of consumption has moved from offline to online, and from physical to digital. In order to draw the attention of a wider audience, the trade show will open with a studio for social media live broadcasts.

Live shows will not only take place inside the studio, influencers will also be invited to live broadcast their purchases at several dozen specific booths to help promote the products and the trade show simultaneously.

In addition, there will be experience sessions and a competition to allow children between ages 6 and 12 to become junior program hosts, meaning that they will have the chance to try running a live video or audio program.



Children within the age range can register for a chance to be chosen to conduct live interviews with a local entrepreneur at the live broadcast studio.

All children from 6 to 12 years old are invited to make their own videos and post them on TikTok, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to participate in the junior program host competition. Three cash prizes worth MOP3,000, MOP2,000 and MOP1,000 respectively will be given to three winners.

Live updates about discounts offered at the trade show will be posted in the venue to inform show goers about promotions.

On the main stage, there will be sharing sessions featuring individuals such as President Lau Wai Meng of the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute, Director Tai Kin Ip of the Macao Economic

Bureau, as well as several local entrepreneurs. They will share with the audience insider information about previous iterations and unforgettable moments from the trade show, as well as fun facts about their trades.

This year's show will have six sections: electrical and household appliances, healthcare and baby products, fashion and cosmetics, financial products, and food and food products. All participating businesses are local, the Industrial Association of Macau stressed.

In addition, the organizing body will set up a Macau Industrial Complex at the show to introduce the general public to developments in the city's industrial sector. Moreover, it will familiarize spectators with possible prospects for the city's industrial sector.

The Industrial Association of Macau hopes to at-

tract new generations to the industrial sector through the upcoming trade show. The target also echoes the government's call to develop local industrial brands.

Association president Chui Lok Lam revealed that this year's show will not have a large-scale opening ceremony due to Covid-19.

# SULU SOU CLEARED OF FOUR CASES OF ELECTION VIOLATIONS

LAWMAKER Sulu Sou announced via a social media post that he has been cleared by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) of four allegations of aggravated disobedience.

The four charges were pressed by law enforcement entities.

He recalled that three years ago, the morning after Legislative Assembly election day, the first thing he did was not thank voters for voting him in, but participate in an inquiry at a police station.

"All the harassment, smearing and accusations related to the election have persisted for a long time," the lawmaker wrote in the post. "During this period, I alone had been in and out of the police station for five times."

According to his account, the police told him that he and his team were reported during the election campaign for erecting his campaign flags on hand-pushed carts and



trolleys. The police found this behavior to be in violation of the Election Law.

Sou was first told that there were seven allegations, making seven separate cases. Later, some cases were combined, resulting in four remaining charges.

Three years later, he has been cleared of the charges. He asked the question: "What social effect is this process [trying] to achieve?" **AL**

# RESTAURANT MANAGER SAVES YOUNG MAN FROM DROWNING

THE general manager of a restaurant in downtown Macau jumped into Nam Van Lake on Friday afternoon to save a young man who appeared to be drowning.

A video of the rescue, which was first reported by TDM Portuguese, showed Cristiano Cannata rush into the water beside Lake View Mansion and escort the man back to dry ground.

According to TDM, the

young man was taken to the public hospital to receive treatment for mild injuries.

The 50-year-old Cannata is the general manager of Caffé B, an Italian restaurant located next to where the incident took place. He was finishing his shift at the restaurant and conversing with a customer outside when he noticed the drowning.

"I heard a noise coming from that direction and

then saw a body in the water face down," Cannata recounted to Macau Daily Times. "I rushed to the lake and removed some of my suit and jumped in."

According to Cannata's account, the young man "was cooperative" and did not resist the rescue as drowning victims can do out of fear or instinct. Cannata said he likes to surf and has rescued someone from drowning before. **DB**

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# US federal judge postpones Trump ban on popular app

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A federal judge yesterday [Macau time] postponed a Trump administration order that would have banned the popular video sharing app TikTok from U.S. smartphone app stores around midnight.

A more comprehensive ban remains scheduled for November, about a week after the presidential election. The judge, Carl Nichols of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, did not agree to postpone the later ban.

The ruling followed an emergency hearing Sunday morning in which lawyers for TikTok argued that the administration's app-store ban would infringe on First Amendment rights and do irreparable harm to the business.

Earlier this year, President Donald Trump declared that TikTok, owned by Chinese company ByteDance, was a threat to national security and that it must either sell its U.S. operations to American companies or be barred from the country.

TikTok is still scrambling to firm up a deal tentatively struck a week ago in which it would partner with Oracle, a huge database-software company, and Walmart in an effort to win the blessing of both the Chinese and American governments. In the meantime, it is fighting to keep



the app available in the U.S.

TikTok said in a statement that it was pleased with the court ruling and continues to work to turn its deal proposal into an actual agreement. The Commerce Department, which is responsible for the specific orders banning TikTok, said it will comply with the judge's order but intends to vigorously defend the administration's efforts against the app.

Judge Nichols did not explain his reasoning publicly, and instead filed his judicial opinion under seal. Initially both the U.S. government's brief in the case and the entire Sunday morning hearing were also due to be sealed from the public, although the court later relented.

In arguments to Judge Nichols, TikTok lawyer John Hall said that

TikTok is more than an app, since it functions as a "modern day version of a town square."

"If that prohibition goes into effect at midnight, the consequences immediately are grave," Hall said. "It would be no different than the government locking the doors to a public forum, roping off that town square" at a time when a free exchange of ideas is necessary heading into a polarized election.

TikTok lawyers also argued that a ban on the app would affect the ability of tens of thousands of potential viewers and content creators to express themselves every month and would also hurt its ability to hire new talent. In addition, Hall argued that a ban would prevent existing users from automati-

cally receiving security updates, eroding national security.

Justice Department lawyer Daniel Schwei said that Chinese companies are not purely private and are subject to intrusive laws compelling their cooperation with intelligence agencies. The Justice Department has also argued that economic regulations of this nature generally are not subject to First Amendment scrutiny.

"This is the most immediate national security threat," argued Schwei. "It is a threat today. It is a risk today and therefore it deserves to be addressed today even while other things are ongoing and playing out."

Schwei also argued that TikTok lawyers failed to prove the company would suffer irreparable business harm.

The Justice Department laid out its objections to TikTok's motion for a temporary injunction in a brief under seal, but it was unsealed in redacted form to protect confidential business information.

Trump set the process in motion with executive orders in August that declared TikTok and another Chinese app, WeChat, threats to national security. The White House says the video service is a security risk because the personal information of its millions of U.S. users could be handed over to Chinese authorities.

Trump has given tentative

approval to a proposed deal in which Oracle and Walmart could initially own a combined 20% of a new U.S. entity, TikTok Global. But Trump also said he could retract his approval if Oracle doesn't have "total control" of the company; the president did not explain what he meant by that.

The deal remains unfinished, and the two sides have also appeared at odds over the corporate structure of TikTok Global. ByteDance said last week that it will still own 80% of the U.S. entity after a financing round. Oracle, meanwhile, put out a statement saying that Americans "will be the majority and ByteDance will have no ownership in TikTok Global."

Government-owned media in China have criticized the deal as bullying and extortion. ByteDance said Thursday it has applied for a Chinese technology export license after Beijing tightened control over exports last month in an effort to gain leverage over Washington's attempt to force an outright sale of TikTok to U.S. owners.

China's foreign ministry has said the government will "take necessary measures" to safeguard its companies but gave no indication what steps it can take to affect TikTok's fate in the United States.

TikTok is also asking a federal court to declare Trump's Aug. 6 executive order unlawful.

The Chinese firm said the president doesn't have the authority to take these actions under the national-security law he cited; that the ban violates TikTok's First Amendment speech rights and Fifth Amendment due-process rights; and that there's no authority for the restrictions because they are not based on a national emergency. AP

HUAWEI

# CFO case back in Canadian court today

A senior executive for Chinese communications giant Huawei Technologies will be in a Canadian courtroom today [Macau time] arguing her extradition to the U.S. should be halted because her rights have been violated.

Canada arrested Meng Wanzhou, the daughter of Huawei's founder and the company's chief financial officer, at Vancouver's airport in late 2018. The U.S. wants her extradited to face fraud charges. Her arrest infuriated Beijing, which sees her case as a political move designed to prevent China's rise.

Meng's defense team will argue the extradition proceedings should be halted because they claim Canada Border Services Agency officers detained and questioned Meng without a lawyer, seized her electronic devices and compelled her to give up the passcodes before her official arrest.

They also will argue the Royal Canadian Mounted Police acted at the behest of the FBI to gather and share technical information about Meng's laptop, phones and tablets, in violation of the Extradition Act.

Meng's defense also believes her arrest was poli-

tically motivated and will point to past comments made by U.S. President Donald Trump.

The U.S. accuses Huawei of using a Hong Kong shell company called Skycom to sell equipment to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. It says Meng, 48, committed fraud by misleading the HSBC bank about the company's business dealings in Iran.

Gary Botting, a Vancouver defense lawyer who has written several books on extradition, said Meng's team will present evidence to the judge to support their claims her rights were

infringed under Canada's version of the bill of rights.

If Supreme Court Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes rules in Meng's favor it could end the extradition hearing, Botting said. The prosecution would have the right to appeal.

In May, Meng failed in a bid to end the extradition process when Holmes ruled the allegations against her could constitute a crime in Canada as well.

Meng's arrest has soured relations between Canada and China. In apparent retaliation, China detained former Canadian diplomat Michael Kovrig and Cana-



Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei (May 2020)

dian entrepreneur Michael Spavor. China has also placed restrictions on various Canadian exports to China,

including canola oil seed. Meng remains free on bail in her multimillion mansion in Vancouver. AP



## China fires back at US over environment, South China Sea

**U.S.-CHINA** friction flared again yesterday, with Beijing firing back at accusations by Washington that it is a leading cause of global environmental damage and has reneged on its promise not to militarize the South China Sea.

A document issued last week by the State Department cited China's record on issues from greenhouse gas emissions to air and water and soil pollution, illegal logging and wildlife trafficking.

"While the Chinese people have suffered the worst environmental impacts of its actions, Beijing also threatens the global economy and global health by unsustainably exploiting natural resources and exporting its willful disregard for the environment," the document said.

Department spokesperson Morgan Ortagus followed that with a statement Sunday saying China has "pursued a reckless and provocative militarization" of disputed outposts in the South China Sea's Spratly Islands, adding that China's ruling Communist Party "does not honor its words or commitments."

Foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wen-

bin responded by asking why the United States was withdrawing from the Paris agreement on climate change, calling the U.S. the "biggest destroyer of international environmental cooperation."

Wang also said U.S. military actions have made it "the biggest threat to the peace and stability of the South China Sea."

The trading of accusations comes amid disputes over trade, technology, Hong Kong and Taiwan, spying accusations against Chinese diplomats and Beijing's assertions of territorial claims in the South China Sea and elsewhere that have driven the bilateral relationship to its lowest point in decades.

The State Department's attack on China's environmental record follows China's announcement to the United Nations General Assembly last week that it aims to have carbon dioxide emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060, a pledge that won applause from environmentalists.

The State Department cited China as "the largest emitter of greenhouse gases; the largest source of marine debris; the worst perpetrators of ille-

gal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; and the world's largest consumer of trafficked wildlife and timber products."

It singled out leader Xi Jinping's signature "Belt and Road" global infrastructure building initiative as lacking "clear environmental guidelines, safety standards, and worker protections," and said China is saddling host countries with environmental burdens and leading them away from sustainable development.

"Tragically, the Chinese Communist Party represses civil society and a free press, slowing changes that would benefit its citizens and people all over the world," the State Department document said.

Wang defended China's record on reducing pollution, touting China's promotion of new energy vehicles and creation of new forest cover.

The U.S. is the "greatest danger to the global environment," Wang told reporters at a daily briefing. "We advise the U.S. side to stop political manipulation and malicious slander, and to do more practical work and less trouble for the global environment." AP

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ISRAEL

# Rabbis ponder Covid-19 queries of ultra-Orthodox Jewish life

ILAN BEN ZION,  
JERUSALEM

**M**UST an observant Jew who has lost his sense of taste and smell because of COVID-19 recite blessings for food and drink? Can one bend the metal nose-piece of a surgical face mask on the Sabbath? May one participate in communal prayers held in a courtyard from a nearby balcony?

Months into the coronavirus pandemic, ultra-Orthodox rabbis in Israel are addressing questions like these as their legions of followers seek advice on how to maintain proper Jewish observance under the restrictions of the outbreak.

Social distancing and nationwide lockdowns have become a reality around the globe in 2020, but for religious Jews they can further complicate rites and customs that form the fabric of daily life in Orthodox communities. Many of these customs are performed in groups and public gatherings, making it especially challenging for the religious public to maintain its lifestyle.

One religious publisher in Jerusalem released a book in July with over 600 pages of guidance from 46 prominent rabbis. Topics range from socially distanced circumcisions (allowed) to Passover Seders over Zoom (forbidden) to praying with a quorum from a balcony (it's complicated).

One rabbi responded to a query about blessings on food for those who lost their sense of taste and smell due to the coronavirus. His ruling? Prayers are still required, for "even though one does not sense the flavor of the food, his intestines nonetheless benefit and are satisfied by the food and its nutrition." He then launched into a two-page legal argument citing rabbinic sources from the Talmud on down.

The collection — titled "Havieni Hadarav," Hebrew for "Bring me to his chambers" — is one of many pamphlets, books, radio



Ultra-Orthodox Jews wear face masks during a morning prayer in a synagogue separated by plastic partitions, in Bnei Brak, Israel

and social media Q&As published in recent months addressing matters of halacha, or Jewish religious law, during the pandemic.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews make up a little over 10% of Israel's 9 million citizens and adhere to a close observance of Jewish law. The foundations of halacha are built on the Torah's commandments and prohibitions, and the Talmud, a codification of Jewish law written down over the course of the early centuries of the first millennium.

Orthodox Jewish practice is the byproduct of generations of rabbis issuing legal arguments and rulings. Their decisions, known as responsa, can sometimes be lenient and other times strict.

"Every time a rabbi is asked a question, he has to essentially do what a judge would do, and bring up previous cases which he builds upon to come to his decision in this particular case," said Issamar Ginzberg, a Jerusalem-based Hassidic rabbi. The method of questions and responses has underpinned centuries of the Jewish legal code.

There's no way to say for sure how many people will follow this particular book's rulings. But there are hundreds of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews, and opinions by prominent rabbis often carry great significance in daily life within the community.

"It's more like a law textbook than a novel on the

bestseller list," said Ginzberg.

Rabbi Natan Feldman, head of the Tzof Publishing House and editor of "Havieni Hadarav," said the company has sold around 3,000 copies of the book, which meets "the need of the hour."

"If people didn't have it, they would err in all kinds of ways," Feldman said. "It's something with a lot of utility."

Israel's ultra-Orthodox minority has been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic, with cities and neighborhoods where they live among the country's current hot zones. Overall, Israel has recorded around 200,000 cases of the novel coronavirus and more than 1,300 deaths. The Health Ministry does not break down those numbers by population groups.

Religious areas have been hard hit in part because they tend to be poorer and crowded, but also because of the tight-knit communal lifestyles, in which synagogues and seminaries play a central role. Some ultra-Orthodox schools have remained open in defiance of a nationwide lockdown imposed earlier this month to help clamp down on the country's surge in new cases. While some rabbis have resisted orders to limit crowd sizes at prayers, especially for the current High Holiday season and this week's gatherings for Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, the government has tried to work with religious leaders to spread

the word on promoting public health regulations and restricting the sizes of prayer gatherings.

Many of the responsa contend with the complications of holding prayers — which traditionally require a quorum of 10 adult men — outdoors and in a manner that complies with social distance regulations. The rabbis offered differing opinions on what the law allows regarding participating in a minyan held in a communal courtyard from a balcony above.

Innovation has helped overcome some of the challenges of the lockdown, but has also raised additional concerns for observant Jews. For example, can one enter a hospital on the Jewish Sabbath if there is a thermal camera at the entrance that takes visitors' temperatures?

Activating such an electronic device could violate multiple prohibitions, so Rabbi Asher Weiss — a prominent ultra-Orthodox legal scholar involved in "Havieni Hadarav" — advised refraining from entering if only visiting a patient, but those in need of medical care ought not "avoid entering the hospital and endanger their lives."

But the bottom line, written by Weiss in the book's introduction, is that people must "take extra care to adhere to the instructions of qualified medical officials and the regulations of the Health Ministry and not violate them." AP

## this day in history

### 1960 KHRUSHCHEV ANGER ERUPTS AT UN



The Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has disrupted a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly with several angry outbursts.

Twice he pounded his desk and twice he shouted interruptions to show his disapproval at the way UN forces have intervened in the recent trouble in former Belgian Congo.

Mr Khrushchev is calling for the UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to be replaced by a three-man executive representing the western, Soviet and neutral camps.

His interruptions came during a speech by British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, who expressed total confidence in Mr Hammarskjöld's "energy, resourcefulness and above all integrity".

While most of the Assembly applauded his sentiments, Mr Khrushchev pounded the table with both fists.

When Mr Macmillan referred to the recent four-power summit in Paris, which was called off after a US spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union, Mr Khrushchev began shouting in Russian and waving his forefinger.

His words were translated as: "Don't send U2s. You were supporting aggression."

Another more violent interruption came when Mr Macmillan moved on to the subject of inspection and control of disarmament.

The prime minister said he understood Soviet concerns that inspection and control of arms could be a cover for espionage.

At this point, Mr Khrushchev stood up and waved his hand and shouted: "You accept my disarmament proposals and I'll accept any controls."

During last Friday's session of the General Assembly, Mr Khrushchev accused the UN of siding with the so-called colonial powers.

He is angry at the UN's refusal to use military force in newly independent Congo, which appears to be on the brink of civil war. Instead, a UN peacekeeping force has been deployed with orders not to intervene to influence the outcome of the conflict.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

On 3 October, Nikita Khrushchev demanded the resignation of Dag Hammarskjöld, accusing him of acting on behalf of the colonial powers and therefore not fit to represent all nations of the UN.

A week later Mr Khrushchev caused uproar when he famously used his shoe to bang on the desk after the Philippine delegate accused the USSR of imperialism in Eastern Europe.

The UN Secretary General was later killed during a visit to Congo in September 1961.

He was on his way by plane to negotiate a peaceful settlement between Congo and Katanga when the aircraft exploded.

There are various theories as to why the plane crashed and sabotage has still not been ruled out.

He was posthumously awarded the Nobel peace prize in 1961.



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
 Others may want to steal your thunder when they realize your ideas are pretty solid. Family get-togethers will be interesting. Having your own business is a good idea.

**TAURUS**  
 Apr. 20-May. 20  
 You will have good ideas for home improvement projects. You are best not to discuss your personal life with others. You may not be happy if members of your family are not pulling their weight.

**GEMINI**  
 May. 21-Jun. 21  
 You can make major gains professionally by completing projects on time. Try not to argue about trivial matters. Don't forget family obligations.

**CANCER**  
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
 Strengthen your position among your peers. Go out shopping today. You are best not to nag or criticize, even if you are justified or have the best intentions.

**LEO**  
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
 Get the red tape and the unwanted paperwork out of the way. Don't be too quick to spend money. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
 You need to pamper yourself for a change. Your ability to work with detail will bring recognition. Your pursuits may end up being fruitless, but don't give up.

**LIBRA**  
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
 Look into real estate. Emotional disputes will only end in sorrow. Your outgoing nature might work against you today. Try to be productive if you stay inside.

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 Don't let others bully you into agreeing with them. You can make career moves that will be prosperous. Travel will be favorable and bring you the greatest rewards.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 You will be moody and react poorly to issues concerning your mate. Children may be less than honest with you. Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 You will be able to get to the bottom of things today. Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional integrity. Don't start a dispute unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 Your changing attitudes may be causing concern for your partner. Try to address the real issues in order to turn things around. Things may not be as harmonious as you would like.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
 Children may be less than honest with you. Take care of yourself or you can expect to suffer from minor illness. Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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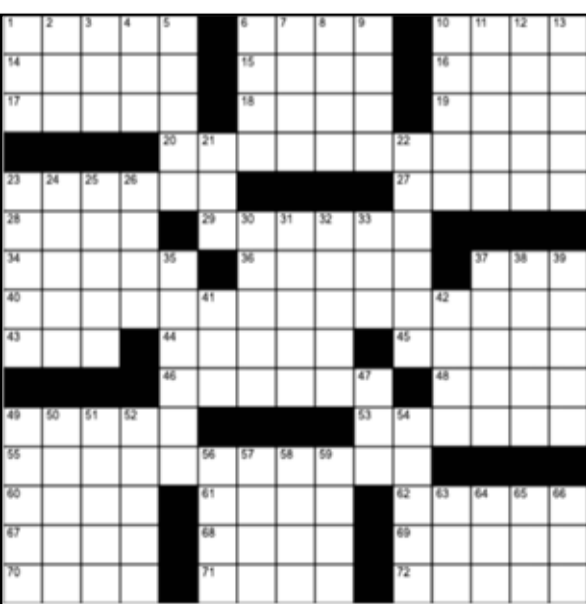
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Harbin	12	16	drizzle
Tianjin	16	27	clear
Urumqi	12	22	cloudy
Xi'an	15	29	clear
Lhasa	9	24	cloudy
Chengdu	15	24	cloudy
Chongqing	18	26	cloudy
Kunming	16	22	cloudy
Nanjing	18	26	cloudy
Shanghai	18	21	drizzle
Wuhan	16	26	cloudy
Hangzhou	19	20	drizzle to moderate rain
Taipei	26	31	cloudy
Guangzhou	26	31	moderate rain
Hong Kong	25	29	heavy rain
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	8	12	drizzle
Frankfurt	4	20	clear
Paris	14	29	cloudy
London	12	21	clear
New York	10	20	cloudy

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS** 1- Desolate; 6- Pack and send; 10- Director Preminger; 14- Actress Braga; 15- Walking stick; 16- \_\_\_ En-lai; 17- Summarize; 18- Code word for A; 19- 3:00; 20- Accomplishment; 23- Insane person; 27- Lend \_\_\_; 28- Of course!; 29- Sixth planet; 34- Cold mold; 36- Egyptian peninsula; 37- Newsmen Donaldson; 40- Make urban; 43- Language suffix; 44- French Impressionist; 45- Magna \_\_\_; 46- Fix beforehand; 48- Exploit; 49- Uneven; 53- Subtlety; 55- Appendices; 60- Arouse; 61- Composer Schiffrin; 62- Whatsoever; 67- Sicilian smoker; 68- Exceeded the limit; 69- Like a March wind?; 70- Russian no; 71- Salinger girl; 72- Radiate;

**DOWN** 1- Georgia, once; Abbr.; 2- Foot digit; 3- Mandela's org.; 4- Narrow inlet; 5- Greek letter; 6- Skin marking, often due to injury; 7- One of two equal parts; 8- Poop; 9- Fleshy fruit; 10- Body of salt water; 11- Macbeth, for one; 12- Scarpia's killer; 13- External; 21- Dash lengths; 22- Zealot; 23- Heat home; 24- Hardy equestrian creatures; 25- Profundity; 26- Goida of Israel; 30- Together; 31- Roofing items; 32- Make one; 33- Squealer; 35- Force; 37- Femme fatale; 38- Nahuatl speaker; 39- Gettysburg general; 41- Average; 42- Zip; 47- Explosive stuff; 49- Ruhr city; 50- Like lousy roads; 51- Suppose; 52- Herring type; 54- Grammarian's concern; 56- Different; 57- Charts; 58- K-6; 59- Network point; 63- Prom duds; 64- Tempe sch.; 65- Old Ford; 66- Cleaning agent;



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

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- Fire department 28 572 222
- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
- Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
- Telephone - Report 1000
- Electricity - Report 28 339 922
- Macau Daily Times 28 716 081



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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# TESLA'S \$25,000 CAR DOESN'T WORRY BIGGEST RIVALS IN CHINA

**T**ESLA Inc.'s plan to build a \$25,000 car within the next three years doesn't seem to have fazed China's most-promising electric vehicle startups, with executives at the Beijing Auto Show saying Elon Musk can bring it on.

"It's a good thing for us," WM Motor Co. founder and Chief Executive Officer Freeman Shen said. "We are very happy Tesla came to China because Tesla is just like Apple in the early days, they educate the whole market."

Just as Apple Inc.'s share in the mobile-phone market has been eroded by local players like Xiaomi Corp., Oppo and Huawei Technologies Co., so too will Tesla's, however over a longer time horizon, Shen said. Tesla's slice of the "mainstream" electric vehicle market will significantly decrease in five to 10 years, he said.

Where WM Motor will be by 2030 isn't certain either. The company earlier this month raised \$1.5 billion in a Series D round led by Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. (Group), the parent of China's biggest automaker SAIC Motor Corp. People familiar with the matter have said WM plans a stock-market listing in its hometown of Shanghai as soon as this year, something Shen indicated on Saturday sounded ambitious, but declined to comment on further.

Xpeng Inc. Vice Chairman Brian Gu meanwhile described Tesla as a partner, with both EV manufacturers trying to make sure more consumers are attracted by smart, environmentally friendly cars. EVs are "less than 5% of the market" so together "we are accelerating that change and conversion," he said in an interview with Bloomberg TV.



Gu also said Tesla's plan to expand its output in Shanghai to an annual capacity of one million vehicles in the coming years wasn't of concern. If CEO Musk "achieves one million units, that means the market has grown so much faster and bigger than what we anticipated," Gu said, adding that Xpeng's mid-range EVs come in around the \$25,000 mark already.

Xpeng, which reported a net loss of \$113 million on revenue of \$142 million for the six months ended June 30, raised \$1.5 billion in an initial share sale in the U.S. in August. The firm is among a handful of Chinese car startups to tap the market, surfing a wave of investor demand for EV stocks. Li Auto Inc., another Chinese EV company, increased the size of its U.S. IPO in July to raise \$1.3 billion.

Tesla's presence at the Beijing Auto Show was primarily centered around displaying its China-made Model 3. The Palo Alto, California-based company

plans to ship cars made at its Shanghai factory to Europe and other countries in Asia, including Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, as soon as the end of this year or early 2021, people familiar with the matter said earlier this month.

NIO Inc. Chief Executive Officer William Li, when asked about

Tesla's plans for a \$25,000 car, noted that battery costs have been steadily declining. Batteries currently represent about one-quarter of an EV's cost because of the expensive metals used.

"We reached a gross margin of 10% in the second quarter and it will increase each quarter," he said in an interview with Bloom-

berg TV on Saturday. "The overall battery cost decrease will help promote EVs. Our price tag is more than \$60,000 and even in China we have a lot of work to do for this niche market."

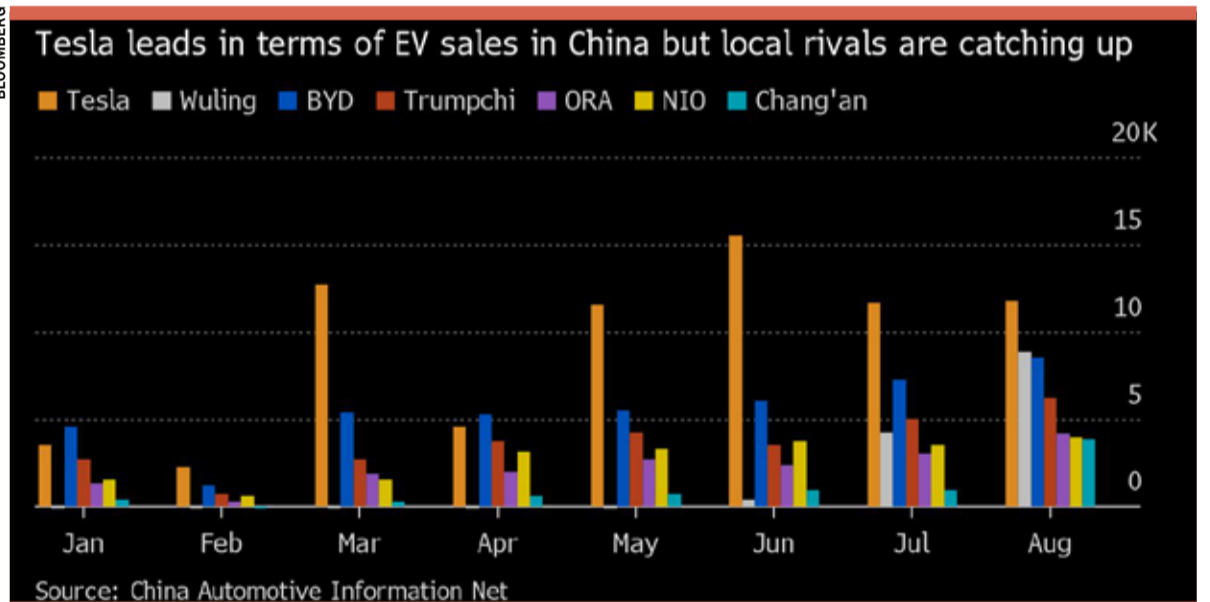
Shanghai-based NIO, which has received a municipal government cash injection and credit facilities from local banks this year, reported a positive gross margin for the first time in the second quarter.

Li also talked about customer service being more important than volume.

"Auto products aren't only about producing cars but more importantly, serving your customers well," he said. "For each family, buying a car isn't a small expense like buying clothes, and it's closely related to one's safety. Quality and service will be the biggest challenge for all automakers in rapid expansion."

NIO is also working closely with U.S. companies, despite the strained relations between China and the U.S., he said. NIO works with firms including Qualcomm Inc. and Intel Corp.

"Strengthening the partnership between these companies is essential to promoting electric vehicles and we will keep working on this," Li said. **BLOOMBERG**



## CORPORATE BITS

### Wynn participates in mega Beijing roadshow



Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace Cotai are pleased to participate in "Beijing Macao Week" hosted by the Macau SAR Government from September 26 to 29 at Beijing's

famous Wangfujing Street. In partnership with the government, Wynn is exhibiting at the roadshow, where it is giving away an array of special offers for Beijing re-

sidents and visitors. Beijing residents can scan QR codes to join in lucky draws for a chance to win the ultimate Forbes Five-Star resort experience inclusive of an evening in a luxurious Fountain Suite at Wynn Palace or a sophisticated One-Bedroom Suite at Wynn Macau, breakfast for two and a lavish, 60-minute spa journey for two. Wynn is also hosting a series of promotional activities that include Douyin live streaming, online lucky draws and networking with travel partners to boost engagement with Beijing residents and encourage travel into Macau.

### Sands China joins four-day Beijing Macao Week event



Sands Resorts Macao has participated in the four-day "Beijing Macao Week" mega roadshow in Wangfujing Street from September 26

to 29 to promote its diverse range of hotel accommodation, dining, shopping and entertainment and welcome mainland visitors. The

event has been organized by Beijing and government departments in Macau. Sands Resorts Macao set up five themed zones, featuring The Venetian Macao, teamLab SuperNature Macao, The Parisian Macao, Four Seasons Hotel Macao and The Londoner Macao. Attractions included The Venetian Macao's classic gondolas and a miniature version of The Parisian Macao's romantic Eiffel Tower. Visitors were also able to take selfies at the resort's booth and received a souvenir of their visit. An onsite travel agent was available to offer information on a range of available packages.

FOOTBALL

# Ronaldo's header salvages draw for Juventus at Roma

ROMA 2, JUVENTUS 2

**E**VEN on a night when Juventus was outplayed for long stretches, the nine-time defending Serie A champion managed to salvage a point in a 2-2 draw at Roma yesterday [Macau time].

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice, including a second-half equalizer with a towering header after Juventus had been reduced to 10 men, while Jordan Veretout had a brace for Roma.

"We got back into it, even after the red card," Ronaldo said. "By the end of the season this could prove to be an important point."

Veretout put Roma ahead in the 31st with a penalty following a handball from Adrien Rabiot, who was trying to block a shot from Veretout.

Ronaldo then equalized from the spot after Lorenzo Pellegrini used his arm to block the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Veretout scored his second in



first-half added time as Roma tore past Juventus' veteran but aging center backs Leonardo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini. Henrikh Mkhitaryan escaped down the left flank and crossed for Veretout, who used one touch to get away from a defender before shooting past goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

Juventus was reduced to 10 men in the 62nd when Rabiot pi-

cked up his second yellow card for sticking his boot into the left thigh of Mkhitaryan.

Moments earlier, Roma forward Edin Deko struck a shot off the post after his marker had already fallen to the ground.

Juve then had a chance to equalize when Ronaldo volleyed directly at goalkeeper Antonio Mirante.

Ronaldo finally found the tar-

get again in the 69th when he rose to head in a cross from Danilo -- giving him three goals in Juve's opening two matches.

"We're at the start of the season and there's a new coach (Andrea Pirlo) with new ideas," Ronaldo said. "But I see the team working well, enthusiastic and I see a bright future for us."

It was the first point this season for Roma, which was inflic-

ted with a 3-0 loss in its opener last weekend at Hellas Verona for using an ineligible player. The match had ended 0-0.

Juventus, which beat Sampdoria 3-0 in its opener, trails early Serie A leaders Napoli, Verona and AC Milan by two points.

A limit of 1,000 fans is being allowed for soccer games in Italy amid the coronavirus pandemic.

NAPOLI 6, GENOA 0

Hirving Lozano scored twice as Napoli routed Genoa 6-0 in a match that had been delayed by a positive coronavirus result.

Kickoff was pushed back by three hours after Genoa goalkeeper Mattia Perin tested positive, prompting a new round of swabs on Saturday and delaying the team's trip to Naples. Genoa midfielder Lasse Schöne also tested positive.

Napoli led 1-0 at halftime after Dries Mertens had set up Lozano for the opener in the 10th minute.

Piotr Zielinski scored seconds after the restart and Mertens also netted before Lozano doubled his tally.

Goals from Elif Elmas and Matteo Politano capped a great night for Napoli, which visits Juventus next week.

Napoli forward Lorenzo Insigne is now a doubt for that match after pulling up injured with a thigh injury in the first half. **AP**

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**THE FOOD DISCRIMINATION CHAIN**

Do you eat blood? I mean any kind of edible blood, like the French and the Chinese do. Do you eat goose liver like the French, or pig liver like the Chinese? Why? Because you must be careful with what animals you eat, with what parts of the animal you eat, and which country you eat like if you wish to stay on top of the food discrimination chain.

This chain of discrimination has different circles and each circle has a different ranking. If you are unlucky and have found yourself on the lowest level already, please don't discriminate against yourself at least.

There is the meat circle, vegetable circle and the fruit circle. First of all, be proud of yourself if you happen to belong to the meat circle, as this circle is the "highest" among the three, followed by the vegetable circle and finally, the fruit circle. Simply speaking, vegetarians discriminate against meat eaters, and, in turn, fruitarians discriminate against the other two. However, since the majority of successful people are meat eaters, then meat eaters are the superior circle and have the right to feel as though they are as well.

Assuming you have already established which circle you belong to, here's the point: I believe that the majority of us have identified ourselves as belonging to the meat circle.

Interestingly, inside the meat circle itself a massive discrimination chains exist where you can find yourself a place.

Speaking in terms of cuts of meat, the meat-eating discrimination chain works a bit like this: if you eat what's considered "normal" meat, you are on top; if you eat "abnormal" parts, such as livers, you are somewhere in the middle; and if you eat "dirty" parts, such as feet, you are at the bottom. Yes, I know this is a blunt interpretation. I believe you know that this chain could be even more detailed.

Speaking in terms of the type of "animal," consuming the same parts of different animals also gives you a different superiority. For example, eating the liver of various animals may define how "noble" or how "peasant-like" you are. If you wish to stay on top of the chain, please make sure you eat foie gras, or goose liver. If you happen to like pig liver, then I'm sorry but I have some bad news for you: you've hit rock bottom.

Eating food at an improper time may also change your life. If you eat meat or fried rice for breakfast, unfortunately, you are the "lowest" tier in the chain. If you eat a slice of bread and have a cup of tea for breakfast, you may be in the middle. If you buy a slice of pastry and have a cup of coffee, and it must be an espresso, then congratulations, you have every right to discriminate against everyone else.

When you eat, just be sure to be careful about what you eat for which meal, the hour at which you eat, the drink you choose, and the kind of tableware you choose.

If you desperately want to win this competition, try this tip: name which country the food comes from.

Furthermore, to win at this game, especially if you are afraid of other people's judgement, may I also suggest that you simply not eat?

Honestly speaking, if you happen to be on top of these chains, please remember that what other people eat is none of your business. If you are at the bottom of these chains, please tell others that it's none of their business either.

**AMAZON TO KICK OFF HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH OCTOBER PRIME DAY**

THE BUZZ

Amazon is aiming to kickstart the holiday shopping season early this year.

The company is holding its annual Prime Day over two days in October this year, after the pandemic forced it to postpone the sales event from July. It's the first time Prime Day is being held in the fall, and Amazon is positioning it as a way to get people to start their holiday shopping.

Even before Amazon's announcement yesterday, major retailers have said they plan to push shoppers to start their holiday shopping in October and offer deals earlier, hoping to avoid crowds in their stores in November and December.

Prime Day, which will run from Oct. 13 to Oct. 14 this year, is sure to put pressure on rivals to offer deals around the same time. In past years, Walmart, Best Buy and Target have offered their own online discounts during Prime Day.

Amazon started the sales event in 2015 as its answer to Singles' Day, a shopping holiday in China popularized by Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba.

**SAUDI ARABIA: G-20 GATHERING OF WORLD LEADERS TO BE VIRTUAL**

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AYA BATRAWY, DUBAI

SAUDI Arabia, which is presiding over the Group of 20 countries this year, said yesterday that the upcoming November gathering of world leaders will be held virtually amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The kingdom had originally planned to host world leaders for the G-20 summit in Riyadh before the pandemic, offering Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman the chance to share handshakes and wide smiles with presidents and prime ministers, such as Donald Trump, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, India's Narendra Modi and China's Xi Jinping.

Instead, the planned virtual meet-up announced yesterday strips the kingdom of the pomp that would have accompanied televised arrivals on Riyadh's tarmac just two years after the killing and dismemberment of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi stained the crown prince's reputation. Prince Mohammed has insisted he had nothing to do with the operation carried out by Saudi agents inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, despite U.S. senators and intelligence officials saying he bore responsibility for the slaying.

Saudi Arabia said the virtual summit Nov. 21-22 will be chaired by King Salman. The meeting will focus on "protecting lives

and restoring growth by addressing vulnerabilities uncovered during the pandemic and by laying down the foundations for a better future," a Saudi statement said.

The statement added that G-20 countries, which represent the world's biggest and most powerful economies, have contributed over \$21 billion to support the production of vaccines and access to therapeutics, as well as injected \$11 trillion "to safeguard the global economy".

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G-20 nations, however, have been criticized for not taking cohesive action against the virus and its economic impact. The U.S., China and Russia have opted out of a collaborative effort to develop and distribute a vaccine.

The G-20 agreed this year to suspend the debt of developing countries and defer billions of dollars in payments as governments focus spending on emergency stimulus programs to protect vulnerable people and boost national health care systems. Pakistan's prime minister, however, has called for outright debt relief for poorer nations from the

world's richest countries.

The leaders of the G-20 last met virtually in March in a session hosted by King Salman. The virtual video call was unusual at the time, as governments around the world were beginning to stress the importance of social distancing to curb the virus' spread amid closures, curfews and lockdowns globally.

Rights groups and others had called for world leaders to boycott the summit in Saudi Arabia due to Khashoggi's killing, the kingdom's

human rights record and its continued detention of activists. It was unclear whether leaders such as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau or German Chancellor Angela Merkel would have attended an in-person summit, but there were others, such as Putin, who said they were ready to take part.

Agnes Callamard, the United Nations special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions who investigated Khashoggi's killing, told The Associated Press earlier this month that another country should volunteer to host the G-20 leaders summit if it was going to be held in-person. Failing that, she said, it should be made conditional that Saudi Arabia releases imprisoned women's rights defenders, human rights activists, journalists and others. AP

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**Belarus** About 100,000 demonstrators marched in the capital calling for the authoritarian president's ouster, some wearing cardboard crowns to ridicule him, on Sunday as the protests that have rocked the country marked their 50th consecutive day. Protests also took place in nine other cities, underlining the wide extent of dismay and anger with President Alexander Lukashenko

**Romania** After handing Ion Aliman victory in the election for their local mayor, residents of a small village in southern Romania went to his grave to light candles for him. Aliman was reelected in a landslide for an unprecedented third term as mayor of the village of Deveselu despite having died from COVID-19 complications 10 days prior to the country's municipal elections. His death came too late to remove his name from the ballot.

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**Germany** has launched a new search for a site to store its most radioactive nuclear waste, eliminating a disputed site at a former salt mine that was earmarked decades ago and has long been a focus of protests. A report issued yesterday by Germany's waste management organization identified 90 areas covering 54% of the country's surface area as potentially geologically suited for a nuclear storage site.

**Greek** authorities say 12 crew members of a Maltese-flagged cruise ship on a Greek island tour with more than 1,500 people on board have tested positive to the coronavirus and have been isolated on board. The Mein Schiff 6, operated by TUI Cruises, began its trip in Heraklion on the southern Greek island of Crete, with 922 passengers and 666 crew members on board.