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China Back-to-back tornadoes killed 12 people in central and eastern China and left more than 300 others injured. Eight people died in the inland city of Wuhan and four others in the town of Shengze. 28 homes collapsed in Wuhan, another 130 were damaged and put economic losses at 37 million yuan. Construction site sheds and two cranes were also damaged, while downed power lines knocked out electricity.

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India Police in Indian-controlled Kashmir said that 21 people were arrested for disturbing public order by expressing solidarity with Palestinians and holding protests against Israel's military offensive in Gaza. Police said in a statement they were keeping a "close watch on elements who are attempting to leverage the unfortunate situation in Palestine to disturb public peace and order" in Kashmir. The statement said police were "sensitive to public anguish" but wouldn't allow those sentiments to "trigger violence, lawlessness and disorder."

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India A severe cyclone is roaring in the Arabian Sea off southwestern India with winds of up to 140 kilometers per hour, already causing heavy rains and flooding that have killed at least four people, officials said yesterday. Cyclone Tauktae, the season's first major storm, is expected to make landfall tomorrow in Gujarat state, a statement by the India Meteorological Department said.

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FINANCE OFFICIAL VISITS NANJING TCM RESEARCH FACILITIES

Secretary for Economy and Finance Lei Wai Nong led a delegation to visit a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) research facility in Nanjing, where the "Macao Week in Jiangsu" promotional roadshow is held. The visit was set to highlight Macau, as TCM has been pinpointed by Beijing as one of the city's core industries for achieving economic diversification. An exchange session was also held during Macao Week for Macau tourism industry practitioners to foster partnerships with potential.

BNU MAKES MOP110M Q1 NET PROFIT DESPITE DROP

Government's banker BNU has recorded a first-quarter net profit of MOP109.4 million, a 20.8% decrease from same period last year. The bank attributed the drop to "lower interest rates in comparison with their prevailing levels for most of the first quarter of 2020" in a statement. The bank did not manage to offset the loss of interests by a 7.8% quarter-over-quarter growth in credit, which amounted to nearly MOP27 billion end-March 2021. It recorded a rise in non-interest income and a fall in operating costs.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES RISES 3%

The city's foreign exchange reserves are estimated to reach MOP206.7 billion in April, according to preliminary data from the Monetary Authority of Macao. The latest estimate is 3.1% higher than the revised tally of MOP200.5 billion for the previous month. The reserve figure in April is 11 times the currency in circulation, or 86.6% of pataca M2 in March. The trade-weighted effective exchange rate index for patacas declined 0.22 points month-to-month, and 6.44 points year-on-year to 103.0 in April. This indicates that the exchange rate of patacas dropped against the currencies of the city's major trading partners.

SMG RECORDS HIGHEST TEMPERATURE SINCE BEGINNING OF SUMMER 2021

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) recorded 34.1 degrees Celsius at the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal weather station, the highest temperature recorded since the beginning of summer so far. Today, the bureau predicts that the weather temperatures will range from 27 to 33 degrees Celsius. The SMG warns the public to avoid strenuous activities outdoors.

SJM ISSUES HKD 1.25B AND MOP300M IN SENIOR NOTES

LYNZY VALLES

SJM Holdings Limited (SJM) recently announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary Champion Moments Limited had successfully issued senior notes in the Macau bond market in the amounts of HKD1,250,000,000 and MOP300,000,000, guaranteed by SJM.

The senior notes, which bear interest at 3.90% and have a final maturity set for 2026, were sold to professional investors, and are being listed on Chongwa (Macao) Financial Asset Exchange Co., Ltd. (the MOX).

According to a statement issued by the gaming operator, the dual issue marks the first time that a major tourism business in Macau has issued debt instruments for listing on the MOX. Proceeds of the senior notes are being used to refund existing debt and for general corporate



purposes of the SJM Group.

Benjamin Toh, chief financial officer of SJM, said, "We are very pleased with the outcome of this financing, which was well received and enabled us to tap

the market of local professional investors while raising funds at attractive terms."

Daisy Ho, chairman and executive director of SJM, commented, "The success of our pionee-

ring issuance demonstrates that non-financial companies with operations in Macau can raise notes and bonds in the Macau market."

"We are very appreciative of the commitment that the Macau authorities have made to this new financial market, and we are pleased to support its role in the development of Macau's modern financial system and the moderate diversification of the economy," she added.

SJM registered a negative figure of HKD2.09 billion in adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) for the year of 2020, down 149.6% year-on-year due to Covid-19. These figures were announced by the casino operator in its latest financial report. The net loss amounted to HKD3.03 billion for SJM throughout 2020, down 194.3% from its profit in the previous year.

ELECTIONS 2021

CCAC RECEIVES 30 COMPLAINTS ON ELECTION NOMINATION

SINCE the commencement of the parliamentary election nomination period, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has received 30 complaints as of Saturday, commissioner of the CCAC Chan Tze King disclosed yesterday.

The nomination period started on March 11 and will end on June 15.

Chan added that there were not many cases considered as an "apparent violation". Many of these 30 complaints, he said, were caused by misunderstanding the "manner of handling of an incident."

In response to the situation, the CCAC will gradually roll out meetings and discussions with various entities, to ensure

all matters related to this year's Legislative Assembly Election proceed legally.

The commissioner reminded prospective participants in the election to be attentive and cautious regarding legal stipulations.

On the other hand, the corruption watchdog has also conducted 900 rounds of supervision, of which less than 10% required intervention. The supervisory work was related to activities organized by different entities.

Chan explained that the rundown of or discourse presented at certain activities might cause confusion to participants or spectators. "The CCAC hopes such confusion will not happen," Chan said.

The CCAC, Chan observed, tends to intervene prior to the deterioration of a matter into a clear or severe problem "so that no problem will occur." Meanwhile, 60 enquiries have also been received by the CCAC.

On the topic concerning falling tiles at two subsidized housing estates, respectively located on Taipa and Coloane, Chan assured that investigations are ongoing. Noting that no update has been received recently, the commissioner explained that the scope of the investigation is wide, as the case affected quite a number of buildings. The case also has a high level of technical intricacy, making the investigation more time-consuming. AL

TRAINING COURSES DROPPED IN 2020 DUE TO PANDEMIC

THE total number of training courses in 2020 dropped to 1,343, a 30.6% plunge owing to the suspension of courses by some training institutions amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The number of participants decreased by 25.3% to 61,292, according to data from Statistics and Census Service.

Analysed by course type, Business & Administration courses had the highest number of participants, at 16,368 (26.7% of total), followed by Tourism, Gaming & MICE Events courses with 7,295 participants (11.9%), and Language courses with 6,747 participants (11.0%). The overall

course completion rate rose by 4.2 percentage points to 93.2%, with Teacher Training courses registering the highest completion rate at 99.5%.

Among the 1,343 vocational training courses, 658 were organised for enterprises or institutions, down by 22.7% year-on-year. The number of participants dropped by 17.6% to 33,580. The majority of the participants (10,081) took Business & Administration courses, at 30.0%; participants taking Tourism, Gaming & MICE Events courses (5,832) and Language courses (5,823) accounted for 17.4% and 17.3% of the total respectively. LV

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Group to arrange flights from Taiwan for returning students

ANTHONY LAM

MORE than 500 Macau students currently in Taiwan have expressed their intention to take a unified flight to return to Macau, Choi Man Cheng, President of the Macao and Taiwan Youth Exchange Promotion Association has disclosed.

According to the association head, the group is coordinating said flight.

Choi recalled that expressions of interest in returning to Macau during the summer holiday started coming in since the end of April. Up until Saturday, more than 500 notices have been received.

These notices are mainly sent from graduating university students who want to return to Macau to pursue their careers, along with some graduate students. Choi said that he was aware some social media groups were seeing similar notices as well, so he believed the count would rise further.

The preliminary plan of the association, according to Choi, is to set up certain gathering spots in Taiwan. Chartered buses or coaches will then be arranged to fetch them at these spots and deliver them to airports.

He added that talks with Macau airlines were held to discuss the possibility of gathering all students to take the same flight back. A plan is expected to be confirmed next week, Choi said.

Nonetheless, non-graduating students are facing a difficult situation. Some of them expressed their worries that the summer holiday would drastically shorten when the periods of quarantine in both places were deducted.

Currently, entrants to Macau having been in Taiwan within the 14 preceding days are required to undergo 21 days of quarantine-upon-arrival.

When asked about the main concerns of these students, Choi said they had opinions on the price of PCR per nucleic acid test in Taiwan. The lowest-priced test in

MORALIS TSAI



Taiwan, Choi said, costs NTD5,000, which is equivalent to approximately MOP1,400.

In Macau, a PCR test costs MOP90.

The association has also received 262 messages seeking help or clarification regarding concerns about the relapsing infections in Taiwan. More than 4,000 cases have been recorded since early last year. The association also disclosed that about 300 students have not returned to Macau in two years.

ALERT LEVEL FOR TAIPEI RAISED

Taiwan recently imposed restrictions on gatherings and ordered entertainment businesses to shutter operations as it raised the alert level in its capital to battle a surge in local Covid-19 infections.

Authorities encouraged people to stay at home this weekend as a record 180 new local cases were reported on Saturday. Indoor family and social gatherings in Taipei will be limited to five people, while outdoor ones will be restricted to 10, they said, as cited in

a Bloomberg report.

The alert level for Taipei and New Taipei city will be raised until May 28, Health Minister Chen Shih-chung said in a briefing on Saturday. Schools and offices will remain open, as will department stores and restaurants.

Chen said the restrictions aren't a lockdown but meant to curb the movement of people. The threshold of a lockdown is when

there is an average of 100 or more new local cases added daily for 14 days, he said. Other prerequisites include that the source of infections are unclear for at least half of the new cases, according to a government statement.

The increase in infections threatens to shatter Taiwan's status as one of the world's biggest success stories in containing the pandemic. Before the current surge, Taiwan

was one of just a few places in the world that had all but eliminated the virus, including Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and China. Taiwan has 1,475 confirmed cases and 12 deaths as of Saturday.

That changed in the past week, with the addition of about 250 local cases. Health authorities have struggled to contain a slowly growing outbreak centered around a hotel used to quarantine airline pilots.

DSEDJ ASKS STUDENTS TO 'CAREFULLY CONSIDER' THE NECESSITY OF RETURN

AS summer holiday approaches, the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) has issued a statement encouraging Macau students currently studying outside the city to reconsider their need to return.

In addition, the DSEDJ is conducting an online survey to gather information on the intention of students who want to come home during the summer holiday.

It requests that students who want to return to the city to fill out the survey. The DSEDJ will con-

tact them when necessary based on the information collected by the survey.

In the statement, the bureau also reminded students to be careful with their own health conditions and gear up personal protections against the infection. They are also reminded to pay attention to developments of the Covid-19 pandemic and related health measures. The bureau noted that it is aware certain groups are consolidating flight seats for Macau students in Taiwan. **AL**

City records 50th Covid-19 case

MACAU recorded its 50th Covid-19 case after a local resident who returned from Nepal tested positive for the virus, the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination

Center announced in a statement last night. The 50th patient is a 31-year-old male. He departed from Kathmandu, Nepal on April 24. His nucleic acid test was negative be-

fore entering the SAR.

On April 25, he again underwent a nucleic acid test and antibody test. The nucleic acid test was negative and the IgM antibody was positive.

With these results, the patient was referred for medical observation at the Public Health Clinical Centre in Coloane as it was considered that this individual had been for-

merly infected with Covid-19 and, therefore, has a risk of relapse.

The patient's nucleic acid test results on April 28, May 2 and May 9 were all negative.

The result of the nucleic acid test carried out yesterday was "weakly positive" and was considered to be a case of asymptomatic

relapse.

In April, authorities had confirmed the city's 49th case after a 23-year-old male local resident studying in Portugal, returned to Macau.

He was among the 15 Macau residents who returned from Europe and the United States via Taipei. **LV**

TRADE TO LAUNCH PERSONALIZED ITINERARIES TO ENTICE DISCERNING TRAVELERS

HONEY TSANG

THE forthcoming novel tours, dubbed “Macao Highlight Tours” will shift its focus to personalized services to meet the growing demand for private tours among discerning travelers in the Covid-19 pandemic era. The tours are scheduled to be rolled out in mid-May.

In an exclusive interview with the Times, Wu Wai Fong, chairman of the Macao Tourist Guide Association, offered a sneak preview of the new scheme designed to attract more Chinese travelers to visit Macau.

Wu disclosed that the launch of the new tailor-made service is intended to meet the diversified travel needs among today's travelers.

“That’s to say, this enables us to offer custom-built itineraries for free individual travelers who want to design the itineraries on their own from start to finish,” Wu added.

Another rationale for this personalization service is to meet the growing demand for private tours as “travelers are now more inclined to shun group tours and travel only with their closest ones, like family and friends, to



minimize contagion risks”, Wu added.

Private touring is touted by travel experts as one of the key travel trends that will outlast the pandemic. The quick-adapting travel practitioners in Macau are now proactively heading towards this model to stay resilient during the pandemic.

According to the information provided by Wu, the personalized tour will be valued at MOP1,580, offering a tour guide and four-

-hour coach service. Tour guides will arrange itineraries based on the travel preferences and needs of clients.

Apart from custom-made tours, a total of five new “Macao Highlight Tours” will be launched to entice sophisticated travelers. They include themed itineraries to key heritage sites, Grand Prix Museum and Coloane. The two luxurious helicopter and sailing trips are expected to be some big hits.

The first “Macao Highlight Tour” will kick off on May 22, Wu said.

The roll-out plan for “Macao Highlight Tours” was first discussed by Macau’s travel trade on May 13 at a tourism seminar in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. It was part of Macao Government Tourism Office’s (MGTO) mega roadshow “Macao Week in Jiangsu.”

The “Macao Highlight Tours” scheme is a joint venture between the MGTO and local travel

trade — in which the MGTO will be responsible for promotion, while the latter will be in charge of designing and offering tour services.

“Earlier, the MGTO had convened a meeting with us (the Macao Tourist Guide Association) and asked us to enlist some local tour guides for the upcoming tours,” Wu told the Times.

In an earlier interview with TDM, director of the MGTO Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes stated that the “Macao Highlight Tours” are a composite of the ongoing “Stay, Dine and See Macao” and previous “Macao Ready Go! Local Tours” domestic travel schemes.

Mainland travelers outside Guangdong province are more likely to stay longer in Macau. “We would like to offer more elements to [entice] this group of holidaymakers,” she added.

Fernandes calls on local travel practitioners to be more innovative and explore more tantalizing tourism products to meet the needs of today’s travelers.

Travelers can purchase the service before their arrival or make a purchase at the registration counter at local hotels, she said.

DISGRUNTLED CUSTOMERS OF CLOSED YOGA STUDIO DEMAND THEIR MONEY BACK

HONEY TSANG

A group of disgruntled customers of a yoga studio, which will shut down tomorrow, May 18, went to the Consumer Council (CC) on Friday, appealing to authorities to intervene in recovering their financial losses.

The yoga studio is located on Rua Do Campo. It is alleged that the owners have refused to return the pre-paid tuition fees to customers even after it decided to go under days later.

On Friday, members of the New Macau Association (ANM) stepped in and offered help to the customers. ANM’s member Chan Lok Kei told the press that there may be more than 130 customers involved in this dispute, with each suffering a financial loss ranging from

MOP3,000 to MOP20,000.

He said that most of them had no choice but to turn to litigation to resolve the case.

The yoga studio charged clients an up-front annual fee, a common practice among fitness centers. It is told that at the end of 2020, the management inflated the membership costs. On May 6, the center announced that it would close down on May 18.

As of 1 p.m. last Friday, the CC had received a total of 124 complaints filed by the studio’s clients, according to an official statement published by the council on May 14.

“The Consumer Council will consider turning to mediation, conciliation or arbitration to settle the disputes,” as stated in the official release.

The CC reaffirmed that it will set the arbi-

tration mechanism into motion as soon as possible to assist consumers in their claims. The CC will meanwhile continue to investigate other legal means to safeguard the rights of the affected consumers.

The authorities have already contacted the person in charge, and passed on the requests of the customers. The CC urged the studio to carry out appropriate settlements in due course.

The affected individuals claimed that they have already reported the case to the police.

It is suspected that the closure is due to discord between the studio’s shareholders, and has little to do with the Covid-19 pandemic.

A staff member from the studio disclosed that she still has not received last month’s salary.

RENOVATION OF TWO WET MARKETS TO START NEXT YEAR: IAM

THE renovations of the Almirante Lacerda Municipal Market, also known as the Red Market, and Horta da Mitra Municipal Market, will commence next year, the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) confirmed.

Earlier, lawmaker Lei Cheng I filed a written query, regarding the concrete timeframe of the long-overdue restoration projects of the two local wet markets.

In response to Lei, José Maria da Fonseca Tavares, president of the Administration Council at the IAM, stated in a written reply that the innovation groundworks of the of Red Market has already been finalized, while the works for Horta da Mitra Municipal Market are in the planning stage.

The renovations of the two-story Shali Tou Wet Market, which would act as a stand-in for Red Market during its facelift,



have also been completed.

Tavares stated the authorities have been closely communicating with involved hawkers to ensure a smooth relocation.

Locals have been expressing concern about the dire conditions of the Horta da Mitra Municipal Market which has not yet been equipped with an air-conditioning system.

The IAM invited tenders to bid for the renovation works at the market in March 2020. However, the process was suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The overdue overhaul means that locals need to endure the heat whilst shopping at the Horta da Mitra Municipal Market at least until next year. **HT**

MUST's dust storm research plays a role in Chinese debut Mars mission

ANTHONY LAM

RESearch on dust storms on the planet Mars by the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) has played a role in the success of China's Mars mission premiere, the university said in a statement.

Last Saturday, Chinese-made Tianwen-1 Mars Explorer successfully landed on the neighboring planet, marking the beginning of the country's mission on Mars.

Dust storms are nothing strange on the surface of the neighboring planet. The MUST pointed out that it headed several failed landing prior to the final, successful one. A research team at the MUST is a main team of its kind in China.

Dr Xu Aoao, former president of the MUST, noted that the university has been contributing to this research since 2016. The university is also a co-inventor of the camera on Tianwen-1 that was used to take images prior to its landing on Mars.



The MUST also contributed to developing the simulation of Mars' atmosphere. The atmosphere is phenomenally influential to the explorer's entry, slow-down and landing.

Upon entering the Mars at-

mosphere, the vehicle needed to slow down in nine minutes from a velocity of 4.8km/s to idle. The vehicle was required to conduct all the landing procedures and make the landing itself, due to the communication delay be-

tween Earth and Mars.

The success has been described as China crossing hurdles to extend its reach to another Solar planet outside the Earth-Moon astronomical system. China is known as one of the global lea-

ders in astronomical exploration.

According to the MUST, the successful landing on Mars by Tianwen-1 has reaffirmed a number of world records. The debut Mars mission involves a five-tonne tier space explorer, which is the heaviest of its kind in human history.

It is record-breaking that China has achieved orbiting and landing on Mars in a debut mission. Taking the Yutu-2 lunar vehicle into account, China has also become the first country on earth to have exploring vehicles on two different extraterrestrial objects at the same time.

The university has been contributing to this research since 2016

The first human Mars explorer was sent in 1960. Since then, the world has seen a total of 16 Mars missions, excluding this one by China. Only eight from which – all led by the United States – were successful. Mars is thus colloquially referred to as the Tomb of Exploring Vehicles.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice

In accordance with articles 24 and 25 of the Charter of Anima - Society for the Protection of Animals (Macau), the Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday, 29 May 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Anima Cats' Paradise At Estrada do Campo, N.16, ground floor, Coloane, with the following agenda:

1. Discussing and passing of the Report and the Statement of Accounts and the Written Opinion of the Supervisory Body for 2020;
2. Any other subjects.

In case it is not present in the first call at least half of the members of the Association, the General Assembly will meet in the same place half an hour later on second call with any number of members.

All members attending the meeting should sign the attendance members list and produce evidence of their identity (through Anima ID card or any ID card or passport).

Ana Soares
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Board of General Assembly

TAIWAN AND SINGAPORE, COVID SUCCESS STORIES, FACE THREATS

YUEQI YANG

SINGAPORE and Taiwan, success stories in containing Covid-19, are both rapidly imposing aggressive restrictions at home - and tightening travel between each other.

In Taiwan, authorities encouraged people to stay at home this weekend after a record 180 new local cases were reported Saturday. Indoor family and social gatherings in Taipei will be limited to five people, while outdoor ones will be restricted to 10.

In Singapore, indoor dining has been banned, according to an announcement on Friday, and working from home will now be the default, as the city-state re-imposed lockdown-like measures it last ordered a year ago. Seven schools will switch to home-based learning to "ring-fence" those affected by infections, as the city-state makes plans to vaccinate those below 16 years old.

The outbreaks and virus-control measures also threatened the reopening progress of regional travel. Singapore had previously allowed travelers from Taiwan to enter without a quarantine. On Saturday, it announced a ban on the entry of short-term visitors with travel history to Taiwan in the past 21 days, while requiring citizens, permanent residents and long-term pass holders to quarantine when they arrive.

Taiwan's Central Epidemic Command Center also demoted Singapore, along with Vietnam, to "medium-risk" from a group of low-risk places that include New Zealand, Macau and Australia, pointing to a surge in infections.

Meanwhile, a long-awaited quarantine-free travel corridor between Hong Kong and Singapore, two of Asia's biggest financial centers, may not kick off as planned later this month amid the recurrence of cases in island nation.

Singapore and Taiwan have been seen as the poster children of Covid control success, where locals have largely gone about everyday life without fear of infection as the virus ravaged most of the world.

Taiwan went without a single domestic coronavirus infection between April and December. In Singapore - the best place to be in the coronavirus era by Bloomberg's Covid Resilience Ranking - people have attended concerts and gone on cruise trips.

The regression of Covid control progress shows the difficulty of sustaining a virus-free environment, especially when a low level of threat made locals reluctant to get vaccinated. In Taiwan, less than 1% people have been inoculated so far, according to the BloombergVaccine Tracker.

As a sign of the unpredictability in containing the pandemic, authorities in mainland China, which has been free of locally transmitted cases for about a month, this week reported a handful of local cases in the provinces of Anhui and Liaoning. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

China lands on Mars in major

KEN MORITSUGU, BEIJING

CHINA landed a spacecraft on Mars for the first time on Saturday, a technically challenging feat more difficult than a moon landing, in the latest step forward for its ambitious goals in space.

Plans call for a rover to stay in the lander for a few days of diagnostic tests before rolling down a ramp to explore an area of Mars known as Utopia Planitia. It will join an American rover that arrived at the red planet in February.

China's first Mars landing follows its launch last month of the main section of what will be a permanent space station and a mission that brought back rocks from the moon late last year.

"China has left a footprint on Mars for the first time, an important step for our country's space exploration," the official Xinhua News Agency said in announcing the landing on one of its social media accounts.

The U.S. has had nine successful landings on Mars since 1976. The Soviet Union landed on the planet in 1971, but the

mission failed after the craft stopped transmitting information soon after touchdown.

A rover and a tiny helicopter from the American landing in February are currently exploring Mars. NASA expects the rover to collect its first sample in July for return to Earth in a decade.

China has landed on the moon before but landing on Mars is a much more difficult undertaking. Spacecraft use shields for protection from the searing heat of entering the Martian atmosphere, and use both retro-rockets and parachutes to slow down enough to prevent a crash landing. The parachutes and rockets must be deployed at precise times to land at the designated spot. Only mini-retro rockets are required for a moon landing, and parachutes alone are sufficient for returning to Earth.

Xinhua said the entry capsule entered the Mars atmosphere at an altitude of 125 kilometers, initiating what it called "the riskiest phase of the whole mission."

A 200 square meter parachute was deployed and later jettisoned, and then a retro-rocket was fired to slow the speed of the craft to almost zero, Xinhua said. The craft hovered about 100 meters above the surface to identify obstacles before touching down on four buffer legs.

The rover [...] is expected to be deployed for 90 days to search for evidence of life

"Each step had only one chance, and the actions were closely linked. If there had been any flaw, the landing would have failed," said Geng Yan, an official at the China National Space Administration, according to Xinhua.

Touchdown was at 7:18 a.m. Beijing time, although more than an hour passed before ground controllers could confirm the landing was a success, Xinhua said. The rover had to open its solar panels and anten-

na, and then it took more than 17 minutes for its signals to traverse the distance between Mars and Earth.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, in a congratulatory letter to the mission team, called the landing "an important step in our country's interplanetary exploration journey, realizing the leap from Earth-moon to the planetary system and leaving the mark of the Chinese on Mars for the first time. [...] The motherland and people will always remember your outstanding feats!"

NASA Associate Administrator Thomas Zurbuchen tweeted his congratulations, saying, "Together with the global science community, I look forward to the important contributions this mission will make to humanity's understanding of the Red Planet."

China's Mars landing was the top trending topic on Weibo, a leading social media platform, as people expressed both excitement and pride.

The Tianwen-1 spacecraft has been orbiting Mars since February, when it arrived after

Hong Kong to freeze Jimmy Lai's assets, citing security law

HONG Kong will freeze the assets of media tycoon and pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai under its controversial national security law, the latest move to crack down one of the city's prominent opposition figures.

Secretary for Security John Lee issued notices to freeze all the shares of Next Digital Ltd. held by Lai, and local bank accounts of three companies owned by him, according to a government statement issued late on Friday. Lai, 73, resigned as chairman of the media group in December ahead of a bail hearing.

Since Beijing imposed the law last year, the government in Hong Kong has disqualified lawmakers, delayed a parliamentary election and charged or jailed dozens of pro-democracy politicians. Lai was recently sentenced to a total of 14 months in prison for attending unauthorized protests alongside other activists, and charged with more national security offenses.



It marks the first time that authorities have used the security law to freeze the shares of a listed company's large shareholder, a step that is likely to spook investor sentiment in the Asian financial hub. More than 40% of members surveyed by the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong said they might leave the city, highlighting the business community's concerns over the security law and the government's handling of Covid-19.

"Not content to just jail its critics, Beijing is determined to crush Jimmy Lai, whose only crime is to peacefully promote democracy in Hong Kong," said Maya Wang, senior China researcher at Human Rights Watch.

Lai is one of the most prominent among Hong Kong democracy campaigners facing multiple charges for challenging Beijing's tightening grip on Hong Kong following sometimes-violent protests in 2019.

While Hong Kong's government maintains it's pursuing cases with no political motivations, lawyers and activists say the flood of legal proceedings is designed to deter others from organizing demonstrations and criticizing Beijing.

Financial Secretary Paul Chan said in April the government had a responsibility to tackle "any financing activities that could violate the National Security Law, ensuring our financial system will not be used to carry out activities that could threaten the national security."

The freeze is unrelated to Next Digital's bank accounts and will not affect the operation of the group and its media outlet, Apple Daily reported, citing Chief Executive Cheung Kim-hung. Lai held about 71.3% of Next Digital shares as of September, according to the company's interim report.

Separately, Apple Daily in Taiwan will stop its print edition from tomorrow, May 18, due to continued losses. The newspaper said the deteriorating political situation in Hong Kong has led to a reduction in advertising revenue as "pro-China forces" have refused to advertise in the publication. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

advance for its space ambitions

a six and a half month journey from Earth. Xinhua described the mission as China's first planetary exploration.

The rover, named after the Chinese god of fire Zhurong, is expected to be deployed for 90 days to search for evidence of life. About the size of a small car, it has ground-penetrating radar, a laser, and sensors to gauge the atmosphere and magnetic sphere.

China's space program has proceeded in a more cautious manner than the U.S. and the Soviet Union during the height of their space race.

The launch of the main module for China's space station in April is the first of 11 planned missions to build and provision the station and send up a three-person crew by the end of next year. While the module was successfully launched, the uncontrolled return to Earth of the rocket drew international criticism including from NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

China has said it wants to land people on the moon and possibly build a scientific base there. No timeline has been released for these projects. A space plane is also reportedly under development. **MDT/AP**

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Visitors pass by an exhibition depicting rovers on Mars in Beijing, Friday

Japan, US, France hold military drill eyeing China presence

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DOZENS of Japanese, American and French troops landed amid pouring rain from a CH-47 transport helicopter onto a grassy field at a training area in southern Japan, part of Saturday's joint scenario of defending a remote island from an enemy invasion.

The three nations' first joint drills on Japanese soil — dubbed "ARC21" and which began Tuesday — come as they seek step up military ties amid growing Chinese assertiveness in the region.

Japanese soldiers and their counterparts from the French army and the U.S. Marine Corps also conducted an urban warfare drill using a concrete building elsewhere at the Japanese Self-Defense Force's Kirishima Training Area in the southern Miya-

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zaki prefecture. Around 200 troops took part in Saturday's exercises.

On Saturday, the three countries were also joined by Australia in an expanded naval exercise involving 11 warships in

the East China Sea, where tensions with China are rising around the island of Taiwan.

The drills come as Japan looks to bolster its military capabilities amid a deepening territorial

row with China in regional seas. Japan is increasingly concerned about Chinese activity in and around Japanese-claimed waters surrounding the Japanese-controlled Senkaku islands, which Beijing also

claims and calls Diaoyu.

Since the end of World War II, Japan's constitution has limited the use of force to self defense. Japan in recent years has continued to expand its military role, capability and budget.

Japan's Vice Defense Minister Yasuhide Nakayama, who observed the exercise, stressed the significance of French participation in the joint exercises regularly held between Japan and the U.S., and often with Australia.

"It was a valuable opportunity for the Japanese Self-Defense Force to maintain and strengthen its strategic capability necessary to defend our remote islands," Nakayama said. "Together we were able to show to the rest of the world our commitment in defending Japanese land, territorial seas and airspace."

France, which has territories in the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific, has strategic interests in the region.

"It is obviously very important for us because we need to be side by side

with people who are sharing this part of the world," Lt. Col. Henri Marcaillou from the French army told reporters after Saturday's exercise.

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Jeremy Nelson said the three countries showed they can work together "for a common goal or common cause."

Britain, which recently adopted a policy of deeper engagement in the region, is sending the aircraft carrier Queen Elizabeth and its strike group, due to arrive in the region later this year. Germany is also set to deploy a frigate to the region.

Japan and the U.S. have been promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific vision of defense and economic framework based on democratic principles in the area in a group known as the Quad, which also includes Australia and India, seen as a move to counter China's escalating influence in the region.

China has criticized the U.S.-Japanese framework as an exclusionist bloc based on a Cold War-era mindset. **MDT/AP**



Islamic nations hold emergency summit on Israel-Gaza attacks

JOB GAMBRELL, DUBAI

THE 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation opened an emergency meeting yesterday over the heavy fighting between Israel and the Gaza Strip's militant Hamas rulers, the first major move among Mideast nations still grappling with how to address the conflict.

While the Arab League and organizations like the Saudi-based OIC have maintained their view that the Palestinians should have their own independent state, Israel recently has reached recognition deals with several of its members. That, as well as the concerns of some nations over Hamas, has seen a somewhat-muted response to the attacks as opposed to the full-throated response of decades past.

"The plight of the Palestinian people is the bleeding wound of the Islamic world today," Afghan Foreign Minister Mohammad Haneef Atmar said.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki of the Palestinian Authority, which administers autonomous enclaves in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, decried what he called Israel's "cowardly attacks" at the

start of the meeting.

"We need to tell Allah that we will resist to the last day," he said. "We are facing a long-term occupation. That's the base of the problem. Crimes are committed against the Palestinians without consequences."

However, Malki's Palestinian Authority has no control over Hamas and the Gaza Strip, where the militants seized power in 2007.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu took a similarly hard line.

"Israel alone is responsible for the recent escalation in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza," Cavusoglu said. "Our warnings to Israel last week went unheeded."

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif accused Israel of "genocide and crimes against humanity."

"Make no mistake: Israel only understand the language of resistance and the people of Palestine are fully entitled to their right to defend themselves," Zarif said.

Across the Arabian Peninsula and Persian Gulf states, reactions to the fighting has been mixed. In Qatar, home to the Al-Jazeera satellite network, hundreds turned out late Saturday night to listen to a speech by

Hamas' top leader Ismail Haniyeh. He now splits his time between Turkey and Qatar, both of which back Hamas, as does Iran.

"The resistance will not give in," Haniyeh vowed as bodyguards stood behind him. He added that "resistance is the shortest road to Jerusalem" and that Palestinians will not accept anything less than a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Kuwait's parliament speaker reportedly spoke with Haniyeh on Saturday, as did Qatar's foreign minister. So too did Gen. Esmail Ghaani, the head of the expeditionary Quds Forces of Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

Then there are Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, two Gulf Arab states that reached recognition deals with Israel last year in the waning months of the Trump administration. Those nations, as well as Saudi Arabia, have reiterated their support of Palestinians obtaining their own independent state. However, government-linked media in those nations haven't been covering the current flare-up of violence nonstop like other networks in the region.

There are murmurs of dissent though. In the island nation of Bahrain, ci-

vil society groups signed a letter urging the kingdom to expel the Israeli ambassador over the violence. In the UAE, where political parties and protests are illegal, Palestinians in the workforces of Abu Dhabi and Dubai have expressed their anger quietly, worried about losing their residency permit. Some Emiratis also have expressed concerns.

"The region's only democracy," tweeted the Emirati writer and political analyst Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi in writing about Israel's strike on a Gaza building that housed the offices of The Associated Press and Al-Jazeera.

Cavusoglu, the Turkish foreign minister, criticized OIC members who reached recognition deals with Israel.

"There are a few who have lost their moral compass and voiced support for Israel," he said. "If there are half-hearted statements within our own family, how could we criticize others who (don't) take our words seriously?"

Zarif also called those with recognition deals naive, saying Israel designed them to divide the Muslim world.

"The massacre of Palestinian children today follows the purported normalization," he said. "This criminal and genocidal regime has once again proven that friendly gestures only aggravate its atrocities."

Hussein Ibish, a senior scholar at the Washington-based Arab Gulf States Institute, said most Gulf Arab leaders fear Hamas' rocket fire as "cynical, dangerous, unnecessarily provocative and endangering Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza alike." That takes the pressure off those Gulf leaders to respond, unlike in other confrontations involving the Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third-holiest site in Jerusalem, or when Israeli settlers force Arab families out of their homes, he said.

"There won't be much sympathy for what is widely viewed in the Gulf as Israel's heavy-handed and disproportionate retaliation," Ibish wrote, "but it will be much easier for Gulf leaders and many citizens to regard the exchange as a tragic conflagration at the expense of ordinary people brought about by two leaderships over which they have neither control nor responsibility." **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1974 BOMBS DEVASTATE DUBLIN AND MONAGHAN



Three car bombs have exploded in Dublin, killing 23 people and injuring more than 100 others during rush hour.

Five more people died and another 20 were hurt in a blast which hit the border town of Monaghan an hour later.

Up to 15 of the dead are believed to be women and two are thought to be baby boys.

Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave condemned the bombings and said on TV: "I do not know which evil men did this but everyone who has practised violence or preached violence or condoned violence must bear his share of responsibility."

"It will bring home to us what the people of Northern Ireland have been suffering for five long years."

The drama unfolded at around 1725 when two of the bombs tore through Talbot and Parnell Street before a third blast rocked South Leinster Street near Trinity College.

A fourth explosion struck a public house in Monaghan shortly after.

The city was immediately declared a disaster area.

A police spokesman said: "There were no warnings. These were acts of outright war. People had no chance."

"We are detaining everyone we think can help with inquiries. We believe the people behind this come from Northern Ireland."

Talbot Street, which was even more crowded than usual because of a corporation bus strike, was the worst hit area.

Several bodies lay in the road for half an hour as ambulances struggled to get through traffic jams.

Witness John Casey, who was walking into a Talbot Street hotel when the bomb went off, said: "Hundreds of people were in the street. They were running and screaming aimlessly."

"A newspaper stand was blown into the air past me and the newsboy next to it just disappeared in front of my eyes."

Immediately after the bombings the Ulster Defence Association in Belfast denied planting the bombs as did the Provisional IRA.

But police later discovered that all four cars had Ulster registration plates and two of them had been hijacked in Protestant areas in Belfast.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The final death toll in the Dublin and Monaghan bombings, which included a pregnant woman and a stillborn child, stood at 33.

The loyalist Ulster Volunteer Force eventually admitted carrying out the bombings in 1994.

But relatives of the dead and wounded still believed many questions were left unanswered and they formed the Justice For The Forgotten organisation in 1996.

The group has continued to press the Irish government for a public inquiry into the truth behind the bombings ever since.

Many believe the UVF were helped by British intelligence. Eventually a private inquiry into the bombings was set up in 2003 by retired Judge Henry Barron.

But the British authorities were unwilling to co-operate and to provide the necessary files and information.

As a result his findings were inconclusive. In July 2004 the Irish government agreed to set up a commission of inquiry into the bombings.

Nobody has ever been convicted of the atrocities.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 You may have a tendency to put on weight. Your stubbornness coupled with your mate's jealousy don't make for a favorable time. Make changes in your domestic scene.

TAURUS
 Apr. 20-May. 20
 Avoid letting children and friends borrow your things or your money. You will do your best work on your own. Go over your finances and figure out a solid budget.

GEMINI
 May. 21-Jun. 21
 Try to address the real issues in order to turn things around. You can stabilize your personal relationship if you're willing to communicate honestly. Avoid any erratic behavior.

CANCER
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 You may overspend if you travel today; however, the trip will be one to remember. Don't force your opinions on friends or relatives unless you are prepared to lose their favor.

LEO
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 Plan your social events carefully. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. Don't be too quick to judge partners or those you work with.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 It's hard to stay mad if the object of the anger refuses to react. You may enjoy doing something musical for entertainment. Your lover may cost you financially.

LIBRA
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 Emotional deception will cause friction on the home front. Set aside any decisions regarding your personal life today. Don't be afraid to speak in defense of others.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 You should be setting up interviews or sending out your resume today. You might get behind if you spend too much time debating senseless issues. You'll communicate easily and develop new friendships.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 Don't be shy; show your abilities! You may be confused emotionally. Colleagues may try to undermine you when talking to superiors. You should expect to have changes in your home.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 Try and avoid getting involved in idle chatter or gossip that might get you in trouble. You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Don't let other people meddle in your private affairs.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 You're on the right track and you can make money if you are willing to go out on a limb. You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status.

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Chengdu	16	28	cloudy
Chongqing	17	27	cloudy
Kunming	15	26	cloudy
Nanjing	16	27	cloudy
Shanghai	20	28	overcast
Wuhan	16	28	overcast
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New York	8	20	cloudy

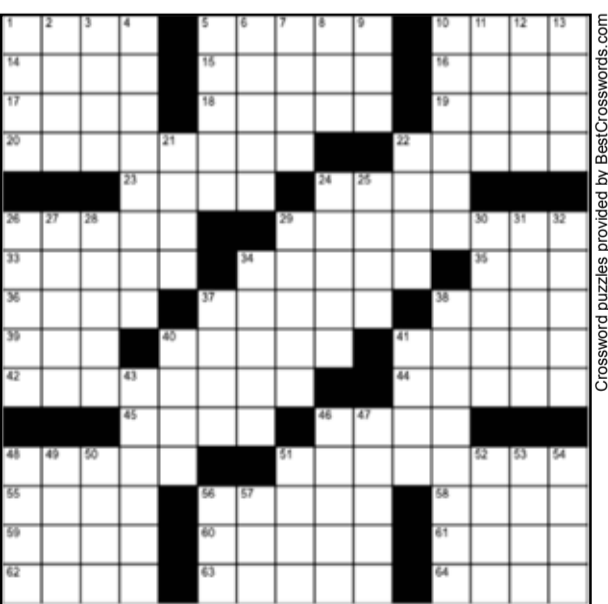
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FOOTBALL

North Korea withdraws from World Cup qualification

THE Asian Football Confederation has announced North Korea has pulled out of qualification for the 2022 World Cup. "The (AFC) has today confirmed the withdrawal of the DPR Korea Football Association from the Asian Qualifiers," the AFC said in a statement yesterday.

Pyongyang has not yet given an official reason for pulling out of next month's qualifiers for the tournament, to be held in Qatar in November and December 2022, but South Korean media has reported that it is because of concerns over COVID-19.

Due to the spread of the virus, there have been no qualifiers in Asia since November 2019 and in order to reduce travel as the games resume, the AFC has ruled that all group matches in the second round of qualification will be played in hubs.

South Korea is scheduled to host North Korea, Turkmenistan, Lebanon and Sri Lanka in Group H qualifying matches from June 3-15 in the city of Goyang, just north of Seoul.

With three games remaining, North Korea was in fourth in Group H of qualification, level on eight points with Lebanon and South Korea and one behind leader Turkmenistan. Only the group winners are



guaranteed a place in the third round of qualification, scheduled to start in September, along with the four best runners-up.

The AFC said that it will refer

the decision on how the withdrawal will affect Group H standings to world governing body FIFA.

The decision also means that

North Korea will miss out on the 2023 Asian Cup, to be held in China, as qualification for the World Cup and the continental tournament are combined.

North Korea's Olympic committee also said last month it decided to drop out of the Tokyo Olympics to protect its athletes from coronavirus infections. AP

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World Views

The Editors, Bloomberg

AS THE MIDDLE EAST RAGES, THE US CAN'T STAY DISTANT

Israel and Hamas are once again at war in Gaza. The two sides have been firing missiles and rockets at each other since the start of the week. Israel has now deployed tanks and artillery.

This endless conflict has long defied outsiders' efforts to mediate. Nonetheless, it falls to those with influence — above all, the U.S. — to try. For understandable reasons, President Joe Biden would have preferred to stand aside. This would be a mistake. The U.S. can't solve the problem, but it can make a difference.

Silent at the start of the fighting, Biden has now affirmed Israel's right to defend itself, and has spoken by phone to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But he's assigned only a mid-level diplomat — a deputy assistant secretary of state — to talk the two sides into ending the violence.

Biden's predecessor, President Donald Trump, abandoned the traditional American support for a two-state solution and threw his weight entirely behind Netanyahu, who makes no pretense of negotiating with the Palestinians. Biden has been more evenhanded, after a fashion: He has been slow to appoint an ambassador to Israel, and slow in naming a consul general for the Palestinians. He has led neither Netanyahu nor Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority, to expect anything of the U.S.

This distancing was a mistake. A consul general might have alerted the State Department to mounting tensions in East Jerusalem at the start of May, ahead of an impending court ruling on the eviction of Palestinian refugees. When clashes broke out between police and protesters, an American ambassador might have been able to counsel the Israeli government against heavy-handed measures, such as using stun grenades inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque. And when the extremists in Gaza first threatened revenge, the U.S. could have used its influence with Egypt and Qatar — American allies with leverage over Hamas — to intercede.

The indifference of Israel's Arab allies certainly hasn't helped. The signatories of last year's Abraham Accords have all but abandoned the Palestinian cause. This has fostered a growing sense of impunity among Israeli extremists, and mounting desperation among Palestinians, hence growing support for radical groups such as Hamas. Remember that Hamas has Iran as its patron. These developments are dangerous not only for Israel, but also for the U.S. and the wider world.

Both sides are now escalating the conflict. Hamas is fielding "suicide" drones and longer-range rockets, and Israel is threatening a full-scale ground offensive in Gaza. Biden needs to move quickly. He should urge Netanyahu to show restraint in Gaza, and forcefully endorse Egypt's effort to curb Hamas.

The president also needs to look past the current crisis to the conditions that led to it. Palestinians deserve a fairer shake, not only from Israel but also from the wider world. The only way to achieve this, difficult as it may be, is through a two-state solution. Biden should offer more energetic support for that outcome. Getting there will be all the harder now that wounds have been reopened by war in Gaza and clashes in East Jerusalem. But American engagement has bought Israelis and Palestinians to the negotiating table before, just as neglect by previous administrations has only made things worse.

Biden would prefer to focus on other challenges, and he has plenty — China, Russia and climate change, to name but a few. Even so, disengaging with the Middle East would be a dereliction of duty. The president shouldn't shirk this responsibility.

POLICE FIRE TEAR GAS ON BANNED PALESTINIAN MARCH IN PARIS

French riot police fired tear gas and used water cannons Saturday in Paris as protesters supporting Palestinians in the Gaza Strip defied a ban on marching in the French capital.

Thousands of people marched peacefully in other cities in France and elsewhere in Europe — including in London, Rome, Brussels and Madrid — to highlight the plight of the Palestinians.

In Paris, protesters scattered and played cat-and-mouse with security forces in the city's northern neighborhoods after their starting point for a planned march was blocked.

Paris Police Chief Didier Lallement had ordered 4,200 securi-

ty forces into the streets and closed shops around the kick-off point for the march in a working-class neighborhood after an administrative court confirmed the ban due to fears of violence. Authorities noted that a banned July 2014 pro-Palestinian protest in Paris against an Israeli offensive in Gaza degenerated into violence to justify the order against Saturday's march.

Organizers sought to "denounce the latest Israeli aggressions" and mark the fleeing of Palestinians after Israel declared independence in 1948. "Stop Annexation. Palestine Will Vanquish," read one poster in a small crowd facing off with police.

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Myanmar The U.S. and British embassies in Myanmar expressed concern about reports of fierce government attacks on a town in western Chin state, where the ruling junta declared martial law because of armed resistance to military rule. The fighting began around 6 a.m. Saturday when government troops reinforced by helicopters began shelling the western part of the town of Mindat, destroying several homes.

COVID-19

HUNDREDS OF BODIES FOUND BURIED ALONG INDIAN RIVERBANKS

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POLICE are reaching out to villagers in northern India to investigate the recovery of bodies buried in shallow sand graves or washing up on the Ganges River banks, prompting speculation on social media that they were the remains of COVID-19 victims.

In jeeps and boats, the police used portable loudspeakers with microphones asking people not to dispose of the bodies in rivers. "We are here to help you perform the last rites," police said.

On Friday, rains exposed the cloth coverings of bodies buried in shallow sand graves on the riverbank in Prayagraj, a city in Uttar Pradesh state.

Navneet Sehgal, a state government spokesman, yesterday denied local media reports that more than 1,000 corpses of COVID-19 victims had been recovered from rivers in the past two weeks. "I bet these bodies have nothing to do with COVID-19," he said.

He said some villagers did not cremate their dead, as is customary, due to a Hindu tradition

during some periods of religious significance and disposed of them in rivers or digging graves on riverbanks.

K.P. Singh, a senior police officer, said authorities had earmarked a cremation ground for those who died of COVID-19 on the Prayagraj riverbank and the police were no longer allowing any burials on the riverfront.

Sehgal state authorities have found "a small number" of bodies on the riverbanks, he said, but didn't give a figure.

Ramesh Kumar Singh, a member of Bondhu Mahal Samiti, a philanthropic organization that helps cremate bodies, said the number of deaths is very high in rural areas, and poor people have been disposing of the bodies in the river because of the exorbitant cost of performing the last rites and a shortage of wood. The cremation cost has tripled up to 15,000 rupees (\$210).

Health authorities last week retrieved 71 bodies that washed up on the Ganges River bank in neighboring Bihar state.

Authorities performed post mortems but said they could not confirm the cause of death due to

decomposition.

A dozen corpses were also found last week buried in sand at two locations on the riverbank in Unnao district, 40 kilometers southwest of Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state capital. District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar said an investigation is underway to identify the cause of death.

India's two big states, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, with nearly 358 million people in total, are among the worst hit in the surge sweeping through the country with devastating death tolls. Hapless villagers have been rushing the sick to nearby towns and cities for treatment, many of them dying on the way, victims of India's crumbling health care.

After hitting record highs for weeks, the number of new cases was stabilizing, said Dr. V.K. Paul, a government health expert.

The Health Ministry yesterday reported 311,170 confirmed cases in the past 24 hours, down from 326,098 on Saturday.

It also reported 4,077 additional deaths, taking the total fatalities to 270,284. Both figures are almost certainly a vast undercount, experts say. AP

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Chile The face of a new Chile began taking shape this weekend as the South American country was electing 155 people to draft a constitution to replace one that has governed it since being imposed during a military dictatorship. Nearly 80% of voters in a plebiscite last year chose to draft a new charter for the nation following a year of protests, though there is much less consistent agreement over what it should contain.

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Ethiopia has again delayed its national election after some opposition parties said they wouldn't take part and as conflict in the country's Tigray region means no vote is being held there, further complicating Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's efforts to centralize power. The head of the national elections board, Birtukan Mideksa, in a meeting with political parties' representatives said the June 5 vote would be postponed by two to three weeks.