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China is investigating a long-time colleague of Vice President Wang Qishan for alleged “serious violation of laws and party rules,” authorities announced. Dong Hong worked under Wang until 2017 as a senior disciplinary inspector when Wang was the chief of China’s anti-corruption agency, the Central Commission for Disciplinary Inspection or CCDI. Wang stepped down as head of the anti-graft group to become vice president during president Xi Jinping’s second term. CCDI said in a one-line statement last week that Dong is under “discipline review and supervisory investigation.”

China A crash on a highway on Sunday killed 18 people, police said. A minivan rear-ended a tractor and then collided with a car traveling in the opposite direction in Fuyu, a city in Jilin province, local police announced on their social media account. Eight people died at the scene and 10 more at hospitals, while one more person was being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, the statement said.

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Philippines Grade school and high school students in the Philippines began classes at home yesterday after the coronavirus pandemic forced remote-learning onto an educational system already struggling to fund schools. The shift to distance learning has been a logistical nightmare for the poverty-stricken Southeast Asian country that has long lacked enough classrooms, teachers and educational equipment.

Armenia Fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces over the separatist territory of Nagorno-Karabakh resumed yesterday morning, with both sides accusing each other of launching attacks. Armenian military officials on Monday reported missile strikes hitting Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh.

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The meteorological station of the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) in Taipa Grande was recognized as a Centennial Observing Station by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) at its 72nd Session of the Executive Committee. At this session, a total of 94 weather stations were recognized. To receive recognition, a weather station must meet several standards, including a requirement that the station must have been inaugurated at least a century ago. Official weather observation started in Macau in 1901. Despite being relocated several times, the city's weather stations can still fit within the WMO's rigorous standards of recognition, as periods of absence, relocation of observation stations and changes in measurement technology that do not significantly affect climatic characteristics.

IEC LONG LAND RECOVERY PROCEDURE TO FINISH THIS YEAR

The Macau SAR government expects to return IEC Long Firework Factory land plots to the local authority this year. According to a reply written by the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) and sent to lawmaker Ella Lei, the department has concluded the first session of eviction works and is currently in the second phase. In July of this year, DSSOPT issued an eviction warning to the concerned party, estimating that the state land will be returned to the government this year. The government hopes to use the factory land plot to provide open spaces and for tourism purposes.

ILLICIT CAR RACING SOARED DURING PANDEMIC

The number of illicit car races has soared during the pandemic, according to statistics from the Public Security Police Force (PSP). PSP intercepted 20 illicit car races between January and August this year, exceeding the total number of illicit car races throughout the entirety of 2019. During the same period, the police authority also recorded 10,045 speeding cases, 760 more compared to the same period of last year. The police authority condemned those who remodeled their vehicles to result in loud noises that negatively affect people's lives. The police authority said that it will increase inspections and prosecutions over instances of illicit vehicle remodeling.

GOV'T ADMITS GP RACER NUMBERS MAY BE LOW

ANTHONY LAM

THIS year's Macau Grand Prix may see far lower numbers of racers compared with the organizer's previous estimates, the Sports Bureau (ID) admitted yesterday.

Represented by Vice Director Christine Lam at the government's weekly Covid-19 press briefing, the ID officially spoke up on this year's Grand Prix.

The Times reported in mid-September that many racers repeatedly hinted that they might not come to the races because of the quarantine requirement.

Racers will need to arrive in Macau at least two weeks ahead of the Grand Prix to undergo mandatory quarantine-on-arrival. The bill for the quarantines, according to information released by the government so far, will be settled by the respective racers.

It is possible that racers have become discouraged by these two factors combined.

Lam admitted that the Organizing Committee of the Macau Grand Prix has received notes from teams and racers who had previously expressed their willingness to come, stating that they have changed their minds or needed more time to make up their minds.

"Judging from latest data, we



believe that the number of overseas racers may differ significantly from our previous estimates," Lam disclosed.

On the other hand, the official hinted the motorbike races would most likely be the epicenter as all racers are from overseas. She even hinted the races may face potential cancellation. The comments echo an earlier report by the Times.

"We are seeing how many racers will likely be participating in the motorbike races," Lam disclosed. "It should be clear at a later date if the motorbike races can be held."

With that said, several media outlets have predicted that this year's races would see low numbers of racers. Last month, the ID attempted to mentally prepare

members of the public that this year may see a Greater Bay Area-focused Grand Prix.

The necessity of going ahead with the races this year has also prompted public debate. With participants to the official National Day Celebrations required to take a Covid-19 test as part of the prerequisites of attendance, the public has been curious about the insistence of the government to go ahead with this year's car races.

Lam recapped the explanation given by other government officials previously, which mainly stressed the Grand Prix being an important event to Macau. "The Grand Prix is not only a car-racing event, but also a phenomenal event that invigorates tourism, economy, as well as culture and innovation," she reiterated.

She added that the Organizing Committee is striving to confirm this year's arrangements by mid-October.

Meanwhile, in his opening speech, medical director of the public Conde de São Januário Hospital, Dr Alvis Lo, said "in response to public worries" that incoming foreign racers will not present an additional risk to or burden on Macau's epidemic control and prevention measures.

Similar to many other daily activities, special health measures will be in place during the four-day Macau Grand Prix, including the addition of "extra medical stations at the race track to rapidly handle any possible medical situation."

Entry to the spectator area or the racetrack will be identical to that of government offices and hotels. When spectators enter the race venue, they will need to show their Green Macau Health Code, in addition to having their body temperature measured. They will not be allowed in if they show signs of elevated body temperature.

Moreover, each spectator will be required to keep a certain distance apart and wear a facemask properly throughout the event.

Lo assures the public that all government bureaus are in close contact for the Grand Prix.

The Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center informed yesterday that the press briefing will be held every Monday from this week, as opposed to the current arrangement of twice per week.

Gaming revenue notches sixth month of 90% or above decline

GROSS gaming revenue marked a sixth straight month of year-on-year declines of at least 90% in September, as a gradual relaxation of travel and visa restrictions by China has so far brought few visitors. Revenue for the month amounted to 2.21 billion patacas, dropping 90% from a year earlier, but rising 70% from August.

The latest result closes out the third quarter with a year-on-year decline of 93.1%, compared

to a 95.6% contraction in the previous quarter. The third quarter showed growth of 51.1% over the second quarter.

According to Bloomberg, the September result was slightly worse than the expected decline of 86%.

Although some analysts believe Macau holds the capacity to rebound faster than its gaming rivals around the world, much of that depends on the willingness of mainland Chinese to

return to Macau.

The latest visitor arrival figures over the first half of Golden Week suggest they are not yet willing. Macau has seen only a trickle of arrivals even though visas have been made available to residents in China's Guangdong province - which previously accounted for a third of Macau's visitors - since late August.

Casino floors have remained largely empty as inconvenient require-

ments still make it difficult to enter Macau from the mainland, such as obtaining a negative virus test.

Accordingly, Macau trails behind other gambling hubs in bouncing back from Covid-19. The Las Vegas Strip, for exam-

ple, saw gaming revenue recover to 60% of last year's level in July after casinos gradually began reopening in early June.

Last week, Linda Chen, vice chairman of Wynn Macau, said that the industry had expected gaming revenue during China's Golden Week to be about 30-50% of last year's level. If correct, that would suggest a high dependence on the VIP segment in October. **DB/BLOOMBERG**

Period	GGR (MOP)	Y-o-Y Growth
Q1	30.48 billion	-60.0%
Q2	3.23 billion	-95.6%
Q3	4.88 billion	-93.1%

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Visitor arrivals muted over first half of Golden Week

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VISITOR arrivals were muted over the first four days of October, to the disappointment of casinos, retailers and restaurateurs who had been hopeful for a surge over the national holiday.

The city welcomed just over 77,000 visitors in the first four days of the month, 87.4% fewer than in the equivalent period a year earlier, according to preliminary data provided by the Public Security Police Force, which oversees immigration matters in Macau. The data showed that Friday, October 2 was the busiest day, recording some 22,116 tourism arrivals.

Macau recorded between 10,000 and 15,000 daily visitor arrivals in September, even though tourism endorsements for Macau were limited to Guangdong Province.

The low volume of visitors bodes ill for Macau's economy, which has endured many months of economic hardship despite the fact that Macau has not seen a locally-transmitted case of Covid-19 in nearly six months.

The tourism economy across the border has fared much better, in part due to national directives aimed at encouraging domestic travel.

China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism reported some 425 million Chinese domestic visitors

DANIEL BEITLER



over the first four days of Golden Week, down nearly a quarter from 542 million last year. The projections indicate that the number of travelers will swell to 600 million before the holiday period is out.

Tourism spending was down 31% in year-on-year terms, while the average spending per tourist dropped 12%. That is even as local governments offer discounts and subsidies to tourists, including free or heavily discounted tickets to attractions.

The numbers highlight just how fast the world's second-largest economy is rebounding

from Covid-19. Most of the rest of the world – including Macau – is still reeling from the impact of shutdowns, with parts of Europe now going back into lockdown to tackle local resurgences.

Analysts suggest that the requirement to show a negative Covid-19 test result before entering Macau is putting off would-be travelers. Currently, the test results are valid for just seven days, but the Macau SAR government is considering whether to extend this to 14 days.

Another inconvenience for mainland residents is the require-

ment to manually apply for tourism endorsements, a process which could formerly be con-

ducted at self-service kiosks. The kiosks previously issued travel visas immediately, whereas the visas now take about seven days to process.

Golden Week begins every year on October 1 with National Day, which celebrates the founding of the People's Republic of China. This year, the week-long holiday coincides with the lunar-calendar based Mid-Autumn Festival.

Macau welcomed around 985,000 visitors during last year's Golden Week. October of that year marked the 2019 peak for gross gaming revenue with some 26.4 billion patacas wagered in Macau's casinos.

Data released on Thursday showed gross gaming revenue increased in September. Revenue dropped 90% in year-on-year terms to 2.2 billion patacas, but this was in fact the most moderate contraction since March and up 70% compared to a month earlier.

The available data on visitor arrivals and gross gaming revenue confirms the predictions made by senior government officials last month that the economic recovery in Macau will be gradual.

CASINOS TO HOST COVID TEST SITES

MACAU'S six casino concessionaires will be allowed to set up Covid-19 testing facilities inside their properties, according to the Macau Health Bureau. The information was disclosed to public broadcaster TDM over the weekend. The testing inside casino properties will be reportedly

managed by China Certification and Inspection Group Macau Co. Ltd., the current service provider for the Macau government. Since July, gambling patrons have been required to display a recognized negative Covid-19 test result before being allowed to step foot onto the casino floor.

Caritas' travel agency underway

LYNZY VALLES

NON-GOVERNMENTAL organization Caritas Macau has submitted an application to the government to open a travel agency catering towards senior citizens who are incapable of participating in travel tours in the city due to mobility issues.

According to the secretary-general Paul Pun, the office of the travel agency is already being rented and paid for by a private individual. Pun added that they are still in need of volunteers once the application has been approved.

So far, three local residents have indicated that they are willing to study a tour guide course while

waiting for the approval of the agency to qualify as an official tour guide.

"Knowing the needs of the people who are frail, on wheelchairs or bedridden, they have less [opportunity] to go out as tourists. We want this agency to serve everybody, but our main target is to serve these people," Pun told the press on the sidelines of a press conference held yesterday on Caritas Bazaar.

For the secretary-general, the travel agency is intended as a social enterprise as it aims to cover the funds of those who are unable to pay for the travel agency through its profits.

"We aim to have the costs covered for those

who are not able to pay that amount [so] they can go for a trip, together with their friends," he added.

Pun is hoping to have the application approved so that the travel agency can be opened by the end of this year or early next year.

Meanwhile, questioned by the Times on whether the organization has seen an increase in the number of food bank registrations among migrant workers, Pun noted that it recorded 200 new cases of migrant workers joining their food distribution program last month.

The official revealed that two private individuals have donated 100,000 and 20,000 patacas respectively to su-

port migrant workers who are currently on no-paid leave or otherwise jobless.

"I think we do not want to emphasize how many people we are helping, but we want to emphasize the need of those migrants. [...] We also want to encourage shops to donate food that is set to expire soon and could not be sold," said Pun.

CARITAS BAZAAR TO SEE 85 PARTICIPATING BOOTHS

The 51st Caritas Macau Charity Bazaar will be held on November 7 and 8, and will see a decrease in booth numbers due to the pandemic.

Themed "Emerging from darkness, embracing

LYNZY VALLES



love," the two-day bazaar will feature 85 booths comprising organizations from the government, enterprises and service units of Caritas Macau.

Last year, the bazaar raised nearly 8 million patacas. Although Pun is not expecting to see the same amount this year, he noted that the bazaar aims to be a platform for

those who want to help those in society who have been affected by the economic downturn.

Some 50,000 residents attended the bazaar last year. According to Pun, it may still be possible to achieve that turnout this year, as residents are keen to show their support to the community – particularly after the pandemic.



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Local art project may need extra gov't subsidies to survive

ANTHONY LAM

FORTES Pakeong Sequira, director of operation of the "Art Gate" project, located on Rua dos Ervanarios on the Peninsula's Central District, has hinted that it may require extra money from the government to continue.

Officially known as A Porta Da Arte, the Central District art-commercial project takes up a shop space that is over 60 years old, across three floors. Before opening, it was revamped with a

regenerated vintage aesthetic.

The ground floor of the shop houses a coffee counter, from which people can purchase drinks, alongside a souvenirs retail space. The first floor has seats for people to drink their coffee bought at the shop, as well as more retail spaces. Further seating for coffee drinkers is available on the rooftop.

When the project began and prior to its opening in 2016, the Cultural Industry Fund issued a five-year subsidy to support it. The subsidy is due to expire

next year.

Sequeira disclosed that the project was about to break even after several years of operations but the travel restrictions amid the Covid-19 pandemic have had a hard impact on the business. He disclosed that during the toughest period, the project generated only 10% of its normal revenue. However, he stressed that the project leaders did not expect to apply for another phase of funding early this year.

The government has previously implemented a policy aimed at

diverting tourist and tourism activities from the Ruins of St Paul's to its vicinity, including the Rua dos Ervanarios, to simultaneously ease the stress on the World Heritage site and to benefit the neighborhood.

The policy was made in response to concerns that tourism is overcrowding the Ruins and causing inconvenience to the people living nearby, as well as in response to complaints that businesses in the vicinity of the Ruins could not benefit from the tourist boom.

Report claims city's hotel booking exceeds 2019's Golden Week

JULIE ZHU

QUNAR, one of mainland China's major online travel agencies, has reportedly revealed that bookings for Macau hotels for the first day of this National Day Holiday have exceeded those of the same day last year, contradicting various other statistics which have been revealed to the local community.

Qunar is the subsidiary company of Ctrip, specializing in providing

users with the cheapest offers of hotels and flights compared to other mainland Chinese online travel agencies.

On October 2, state-owned media channel CCTV2 Finance titled one of its reports with the headline "Macau becomes a popular tourism destination." CCTV2 Finance said that "during the long holiday, Macau has become a hot tourism destination, with bookings for Macau hotels rocketing" amid the

National Day Holiday.

"For October 1, bookings for Macau hotels already exceed previous years," the CCTV report says without revealing the exact statistics. The news report cited Qunar as the source for its statistics.

"As the holiday continues, Macau tourism will encounter a new peak," the report says.

According to sources previously contacted by the Times, a popular hotel on the Cotai Strip was

said to be fully booked, while two other five-star hotels had 400 rooms and 600 rooms, from a little over 2,000 rooms, booked prior to the start of the national holiday.

However, earlier reports suggest Macau hotels are seeing an average hotel occupancy rate of between 30% and 40%.

The MGTO has a target of just 50% hotel occupancy during this holiday, as it is only expecting 12,000 to 16,000 daily visitor arrivals.

According to a report by Sina Corp, on Qunar, Macau's hotel bookings in August increased 1.18 times compared with July. 51% of bookings were made by tourists whose permanent residence is in Guangdong province.

As of September 15, Macau's hotel bookings in the last month increased by 86% compared to the entire month of August. The percentage of bookers from Guangdong province reached 47%. Since September 15, the number of bookings for Macau-related products on Qunar has shown a trend of rapid growth. Sina also noted that the daily increase in bookings exceeds 10%.

MPAY TO EXTEND SERVICE TO HONG KONG IN 2021

MACAU Pass is set to launch its MPay electronic wallet services in Hong Kong by the second quarter of 2021, enabling local residents to use the mobile app in the neighboring city.

This move is a step towards further integrating cashless payment in the Greater Bay Area.

"The firm hopes to offer MPay in the second quarter of next year in Hong Kong, the favorite destination for tourists and businessmen from Macau," said Macau Pass director Joe Liu, as cited in a report issued by South China Morning Post.

According to the report, the MPay wallet will be a collaboration with Hong Kong's Octopus Holdings.

Both Hong Kong and Macau residents can pay for goods and services denominated in either Hong Kong dollars or patacas while using the app.

Liu is a supporter of a cashless society. Previously, he told the Times that Macau would become a cashless society within the next five years.

The local e-payment service provider had a profit after tax amounting to 35.6 million patacas for the 2019 financial year. The company has also announced that it handled 16% more transactions compared with the previous financial year, which generated a 74% increase in the monetary value handled. **LV**

72-YEAR-OLD MAN FOUND DEAD

A 72-year-old male resident has been found dead near the Estrada da Barragem de Ka Ho in Coloane, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported.

According to the report, the PJ received notice of the case from the Fire Services Bureau (CB) after a passerby discovered the body around 9:20 a.m. last Saturday, October 3.

The CB dispatched an ambulance to the location but the man was found dead on arrival.

In accordance with the procedures for this case type, the CB requested the PJ to investigate.

After a preliminary examination of the deceased's body, the PJ investigators found no traces of struggle or any indications that a crime had been committed.

No suicide note was found on the deceased or at the scene.

The case has been temporarily listed as a case of body discovery until the cause of death is determined by forensic examination. **RM**

MACAU'S PLATFORM ROLE ALIGNED WITH NATIONAL 'DUAL-CYCLE' STRATEGY

RENATO MARQUES

MACAU will make good use of its role as a platform to serve China's "dual-cycle" development pattern, the Chief Executive (CE) Ho Iat Seng, said in his speech at the National Day reception held on October 1.

Ho noted Macau's commitment to contributing to the strategy advanced by president Xi Jinping. The strategy relies on both a domestic and an international economic cycle, with an emphasis on the domestic cycle.

"Macau will dedicate further effort in terms of engagement with the international economic cycle, to serve the country in the opening to the world, and for the sustainable economic development of Macau," the CE said. Ho underlined the central government's solid support, in particular when facing the new challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

As part of the central government's support efforts, Ho noted that the resumption of issuing visas for mainland China residents who wish to visit Macau under the individual visit scheme (IVS) will constitute an important step for the "gradually recovery" of the local economy.

During the same speech, the CE also reaffirmed the Macau government's commitment in continuing its administrative policy direction, which inclu-



des efforts to fight the pandemic, safeguard employment, stabilize the economy, care for

people's livelihoods, implement reform, and facilitate development.

Ho also remarked on the possibilities presented by the development of the Guangdong-Macau

Intensive Cooperation Zone that is planned for Hengqin Island.

The CE stressed that the government was always informed by the mission to follow President Xi Jinping's instructions by implementing the "Four Aspirations", "Four Persistences" and "Four Expectations," while respecting and implementing the principles of "One country, two systems", "Macau people governing Macau" and a high degree of autonomy. In addition, this would also include the continued development of Macau's strategic positioning as a world center of tourism and leisure, and as a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries (collectively known as the "Centre and Platform" policies).

This year, the reception to celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China was held at the new China-Portuguese-speaking Countries Commercial and Trade Service Platform Complex. The event was attended by over 1,000 guests.

ECONOMY TO REMAIN STABLE WITH MODEST GROWTH

THE outlook for the local economy in the medium to long term continues to be stable with modest growth, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong said on the sidelines of the National Day reception on October 1.

Lei said that the local economic performance outlook remains unchanged "despite the short-term volatility wrought by a second wave of the pandemic in countries overseas."

The Secretary also stated that the government is seeking to boost domestic demand

and create job opportunities through the previously planned infrastructure project, which is worth over 17.7 billion patacas and will be implemented largely during 2021.

Lei said that the recent growth of the unemployment rate to 4% among residents is due to current pressures in the market.

According to the Secretary, the figure represents a rise of about 400 people, who are "mainly people who had been in either the casino junket business; hotel, wholesale or retail work; or construction."

Attempting to tackle such growth, the

government would launch further paid-training initiatives, with a quota of up to 60,000 places.

Replying to media questions, Lei also added that the government is preparing for the new gaming licenses tendering, due to happen in 2022.

Contrary to the suggestions of some scholars and gaming experts, Lei said that the government is not considering postponing the date of the new concessions tender, as the new law that gives way to the tender will be ready next year. **RM**

Gov't disagrees with TSI decision on Taipa land plot

RENATO MARQUES

THE government is not satisfied with the decision reached by the Court of Second Instance (TSI) on a land plot located in Taipa, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, André Cheong acknowledged on the sidelines of the celebration of the 71st Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Cheong said that the executive disagrees with the decision and has already submitted an appeal to the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) for two major reasons.

Firstly, back in 1918 when the expropriation of the land plot took place, the then-Portuguese government of Macau had already compensated the



owners and had published the expropriation on the government official gazette. Considering that, from that moment on, the government had full ownership of the plot concerned.

Secondly, Cheong also said that the Macau government doubts the authen-

ticity of a notarial document signed back in 1997 in Lisbon. This document was the centerpiece of the appeal from the owners of the land plot.

In the verdict reached late last month on the land located adjacent to Estrada Almirante Magalhães Cor-

reia, Estrada da Ponta da Cabrita, and Avenida Padre Tomás Pereira, the TSI decided that the government had to revert the undeveloped part of the land plot back to the company that is considered the current owner, and compensate the same company for the use of the plot by government departments, including the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), that deprived the owners of the use of the land. The compensation is approximately 100 million patacas.

CHEONG APOLOGIZES FOR IAM MISHAPS

During the same opportunity and in response to media questions relating to several matters under the IAM supervision, Secre-

tary Cheong apologized for some of the latest mishaps, including an accident at the hand-washing facilities within Hác-Sá Reservoir Country Park that injured a person.

Cheong said that IAM will submit a report to him, after thoroughly reviewing the safety of similar facilities across Macau.

The Secretary also noted that the preliminary findings on the incident at Hác-Sá Reservoir Country Park indicated deficiencies in construction quality, supervision, and approval mechanisms regarding construction.

In light of this, Cheong said that the government is considering taking further action on the case, including legal action, against

the construction company.

On another topic, the Secretary said the IAM undertook a timely response in relation to copyright infringements of a Mid-Autumn Festival public lighting installation, as first reported by the Times.

The official said that IAM removed the installation as soon as suspicions arose and that in the future, the bureau would review such cases thoroughly to avoid repeating the same mistake.

"The government has paid great attention to the issue of copyright," Cheong said, adding that to avoid similar issues arising in the future, the government will provide further opportunities for local designers to create decorative products.

Vatican: Pope Benedict XVI approved bishop accord with China

THE Vatican doubled down last weekend on its intent to pursue continued dialogue with China over bishop nominations, defending a deal it did with the Chinese government in 2018 as necessary to the life of the Catholic Church there, over strong U.S. objections.

The Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, gave the Holy See's most authoritative and comprehensive response to critics of the extended accord during a speech marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival in China of Catholic missionaries from an Italian religious order.

Parolin insisted that popes as far back as Pius XII had tried to reopen a path of dialogue with Beijing after the communists came to power and expelled foreign missionaries. And he confirmed that Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI had approved the draft accord that the Vatican under Pope Francis eventually signed in 2018.

Parolin's assertion that Benedict had approved the draft is significant and was aimed at silencing some of Francis' conservative critics, many of whom are nostalgic for Benedict's conser-



Vatican secretary of state Cardinal Pietro Parolin

vative papacy and have used the China agreement to undermine Francis.

The Vatican is seeking to extend the deal with China, which envisages a process of dialogue in selecting bishops. It signed it in 2018 in hopes it would help unite China's Catholics, who for seven decades have been split between those belonging to an official, state-sanctioned church and an underground church loyal to Rome.

The question of bishop nominations has long vexed Vatican-China relations, with the Holy See insisting on the pope's divine right to name the successors of the apostles and Beijing considering such nominations foreign infringement on its sovereignty.

The Vatican has defended the 2018 accord against criticism that Francis sold out the underground faithful, saying the deal was necessary to prevent an even worse

schism in the Chinese church after China named bishops without the pope's consent.

"Benedict XVI approved the draft agreement on the nomination of bishops in China that only in 2018 it was possible to sign," Parolin said. He added that the accord only covers the nomination of bishops and does not in any way touch on other aspects of the life of the church in China, much less political issues.

He called it a "point of departure" and said it was worth extending because two years was too short a period of time to evaluate its worth.

"There have been some results, but in order for the dialogue to have more consistent fruits, it's necessary to continue," he said. "From the Holy See's side, there is the will to prolong the accord on an experimental basis, as it has been done, in order to verify its use."

It was the third time this week that Parolin has had to defend the accord, after a tense visit from U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to the Vatican. During a speech on religious liberty in Rome and in an essay penned before his arrival, Pompeo made clear U.S.

objections to the accord and urged the Vatican to join the U.S. in denouncing China's crackdown on religious and ethnic minorities, Catholics among them.

"This isn't about the United States versus China. This is about tyranny," Pompeo told reporters en route home from Croatia on Friday, at the end of a European trip to try to rally European support for the tough U.S. line on Beijing that has accelerated amid the coronavirus pandemic and ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

In his speech Saturday, Parolin used the occasion to acknowledge errors in the "imperialist" way some Catholic missionaries operated in the past and even the Holy See's own decision to name only non-Chinese bishops at the start, a clear nod to decades of Chinese complaints about foreign interference by the church.

Parolin was speaking at the Milan headquarters of the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions, a religious order that first sent Italian missionaries to mainland China in 1870. All foreign missionaries were expelled, and diplomatic relations with the Holy See severed, after Chinese communists came to power in the 1950s. AP

HONG KONG

Police arrest 86 for protesting on October holiday

HONG Kong police arrested at least 86 people on suspicion of unauthorized assembly on China's National Day holiday after crowds gathered on the streets of a popular shopping district and other areas chanting pro-democracy slogans.

Those arrested included four district councilors, police said in a statement posted on Facebook. They said the people were arrested after they ignored repeated warnings for them to disperse Thursday.

Online calls urged people to join protests, and crowds turned up at Hong Kong's Causeway Bay shopping district, some people chanting "Disband the police" and "Liberate Hong Kong,

Revolution of our time," a popular pro-democracy slogan that has been banned by the Hong Kong government for alleged secessionist sentiments. 74 were arrested in Causeway Bay.

A heavy police presence outnumbered the protesters at the scene.

Separately, 20 people were also given penalties for breaching social-distancing regulations, which currently prohibit public gatherings of more than four people.

National Day, which celebrates the founding of the People's Republic of China, has become a day of protest in Hong Kong by those who oppose Beijing's increasing control over the semi-autonomous city. Large-scale protests

are forbidden because of social distancing restrictions due to the coronavirus.

In the afternoon, police cordoned off some areas in the district and searched people on the streets. On several occasions, they unfurled warning banners that urged protesters to disperse, saying they were participating in an illegal assembly.

Protests against the Hong Kong and mainland Chinese governments swelled last year, and Beijing clamped down on expressions of anti-government sentiment in the city with a new national security law that took effect June 30.

The law outlaws subversive, secessionist, and

terrorist activity, as well as collusion with foreign powers to interfere in the city's internal affairs. The U.S. and Britain accuse China of infringing on the city's freedoms, and the U.S. has imposed sanctions on government officials in Hong Kong and China over the law.

At a National Day reception, Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said "stability has been restored to society while national security has been safeguarded" under the new law.

Lam also accused some foreign governments of holding "double standards" and leveling unjustified accusations against the authorities who implement the new law. AP

HONG KONG

MURDER SUSPECT PLANS TO TURN HIMSELF IN TO TAIWAN

AHong Kong murder suspect, whose case led the government to attempt to pass an extradition bill last year that sparked massive protests, is expected to return to Taiwan this month to answer the charges of killing his girlfriend.

Chan Tong-kai, who is accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend Poon Hiu-wing in Taiwan in February 2018 before fleeing back to Hong Kong, said last week that his lawyer was arranging for his return to the self-ruled island.

In a voice recording released to media, Chan apologized to the Poon's parents.

"My determination to go back to Taiwan and hand myself in has never changed, please do not worry," Chan said in the recording.

When Chan returned to Hong Kong in 2018, he was charged with money launde-

ring for taking Poon's money and valuables, and served a prison sentence before being released in October last year.

However, he could not be sent to Taiwan because Hong Kong, the semi-autonomous Chinese city, has no extradition agreement with the island.

Prior to his release, Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam used Chan's case as justification for an extradition bill that would allow Hong Kong to extradite suspects to other countries and territories.

However, many Hong Kong residents opposed the move because it would also have allowed suspects to be sent to mainland China to stand trial. The proposed bill sparked months of anti-government protests that occasionally erupted into violent clashes with police. The extradition bill was later withdrawn. AP

TRUMP'S DEFENDER

Pence's campaign role grows at key moment

BRIAN SLODYKO,
WASHINGTON

VICE President Mike Pence is in a familiar spot: standing by President Donald Trump.

With Trump hospitalized with a virus that he spent months downplaying, his ever-loyal No. 2 will play an increasingly prominent role in the weeks ahead.

Pence will take a leading role in campaigning around the country in the final stretch before the Nov. 3 election, aiming to keep the president's supporters energized and deflecting criticism of his handling of a virus that has killed over 205,000 Americans. The president's positive diagnosis on Friday has intensified scrutiny of the administration's cavalier approach to the pandemic.

The spotlight on Pence will be especially bright tomorrow when he will participate in the vice presidential debate with California Sen. Kamala Harris. Pence will almost certainly be pressed to explain shifting accounts of the president's health over the weekend and justify Trump's decision to hold large in-person campaign rallies during a pandemic — events that often flouted public health guidelines by congregating thousands of mostly mask-less supporters.

"Normally, the vice presidential debate is inconsequential. That is not the



Vice President Mike Pence speaks at an event hosted by The Family Leader Foundation

case in 2020," said Alex Conant, a Republican strategist who worked on Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's 2016 presidential bid. "The public has so many questions about how we got here and it's an opportunity for Pence to answer some of those."

Pence has often been called upon to smooth over fallout from Trump's messy decision making and divisive policies. Since the 2016 campaign, he has served as a bridge of sorts between a brash, thrice-married former reality television star who long bragged about womanizing and the more traditional branch of the Republican Party, particularly conservative evangelicals.

The smooth diction and humble demeanor Pence brings to the role was honed in the 1990s when he

was a conservative talk-radio host in Indiana, when he referred to himself as "Rush Limbaugh on decaf."

The debate with Harris will be a major test. The former California prosecutor's political rise was fueled by searing exchanges with political rivals during major congressional hearings. And she is certain to press the issue of the virus and Trump's diagnoses when the two meet in Salt Lake City.

"That will be his challenge. But it is one he is well-suited for," said Cam Savage, a veteran Republican strategist from Indiana who has closely observed Pence's political career. "With Pence you get a very disciplined leader who is not likely to make mistakes."

One major uncertainty is what sort of condition Trump will be in during the weeks ahead.

His administration has offered rosy assessments of his health and said he could be released from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center as early as Monday. But Trump's blood oxygen level abruptly dropped twice in recent days and he was given supplemental oxygen before his hospitalization. His doctors continued to evade basic questions about his health on Sunday.

There are also concerns

that Pence could himself catch the virus while campaigning, a troubling scenario that raises serious questions about national security and the transfer of power if either he or Trump took a turn for the worse.

After the debate, Pence says, it's back to "business as usual" and the campaign has appearances planned for him, as well as Trump's children and other top surrogates in an effort billed as "Operation MAGA." Pence is slated to visit Arizona and Florida and will return to Indiana on Friday to vote early.

"We've got a campaign to run," Pence said Saturday on a call with staff. "I promise you, this president, as soon as his doctors say so, he's going to be back out there."

Pence often evokes faith when describing his approach to public office, citing the biblical concept of "servant leadership."

He has been a faithful servant to Trump since he was plucked from a difficult bid for reelection as governor to join the presidential ticket in 2016.

As Trump's envoy to religious conservatives, Pence quickly revitalized his political prospects. Often referencing the Supreme Court, Pence reminded fellow religious conservatives that the future makeup of the judiciary would be determined by the 2016 winner — a prediction poised to become reality with Trump's nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to replace liberal icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

At times, Pence's defense of Trump involved few words.

After the "Access Hollywood" video emerged in 2016 of Trump talking in lewd terms about grabbing women by their genitals without consent came to light just days before a debate, Pence's mere return to the campaign trail was a signal of support.

Whether Trump secures another term or not, Pence is a likely Republican presidential contender in 2024. His handling of the challenges before him could be a determining factor in what his future will bring.

"We will find out in the next few days whether Pence will be a leading candidate in 2024," said Conant, the Republican strategist. AP

this day in history



2000 MILOSEVIC QUILTS, STREET CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE



Slobodan Milosevic, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has resigned, following mounting pressure to quit over allegations of vote-rigging.

The Yugoslav Constitutional Court, which only yesterday morning annulled the 24 September presidential elections, now admits Vojislav Kostunica was the true winner.

The Yugoslav army has also publicly withdrawn its support for Mr Milosevic, allaying opponents' fears he might still be able to stage a military comeback.

Mr Kostunica met the former president who is reported to have shaken his hand and congratulated him on his victory.

Mr Milosevic's resignation was officially declared to the Yugoslav people in a televised address at 2230 local time.

Standing before a Yugoslav flag, he wished "success to all citizens of Yugoslavia", and spoke of his intention to spend time with his family.

But he appeared defiant in the face of those happy to see the back of him when he said he would eventually help his party regain force and "contribute to future prosperity".

Yesterday it is estimated over half a million Serbs descended on the capital of Belgrade in a protest against election rigging that ended in Mr Milosevic's capitulation.

Tonight many were still on the streets celebrating what has so far been a relatively peaceful transition.

Mr Kostunica has urged the Serbian people to drive Mr Milosevic away, but "not with the violence with which he used on us for so many years".

Already, war crimes investigators are pressing for Mr Milosevic's immediate extradition to the Hague to face trial for war crimes.

Speaking in Kosovo, Carla Del Ponte Chief Prosecutor, War Crimes Tribunal said:

"I truly believe that this is the only solution if there is to be a true and lasting peace in the Balkans and if the people of Yugoslavia are to enjoy a democratic existence."

But in Belgrade, ordinary Serbs for the present are more interested in rebuilding their lives after years of economic hardship and war.

Asked what should happen to Mr Milosevic now that he was no longer in power, one woman simply said:

"Actually for me I don't care about him. I care about me, my family and my future."

Courtesy BBC News

XI SENDS SYMPATHY MESSAGE TO TRUMP OVER INFECTION

CHINESE President Xi Jinping sent a message of sympathy to U.S. President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump following their coronavirus diagnosis, state TV reported. "My wife, Peng Liyuan, and I express our sympathies to you and your wife and wish you a fast recovery," state TV on its website cited the message as saying. Chinese-U.S. relations have

tumbled to their lowest point in decades amid disputes over trade, technology, security, Beijing's tightening of control over Hong Kong and complaints about abuses in China's Muslim northwestern region of Xinjiang. Trump has blamed China, where the coronavirus outbreak began in December, of mishandling the outbreak and allowing it to spread.

IN CONTEXT

Mr Milosevic was extradited to the Hague in 2001. He is the first head of state to be tried at the International Criminal Court.

He was put on trial for war crimes in Kosovo, Croatia and Bosnia, and for genocide in Bosnia.

Serbia's economy was crippled by nearly 10 years of war and sanctions. It was politically isolated until Milosevic was ousted from power.

Milosevic was Yugoslav president for 13 years during which time he espoused a passionate brand of ethnic Serb nationalism.

Some 250,000 people died in the 1992-1995 Bosnian war and about 20,000 people lost their lives in the 1991 Croatian war.

Milosevic died in a cell at the UN War Crimes Tribunal before the court reached its final verdict. The post mortem examination revealed he had died of a heart attack. His supporters claimed it had been triggered by the wrong medication.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You will meet new and exciting people if you attend social activities or sporting events. Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information. Competitive games will be your forte.

GEMINI May. 21-Jun. 21 Opportunities for new romantic encounters will unfold through the social events you attend. You will have a problem holding on to your cash today. Pay attention to small but important details.

LEO Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You can pick up wonderful buys if you really look hard today. You may be confused emotionally. Try not to use emotional blackmail; it will only make matters worse.

LIBRA Sep. 23-Oct. 22 You need to mingle with people who can spark enthusiasm and confidence in you. Don't neglect these problems; deal with them once and for all, then move on to more pleasurable tasks.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't torment yourself. Disharmony in the home will be extremely stressful. Cultural activities will prove to be quite enlightening for everyone. You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Secret activity is evident. Your involvement in sports or entertainment will lead to new romances. Avoid being overly opinionated or you will alienate friends.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May. 20 You will enjoy interaction with others today. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Moves or the possibility of having someone different living with you may be difficult at first.

CANCER Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your personal life will be under the gun and you may want to avoid the questions your lover is going to want to ask you. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sep. 22 You can stabilize your situation if you compromise. Moves or the possibility of having someone different living with you may be difficult at first. Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling. You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may find that others do not do things the way you want; however, if the job gets done, let it pass. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction. You will attract new love interests.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Don't make any drastic changes or begin new projects today. Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles: EASY and EASY+ grids with numbers 1-9.

Sudoku puzzles: MEDIUM and HARD grids with numbers 1-9.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in China and the World.

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ACROSS 1- After taxes; 4- Confronts; 9- Monetary unit of India; 14- Satisfied sound; 15- Stan's pal; 16- Autobahn autos; 17- Elated; 19- Sight-related; 20- Ditto; 21- Private Pyle; 23- Old chapel; 24- Fungal infection of the skin or nails; 27- Type of tomato; 30- Lack of vanity; 32- Monetary unit of Romania; 33- Worker; 37- Turn over; 39- Singer Etheridge; 40- Due to the fact that; 42- Parian pupil; 43- Person who shoots well; 44- PBS benefactor; 45- Soon; 48- He played Ricky; 50- Dull surface; 51- Tasks; 55- Above it all; 57- Navigation acronym; 58- Kidney enzyme; 60- Foment; 64- Sticker; 65- Frighten; 66- Piggy; 67- Squalid; 68- Driver's invitation; 69- Flub;

DOWN: 1- Model Campbell; 2- Roof overhangs; 3- Iota preceder; 4- Voodoo amulet; 5- 'Xanadu' band; 6- Cathedral city of England; 7- Neckwear; 8- Marsh plants; 9- Chamber; 10- Higher; 11- Oil; 12- Quarterback Manning; 13- PC key; 18- Siegfried's partner; 22- Muesli bit; 24- Playthings; 25- Inkling; 26- Genealogy word; 28- Brainy bunch; 29- 'The Age of Anxiety' author; 30- Hebrew prophet; 31- Disgusting; 33- Correct; 34- Donnybrook; 35- Pleasure garden; 36- Actress Ullmann; 38- de deux (baller dance); 40- Inner layer of a quilt; 41- Della's creator; 43- Mohawk-sporting actor; 46- Med. care option; 47- Uncouth; 49- Greek epic poem; 51- Slow run; 52- Pontificate; 53- Ulan; 54- Twisted expression?; 56- One's partner; 57- Legal claim; 58- Map lines; Abbr.; 59- Extra-wide shoe size; 61- Sgt., for one; 62- Tree syrup; 63- Prefix with athlete;

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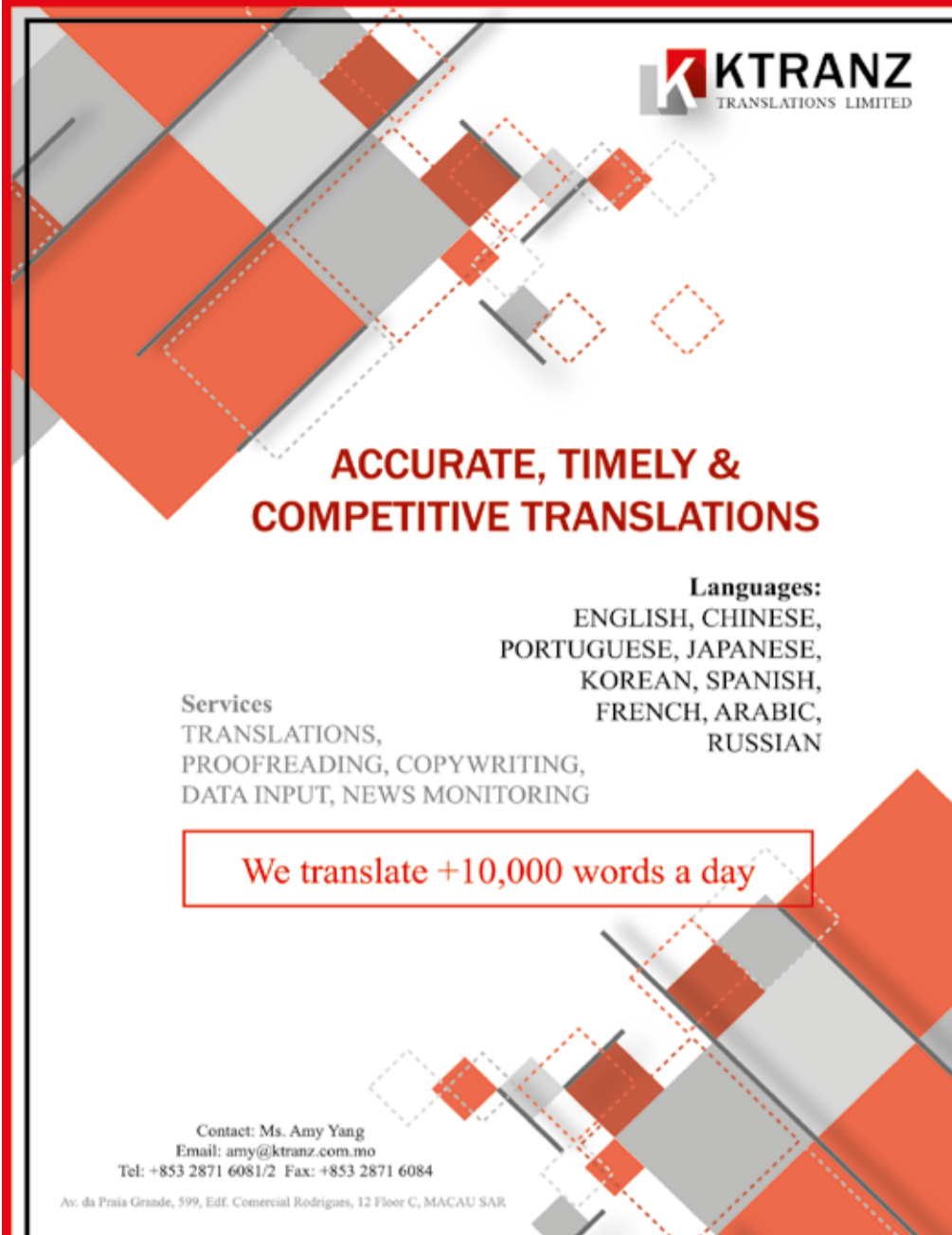
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Tottenham's Harry Kane scores his side's sixth goal from the penalty spot

FOOTBALL

Tottenham humiliates Man United with 6-1 Premier League win

ROB HARRIS, MANCHESTER

IF anyone knows about setbacks as a Manchester United manager it's Jose Mourinho.

But not even Mourinho in his United stint experienced a defeat as heavy as the one his current Tottenham side inflicted on Ole Gunnar Solskjær's United over the weekend.

"I feel sympathy for him," Mourinho said after Tottenham's 6-1 victory at Old Trafford. "I can imagine that tonight he's not going to sleep very, very well."

Only once since 1930 has United conceded six at home — to Manchester City nine years ago. Not since 1986 has United opened the league season with back-to-back home losses.

"It's very embarrassing, it hurt all the players," said Solskjær,

who was hired after Mourinho's firing in 2018. "It hurts me as the manager. It's my worst day ever. I'll hold my hands up, I'm responsible for this."

This was a crushing defeat to a Tottenham side that has played eight games in 22 days across three competitions and was trailing after two minutes.

But after Bruno Fernandes' penalty, United's wretched defense allowed Tanguy Ndombele to level in the fourth minute and Son Heung-Min to net again inside three minutes.

United can be aggrieved that Erik Lamela's apparent playacting led to Anthony Martial being sent off in the 28th minute. But the team was already being run ragged by Tottenham.

Harry Kane and Son extended the lead before halftime, Serge

Aurier was on target six minutes after the break and Kane completed the rout from the penalty spot.

"Very impressive," Mourinho said. "The team was phenomenal since the second minute. Losing 1-0, big personality."

Unlike United, which opened the season with 3-2 defeat to Crystal Palace. Two more goals were conceded at Brighton last weekend but Fernando came to United's rescue with a winner from the penalty spot in the 10th minute of stoppage time.

In contrast to that late penalty on the south coast, United was immediately off the mark from the spot against Tottenham.

The game was barely 30 seconds old when Davinson Sanchez tripped Martial to halt a run into the penalty and Fernandes converted from the spot.

Fernandes can be relied on to score penalties — this was his 18th in a row including at previous club Sporting in Lisbon. What cannot be relied on is United's shambolic defense despite captain Harry Maguire becoming the world's most expensive defender when he was signed last year for 80 million pounds (then \$97 million).

Twice he weakly headed the ball, unable to clear the danger, before Ndombele prodded in the lever.

"Today was totally unacceptable," Maguire said.

United was carved apart when Kane slipped the pass through for Son who lifted the ball over goalkeeper David De Gea. It was the first time in a decade that three goals had been scored in the opening seven minutes of a Premier League game.

The blot of Tottenham's day came with Lamela seeming to deceive the referee after being softly struck by Martial in retaliation for a light push on his face by the Argentine. Lamela clutched his face before dropping to the ground — and Martial's red was upheld by a VAR check.

"Well done Anthony for not going down and not trying to con the referee to send Lamela off, because he puts his arm on Anthony's chest and throat," Solskjær said, before criticizing Lamela. "A lad can't stay up for five seconds before he decides to go down. If that was my son he would live on water and bread for two weeks, that's not how I want my players to act."

Even more infuriating for Solskjær was Tottenham going further in front on the half-hour but United only had itself to blame.

Eric Bailly received the ball and passed sloppily to Nemanja Matic, whose failure to control was seized on by Kane. The striker intercepted the ball and played a one-two with Son before netting.

United was torn apart down the right flank for Tottenham's fourth. After being released by Moussa Sissoko, Aurier put the ball through the legs of Maguire, the center half who had drifted into a left back position, and Son flicked a shot through De Gea in the 37th.

United was in disarray and fortunate not to concede again until after the break. It was Pierre-Emile Højbjerg's weighted pass that set up Aurier for the fifth.

Pogba compounded a dismal display by fouling Ben Davies to concede the penalty that Kane converted in the 79th.

"An amazing performance, an historical result and very important three points," said Mourinho, who is trying to return Tottenham to the Champions League.

The coronavirus pandemic kept fans out of the stadium — sparing Solskjær boos from his own supporters.

"It's kind of embarrassing," United defender Luke Shaw said. "Whoever is on the pitch, whatever the scoreline is, the players have to take responsibility." AP

RUGBY

Bledisloe Cup tests to be played in front of crowds in NZ

BOTH Bledisloe Cup rugby tests between New Zealand and Australia this month will be played in full stadiums after lockdown restrictions in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, were relaxed yesterday.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has announced Au-

ckland will join the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level One from tomorrow, meaning the Oct. 18 test at Eden Park can be played in front of fans.

Wellington, which already is at Level 1, likely will have a capacity crowd on Sunday for the opening

match of the series, the first test for both national teams since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Auckland has been at a higher alert level than the rest of New Zealand for several weeks because of a small community outbreak of COVID-19.

"Auckland fans missed out on both the North versus South match last month and the Blues versus Crusaders match so this is positive news that they will be able to enjoy test match rugby," New Zealand Rugby spokesman Chris Lendrum said.

"With only two opportunities to watch the All Blacks play in New Zealand this year, and both matches being on Sunday afternoons, we are sure fans will enjoy both occasions."

Tickets for the Auckland match will go on sale today.

"There is a real buzz growing in Wellington and around the country as the home Bledisloe Cup series is about to get underway," Lendrum said. "Just under 28,000 tickets have sold for Sunday so we encourage fans to make sure they get in quick." AP

OPINION

World Views

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WHAT HAPPENS IF TRUMP IS 'UNABLE' TO GOVERN

Now that President Donald Trump has tested positive for Covid-19, the Department of Justice is almost certainly focusing on the 25th Amendment, which provides for the transfer of presidential authority to the vice president.

No one who works for a sitting president wants to think about that amendment. But in any administration, worst-case scenarios get attention, and if the president is sick, the lawyers and the vice president have to be clear on what the 25th Amendment says and requires.

The good news is that for most imaginable health outcomes associated with the virus, it is entirely clear. The less good news is that for some imaginable health outcomes, especially those associated with Covid-19, the 25th Amendment is ambiguous.

It offers two different routes by which the transfer of power can occur. Section 3 says this:

Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Section 4 says this:

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Under section 3, the president voluntarily transfers power to the vice president. Under section 4, the decision is made by the president's own team – by majority vote.

Section 4 also allows a role for Congress. If power has been transferred to the vice president, the president can produce a written declaration that he is well and can become president again – unless the vice president and a majority disagree. In the (unlikely) event of disagreement, Congress resolves the issue, with the president prevailing unless both houses vote, by a two-thirds margin, that he cannot discharge the powers and duties of his office.

As everyone knows, people who test positive for Covid-19 have a continuum of symptoms. These can include essentially nothing; mild flu-like systems; serious but not life-threatening unpleasantness for a week or two; heart problems; severe respiratory problems requiring hospitalization; and worse.

The purpose of the amendment is to handle just one problem: incapacitation.

If the president has mild flu-like symptoms, or anything in that vicinity, the 25th Amendment should not and cannot be invoked. If the president is essentially flat on his back and unable to do his job (realistically speaking), the 25th Amendment must be invoked. That is not discretionary. If he is capable of doing so, he himself must sign the declaration required by section 3; if he cannot, the vice president and the cabinet must proceed under section 4.

Unfortunately, we can also imagine hard cases. The course of Covid-19 is unpredictable, and for some of its symptoms, people can reasonably disagree about whether it renders its victims "unable" to do their jobs. Symptoms that involve extreme fatigue, headaches and cognition could present borderline cases. It's highly unlikely, but we cannot rule out a situation in which the president refuses to sign a declaration under section 3 but in which the vice president and the cabinet are compelled to proceed under section 4.

For anyone who gets Covid-19, including the president, there is a good chance that the disease will not prove incapacitating. If so, we will have no need to worry about the 25th Amendment. But it's essential to understand what it makes clear, and what it leaves open.

[Abridged]

Americans Harvey J. Alter and Charles M. Rice and British-born scientist Michael Houghton won the Nobel Prize for medicine yesterday for their discovery of the hepatitis C virus, a major source of liver disease that affects millions worldwide.

Announcing the prize in Stockholm, the Nobel Committee noted that the trio's work identified a major source of blood-borne hepatitis that couldn't be explained by the previously discovered hepatitis A and B viruses. Their work, dating back to the 1970s and 1980s, has helped saved millions of lives, the committee said. "For the first time in history, the disease can now be cured, rais-

ing hopes of eradicating hepatitis C virus from the world population."

The WHO estimates there are over 70 million cases of hepatitis C worldwide and 400,000 deaths from it each year. The disease is chronic and a major cause of liver cancer and cirrhosis requiring liver transplants.

The medicine prize carried particular significance this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has highlighted the importance that medical research has for societies and economies around the world.

AIRASIA CEASES OPERATIONS IN JAPAN AS COVID-19 WIPES OUT TRAVEL

AIRASIA Group Bhd. will cease operations in Japan immediately as it tries to reduce cash burn amid the coronavirus outbreak that's wiped out travel demand globally.

AirAsia Japan has stopped operations as of yesterday, Southeast Asia's second-biggest budget carrier said in a statement. That will help the parent conserve cash. Further steps on the decision will be made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations including the Japan Civil Aeronautics Act, it said.

The low-cost airline has been under immense pressure this year as Covid-19 roils the aviation industry. It reported its largest loss on record in the second quarter ended June 30 and Chief Executive Officer Tony Fernandes has been in talks for joint ventures and collaborations that may result in additional investment.

"We have concluded that it would be an extremely challenging feat for us to continue operating without any visibility and certainty of a post-pandemic recovery path," said Jun Aida, the chief opera-



tions officer of AirAsia Japan. "This painful decision to cease operations was decided neither in haste nor taken lightly."

Malaysia-based AirAsia said previously it was evaluating its operations in Japan, while a Reuters report earlier this year flagged its Indian operations may also be under review. India's aviation minister said over the weekend that AirAsia is shutting up shop in the South Asian nation, a comment his office later suggested was taken out of context.

A spokesman for AirAsia India, which is majority owned by Indian conglomerate Tata Group, declined to comment.

AirAsia's long-haul arm AirAsia X, meanwhile, has said it needs to reach agreements with major creditors to restructure outstanding debt as it faces "severe liquidity constraints" that threaten its ability to resume flying and continue as a going concern.

Airlines globally have grounded thousands of planes as governments restricted movement to curb the spread of the virus. Carriers have been raising funds via rights offerings and seeking state support in their efforts to stay afloat. Travel demand won't return to pre-Covid level until 2024, according to the International Air Transport Association. MDT/BLOOMBERG



Thailand Interpol issued a "Red Notice" last week informing member countries that Thailand sought the arrest of a Thai heir to the Red Bull energy drink fortune involved in a 2012 traffic accident that killed a police officer, Thai police said yesterday.



India Authorities in New Delhi launched an anti-pollution campaign on Monday in an attempt to curb air pollution levels ahead of winter, when the capital is regularly covered in toxic haze, and warned that filthy air could make the coronavirus pandemic more dangerous. The capital's top elected leader, Arvind Kejriwal, said the government will start an anti-dust campaign, reduce smoke caused by agricultural burning and introduce a mobile application that will allow citizens to lodge photo-linked complaints against polluters.



Pakistan A court yesterday officially charged the country's former President Asif Ali Zardari in two corruption cases, escalating the legal challenges facing the now leading opposition lawmaker and widower of assassinated former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.



France A woman's body was discovered yesterday in the Mediterranean Sea, bringing to at least nine the number of people killed in severe mountain flooding at the border between France and Italy. Up to 20 others were feared missing in the devastation. Five other bodies, all men, were found Sunday in the sea near San Remo, on the beach in the Italian border town of Ventimiglia and along the Imperia coast.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Golden week. Visitors crowd onto a narrow alley in Zhujiujiao Water Town on the outskirts of Shanghai yesterday.