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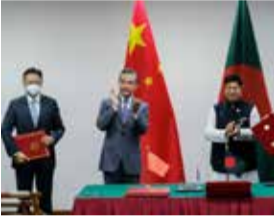
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Bangladesh yesterday sought cooperation from China to repatriate Rohingya refugees to Myanmar during a visit by Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who promised better trade ties, investment and support for infrastructure development in the South Asian nation. China had used its influence in Myanmar to broker a November 2017 agreement to repatriate about 700,000 Rohingya Muslim refugees who fled persecution in Myanmar in August that year.

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North Korea called U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi “the worst destroyer of international peace and stability,” accusing her of inciting anti-North Korea sentiment and enraging China during her Asian tour earlier this week. Pelosi traveled to South Korea after visiting Taiwan, which had prompted China to launch military exercises including missile strike training in waters near the self-governed island.

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Gaza Strip Israeli airstrikes flattened homes in Gaza and Palestinian rocket barrages into southern Israel persisted for a second day, raising fears of another major escalation in the Mideast conflict. Gaza’s health ministry said 24 people had been killed so far in the coastal strip, including six children.

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DESPITE INEVITABLE REBOUND, HEALTH CHIEF DISCOURAGES EXCESSIVE WORRY

ANTHONY LAM

HEALTH Bureau director Alvis Lo encouraged people in Macau to stay constantly vigilant against SARS-CoV-2 but not to worry excessively, while conceding that future rebound cases would be a certainty.

The city was notified by Zhuhai about a new positive case with a recent travel history in Macau.

At yesterday's special Covid-19 press briefing, the health chief was asked by the Times whether the city would enter a "dead loop," in which new cases and the consequential restrictive measures would return from time to time.

Such measures, judging from the previous months, may include de-facto lockdowns, suspensions of business operations and the banning of dog-walking.

Yesterday was set to be the last day of the city's six-day stabilization period. As originally planned, the city will partially return to its lifestyle prior to the June 18 outbreak, with regular SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test (NAT)



requirements for all residents or for dine-in customers lifted, among other measures relaxing.

Lo did not respond directly to the question, though he admitted that rebound cases would

be a certainty.

"After today, [if no further outbreaks are identified,] new rebound cases may be identified in a month or two," he said.

This was not the first time the health chief had made such comments. In a health press conference last week, he also admitted the likelihood of rebound cases.

He said that members of the public should stay constantly vigilant, "but not overly worried."

"Provided that we follow our plans to conduct work during the regular Covid-19 prevention period, we will be capable of reacting to any risks," Lo told yesterday's press conference.

He further elaborated and expressed his confidence in the Macau-Zhuhai Covid-19 Mutual Prevention and Control Mechanism, with yesterday's case as an example.

"Authorities in Zhuhai have wasted no time before notifying us about the positive case," he said, adding that "the rationale behind it is to act and react as soon as possible to situations."

Lo then emphasized that red-

zone cordoning and key area identification were undertaken promptly. "We were very responsive to the changing situation," he said.

He encouraged the public to comply with government measures so that the government will be able to conclude risk assessments as early as possible. "Also, in any worse scenarios, we can put potential positive cases under confinement as early as possible," he added.

Lo was also asked by another journalist whether de-facto lockdown would return, and what factors would trigger this.

For the time being, the health chief said, de-facto lockdown was not needed, as there was only a case detected in Zhuhai with history in Macau. Whether that state would be triggered will depend on the situation, he added.

He assured the public that the government would not overreact to any changing situations. He also took the opportunity to further implore residents to avoid unnecessary activities and gatherings.

7+3 QUARANTINE

Mainland quarantined can enter Macau during three-day self-management period



RENATO MARQUES

PEOPLE subject to medical observation on the mainland can only enter Macau through a land border checkpoint after completing their medical observation quarantine, within the following three days, health authorities have noted in the publishing of new rules coming into force that amend Macau's quarantine period to "7+3": seven days in a quarantine hotel plus three days of health self-management.

In the rules published by the Health Bureau

(SSM), which came into effect Saturday, it is also noted that these entering in these circumstances also must undergo nucleic acid testing (NAT) for three consecutive days upon their entry into Macau.

The new rules also note that, during the period of health self-management and self-monitoring, people must generate the Macao Health Code using the same identification document which they used for entry clearance and medical observation, and undergo NATs on the first, second, third, fifth

and seventh days from the day following their release from medical observation.

Their health code will remain yellow until the result of their third day NAT is returned as negative.

Those arriving are also reminded that, after undergoing quarantine in Macau, they are prohibited from traveling to the mainland during their period of health self-management.

If a person returns a positive NAT result during the period of quarantine, they will be taken to centralized

medical observation in isolation, where they must remain for at least 10 days following their date of entry, subject to further NAT results and cycle threshold (CT) levels which need to be consistently equal to or exceeding 35.

As SSM also announced previously, if people are found to have a positive NAT with a CT level of 32 or below after previous infections with Covid-19, they are considered to be relapsing and need to undergo another period of centralized medical observation in isolation.

People found to have been infected with Covid-19, having undergone treatment, are not permitted to enter the Mainland for a period of 30 days after their release from isolation.

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Investigations ongoing into new case's shopping routine near Border Gate

ANTHONY LAM

ALTHOUGH no reasons for repeated shopping by the latest coronavirus case near Border Gate were announced, investigations are being conducted, police division head Lei Tak Fai told yesterday's health press briefing.

A new SARS-CoV-2 infection was detected in Zhuhai yesterday, in a 26-year-old male non-local worker from mainland China. He worked at the bakery in the Grand Mart supermarket in Taipa.

Prior to returning to Zhuhai on August 5 and 6, the man shopped several times at a shop in City Plaza, a shopping center near the Border Gate.

Lei was asked whether the man was conducting parallel trading, and the Public Security Police Force (PSP) officer admitted in response that the man had "purchased something" at the shopping center and brought the items to Zhuhai.

"However, we are not clear [on] the specific purchases he has made at the shop," Lei said, adding that "further assessments are needed to determine if the shopping was related to other activities."

Public health doctor Leong Iek Hou, division head at the Health Bureau (SSM), announced yesterday the new case's travel history in Macau.

Prior to August 4, he stayed at an apartment in phase 1, Polytec Garden. On and after this day, he moved back to Zhuhai. He worked as

a baker at the bakery in the Grand Mart supermarket in Taipa.

On the morning of August 4, he departed his temporary residence in Polytec Garden and took the MT3 bus route to work, alighting at the Macao Stadium bus stop and walking to his workplace.

On the same evening, he took the 30X bus route from the Nam San Garden bus stop to the Qingmao Border Checkpoint, before leaving Macau for Zhuhai.

The next day, he entered Macau

at the Border Gate before taking bus route 30X to near Macao Stadium. After work, at about 5 p.m., he left work and took the same bus route to City Plaza. He then purchased some cosmetics at a shop inside, before leaving Macau at the Border Gate.

At 6:30 p.m. the same day, he returned to Macau through the Qingmao Border Checkpoint and again purchased some cosmetics at City Plaza, before leaving Macau through the Qingmao checkpoint at about 7:40 p.m. the same day.

SSM ASSESSING IMPACT ON CITY'S RESUMPTION OF NORMALCY

THE city should resume a regular Covid-19 prevention state today. When questioned yesterday as to whether the detection of a new case will affect the plan, SSM director and pulmonologist Alvis Lo said that, as of yesterday's briefing, no information about an extended stabilization period was available.

However, he added, if any changes were deemed necessary, they would be announced in the form of press releases.

In addition, he said that the regular prevention state does not mean the end of Covid-19. "[Regular Covid-19 prevention] means that we need to stay vigilant. We will also work as planned in response to any changing situations," the health chief remarked.

He defended reactive measures, such as key area SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid tests and citywide rapid antigen testing (RAT), saying that these were in place in an attempt to identify and cut off unseen chains of infections.

"For the time being, we do not have enough data that tilt against the extension of the stabilization pe-

At about 4 p.m. on August 6, he entered Macau at the Border Gate and made some purchases at City Plaza again. At 4:20 p.m., he left Macau via the same border checkpoint. At 5 p.m., he returned to Macau through the Qingmao Border Checkpoint, made some purchases at City Plaza, and left Macau through the same border checkpoint at 5:40 p.m.

The Border Gate neighborhood is listed a key area from today.

Those who have crossed the border at corresponding hours on August 4, 5 or 6 are recommended to take a test.

Leong also announced that 33 people in Macau have been identified as related to the new case detected in Zhuhai, of whom nine are close contacts, 19 are found to have shared travel history and five are secondary close contacts.

The man had eight co-residents in the apartment. Two have left Macau for Zhuhai, and the remaining six tested negative in the first tests conducted yesterday.

Questions were raised about why the workplace was not identified as a red or yellow zone, but the residence was. At the same time, a key area test was initiated yesterday in Taipa but not near Polytec Garden.

SSM director and pulmonologist Alvis Lo suggested that it was too early to do so. He said that by designating about a quarter of Taipa as a key area and requiring all related people to get tested, the risks of infection were well assessed.

"We need to further evaluate the risks and sources of infections, if any," he explained.

In relation to the measures instituted at Polytec Garden, the official said that, after August 4, the man had not stayed there.

"Therefore, we need to first confine and test the co-residents," he said. "If they are fine, the results from people in the building will help determine the risks within the building."

BLOCKED DRAIN CAUSES CHEOC VAN POOL CLOSURE

Cheoc Van swimming pool has been temporarily closed due to its low-lying coastal location, resulting in a pool drain becoming blocked and not functioning properly. As emergency inspection and repair work is undertaken, the pool has been closed from yesterday until further notice. Residents who purchased tickets to the pool will be refunded to the buyer's online account through the online booking system.

27TH MIF TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

From October 20 to 22, the 27th Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) will be held at The Venetian Macao, hosted by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM). This year, the number of "Macao Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Exhibition Area" booths will be increased from 80 to 160. Special discounts for eligible SMEs in Macau, with a participant fee of MOP500, will also be offered to encourage SME participation. Applications are open from August 8 to 22, to be submitted via IPIM's online application system.

MERCHANDISE EXPORT PLUNGES 19% IN JUNE

Total merchandise export amounted to MOP961 million in June 2022, down by 19.1% year-on-year, according to data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). Value of re-exports (MOP811 million) fell by 20.7%, of which re-exports of Diamond & diamond jewellery and Machines, apparatus & parts decreased by 46.4% and 43.3% respectively, while those of Beauty, cosmetic & skincare products and Articles for casino surged by 105.2% and 94.3% respectively. Meanwhile, total merchandise import went down by 29.8% year-on-year to MOP10.51 billion; imports of Mobile phones and Beauty, cosmetic & skincare products reduced by 82.7% and 56.8% respectively. Merchandise trade deficit in June 2022 totalled MOP9.55 billion.

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NEW KEY GROUPS DEFINED; NAT WEEKLY FOR MOST GROUPS

RENATO MARQUES

HEALTH authorities announced that testing will start today for the vast majority of key groups who need to undergo regular nucleic acid tests (NATs), with testing required on a weekly basis and results to be valid for seven days.

The announcement, made during the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center press briefing on Friday, included the new list of key groups and the frequency that each group must undergo testing. The instructions come directly from the ninth edition of the Protocol for Prevention and Control of Covid-19, published by the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of the State Council.

In response to media inquiries during the same press briefing, the local coordinator of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Leong Iek Hou, also clarified that NATs for these key groups of workers will continue to be offered free of charge, with costs should-



red by the government.

Among the key groups moving to a seven-day NAT requirement are hawkers, market sellers, shopkeepers, security guards and cleaning staff, as well as all staff members from restaurants and

other food and beverage establishments.

All bus drivers, as well as cross-border drivers, housekeeping staff at hotels and all staff at casinos are also included as groups which need to undergo testing weekly.

Other groups, including construction workers in buildings, workers at karaoke venues, internet cafes, billiards and snooker rooms will need to take a NAT every four days, in addition to a daily rapid antigen test (RAT).

This testing regimen will also apply to those working at gyms, saunas, fitness centers, nightclubs and discos, including security and cleaning staff.

Team sports players and other people involved such as trainers, coaches and managers of sports teams are also subject to a NAT requirement with a validity of four days and daily RAT.

More restrictive rules apply to workers handling logistics and cargo at the airport and airline cleaning staff, who need to undergo a NAT every two days. The same requirement applies to workers at logistics companies and those handling mail and shipped parcels.

Leong also said that this list is not final and other groups will be soon added to it, according to the latest updates and instructions. She called on the public to pay attention to the latest news and updates.

The testing guidelines will be implemented from today, with a one-week transition period so that the key professional groups listed can start their periodic tests on any day of this week. All NATs need to be booked in advance.

The same official also clarified that, in cases where people are required to undergo daily rapid antigen testing, these test kits will be supplied by the government.

IAM PROMOTES CONTINUED CLEANING OF PUBLIC SPACES TO PREVENT REBOUND OUTBREAK

RENATO MARQUES

THE Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has announced that it will continue to promote the cleaning and disinfection of public spaces to prevent a rebound Covid-19 outbreak.

The bureau announced in a press statement that, since the outbreak of the coronavirus in mid-June, it has deployed additional personnel and street-cleaning vehicles to clean sidewalks and roads using diluted bleach and high-pressure water jets.

Additionally, IAM staff were also deployed to wipe the handrails of public escalators, bus stop shelters, bus stop signs, parking meters and other public facilities.

Public drains, sidewalk handrails and railings were also sprayed with disinfectant.

The IAM says that this work "will be continuously carried out in the context of the normalization of pandemic prevention."

Furthermore, IAM is also calling on the population, namely those living in buildings that have been previously clas-



sified as red zones of confinement, to continue with thorough cleaning of the buildings' common areas.

The IAM directed this message especially to residents of low-rise buildings that have no condominium management staff and do not receive frequent cleanings from contracted workers.

The first phase of this "anti-pandemic community cleaning campaign" starts today, with IAM stating that it will carry out targeted hygienic scree-

nings of low-rise buildings as well as precautionary cleaning and disinfection of building clusters in the northern district with high population density and unsatisfactory hygienic conditions.

The bureau hopes to start the second phase of the cleaning campaign in September, running until December. In this second phase, IAM advised that it would count on the help of several civil associations to carry out anti-pandemic community cleaning activities.

'STAY, DINE AND SEE MACAO' ACTIVITIES BACK ON TRACK

STAFF REPORTER

THE "Stay, Dine and see Macao" activities are planned to resume as the city's Covid-19 pandemic situation stabilizes, according to a statement published by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO).

The hotel staycation scheme will resume first, with local residents able to sign in from yesterday and check-ins resuming today.

Under the hotel

staycation program, each local resident is eligible for a one-off MOP200 subsidy for a stay in a local hotel, while the cost of each hotel room can be subsidized by a maximum of two residents, equivalent to MOP400 subsidy in total.

Local tours will resume August 15, with residents able to register from August 8. Each resident can enjoy a maximum subsidy of MOP280 for participation in one of the local tours, including a MOP100

dining card.

The activity period of the "Stay, Dine and See Macao" program is from January 29 to August 31 this year, but it was suspended in June due to the coronavirus outbreak. A total of 2,851 people were affected by the suspension, and 5,511 hotel room bookings were canceled.

In addition, the MGTO is considering whether conditions are suitable to continue the "Student Research Chapter" itinerary.



Chamber of Commerce suggests gov't distribute MOP3,000 to non-residents

STAFF REPORTER

THE Macau Chamber of Commerce proposed that the government provide a MOP3,000 subsidy for non-resident workers as part of the city's second round of MOP10 billion pataca stimulus amid the pandemic.

After collecting and analyzing opinions from different sectors, the Macau Chamber of Commerce has put together 20 suggestions, according to the president of the Macau Chamber of Commerce, Frederico Ma.

One of the suggestions is to request that the government provide a subsidy of MOP3,000 to non-local workers to boost confidence in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho considered the suggestion surprising as the idea has sparked debate among local residents.

"I was very shocked when I heard the news, I couldn't believe that the [chamber] put forward such an opinion," said lawmaker.

Pereira Coutinho said that he had received many comments from the public opposing the idea of the government giving MOP3,000 to non-local workers.

"The content of the comments is about the many local



residents who have been unemployed for three years, they also can't benefit from the MOP10 billion assistance measures this time," he said.

Pereira Coutinho believes the actual number of local unemployment is higher than the official figure published by the government (4.8%), and the actual number of unemployed and underemployed people will only get higher.

According to a survey published by the Statistics and Census Service, the unemployment rate of local residents from April to June 2022 was 4.8%, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the previous quarter.

Other suggestions from the Macau Chamber of Commerce include the distribution of a cash subsidy to the entire population, a new support package for small and medium enterprises that

have suffered serious losses, one-time financial assistance to enterprises that have suspended operations, the extension of the water and electricity subsidy program for another six months and the extension of the temporary assistance program to local residents who became unemployed during the pandemic.

The proposal has been submitted to the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lei Wai Nong.

GBA HENGQIN'S FINANCIAL INDUSTRY GREW 11% TO RMB8.2B H1

ACCORDING to the data released by Hengqin's Financial Development Bureau, value added of financial industry in Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin reached RMB8.2 billion in the first half of 2022, soaring 11% year-on-year, accounting for 36.7% of the GDP of the zone. Meanwhile, the financial revenue of the zone was nearly RMB7.5 billion, with an increase of 31.3%, taking up 38.1% of the regional taxation.

By the end of June, 711 financial enterprises have settled in the cooperation zone, including 78 certificated financial corporations and their branch offices, as well as 54 local financial organizations. There are also 579 privately offered fund managers, managing RMB577.2 billion, and 1788 fund projects, covering RMB466.7 billion.

The cross-border settlement of RMB grew 21.1% and reached RMB154.3 billion in the first half of 2022. And the premium income was about RMB5.5 billion, with an increase of 67.6% year-on-year.

Since 2022, the Financial Development Bureau of the cooperation zone and the Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) promoted an online cross-boundary data verification platform, based on blockchain technology to facilitate the residents in both Guangdong and Macao.

Currently, the bureau also implemented two financial pilot plans to encourage enterprises for better operation, including medicine and health, high-tech semiconductor, etc. There are 27 Qualified Foreign Limited Partner (QFLP) pilot companies in total, including 10 Macau-funded enterprises settled in the cooperation zone, which creates a sound business environment and attracts many more investors.

In the second half of this year, the cooperation zone will continue to accelerate the development of financial industry, small and medium-sized enterprises, and the listing of companies for enhancing financial cooperation in this area. **MDT/NEWSGD**



CRIME

Authorities bust 39 smuggling cases



STAFF REPORTER

A total of 39 cases of smuggling were detected by law enforcement at the Border Gate checkpoint and Qingmao port, with nearly 2,000 smuggled goods found.

Customs of Macao Special Administrative Region (SA) has strengthened inspection works at different checkpoints to combat smuggling. From August 3 to 5, a total of 2,051 people and 111 vehicles were inspected.

Among the 39 cases of smuggling found as a result, 35 were cases of items in luggage, three were items hidden on the

body and one case was of items hidden in a car.

The intercepted goods included 1,281 makeup products, 476 computer processors, 54 game compact discs, 32 electronic game cards, four set of earphones, 110 mobile phones, two laptop computers and four other electronic products.

Additionally, 2.7kg of bird's nests, 3kg of dried fish maw, 3.5kg of shark fin, 41 medicines, 144 eye drops, 20 medical supplies, 5.5 liters of alcohol and 200 cigarettes were detected.

After shops around border gate resumed operations, Customs sus-

pected an upward trend in smuggling and dispatched staff to inspect the area.

In past three days, the SA has inspected 19 shops suspected of smuggling, with a total of 298 people investigated.

As a result, one shop suspected of smuggling activities was raided, and 1,440 boxes of medicines were seized.

The SA said it will continue to focus on smuggling and urges people not to smuggle for profit, as this increases the risk of virus transmission and affects Covid-19 pandemic prevention outcomes in Macau.



The Chi Kee Sawmill & Timber in Hong Kong

HONG KONG

Last sawmill faces closure amid development plan

CHI Kee Sawmill & Timber, Hong Kong's last operating sawmill, has been processing timber in the city for 75 years.

Soon the family-run factory near the territory's border with mainland China might be forced to shut down as part of a development project: it received notice earlier this year that it had to vacate its current premises, which it has occupied for nearly four decades, to make way for a development project.

Hong Kong residents have been visiting Chi Kee to buy bits of the wood piled high up around the sawmill and collect a small piece of Hong Kong's heritage.

According to the local newspaper South China Morning Post, Chi Kee was supposed to have left by June 30, but it has been unable to move because of the tons of timber remaining there.

Today, woodworking factories like Chi Kee have become a sunset industry in Hong Kong, now that mass-produced, imported furniture has become readily available. Most sawmills either have closed down or moved across the border into China, where manufacturing costs are cheaper.

The factory was set up in

1947, around the time when Hong Kong's woodworking industry began and the city became known for manufacturing furniture. It first was located on Hong Kong island but in the 1980s it moved to Kwu Tung, a rural area in the New Territories.

That area is slated for development under Hong Kong's Northern Metropolis plan.

It is a blueprint for developing land close to China's border into an IT hub that could provide tens of thousands of jobs and homes in the densely populated city, the world's most expensive property market.

The plan also is meant to integrate Hong Kong, a former British colony with its own economy, more closely with neighboring Shenzhen, across the border.

"Back then, we thought that this was a remote area, it won't be affected, but who knew that it'd become one of the most important areas for development?" said Wong Hung-kuen, Chi Kee Sawmill & Timber's director.

"So we need to hand it over to our country because the land belongs to the country. We just hope to get some assistance and sympathy from the government," said Wong, who gave up

on a dream of turning the sawmill into a museum.

Hong Kong's Development Bureau, which is in charge of the city's urban planning, said in a statement that Chi Kee Sawmill & Timber was notified it would need to leave in the second half of 2021, but that was extended to the end of June 2022, "which should have left sufficient time for the operator to arrange removal and if necessary relocation."

Chi Kee was offered land compensation, compensation for disruptions caused by the development project and assistance with planning, it said.

Although authorities have offered to help dispose of Chi Kee's leftover timber, Wong wants to turn it into products such as furniture, which he says would be less wasteful.

For now, it is unclear when Chi Kee will shut down for good.

Local conservationists like University of Hong Kong's assistant professor Yu Ka-sing say that while the sawmill is appreciated by the public, it's hard to preserve it because it lacks any historical or architectural significance.

Still, those who have flocked to Chi Kee after hearing its days are numbered say it represents a part of Hong Kong's heritage. Even a small piece of timber has become something to hold onto in a fast changing city.

Jones Kwong was among those visitors.

"I think it's a pity. It's the only one left in this traditional industry, and it's going to be demolished soon," Kwong said.

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China cuts off vital U.S.

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CHINA cut off contacts with the United States on vital issues last week — including military matters and crucial climate cooperation — as concerns rose that the Communist government's hostile reaction to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan visit could signal a lasting, more aggressive approach toward its U.S. rival and the self-ruled island.

China's move to freeze key lines of communication compounded the worsening of relations from Pelosi's visit and from the Chinese response with military exercises off Taiwan, including firing missiles that splashed down in surrounding waters.

After the White House summoned China's ambassador, Qin Gang, late Thursday to protest the military exercises, White House spokesman John Kirby this weekend condemned the decision to end important dialogue with the United States as "irresponsible."

The White House spokesman blasted China's "provocative" actions since Pelosi's trip to Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory. But Kirby noted that some channels of communication remain open between military officials in the two countries. He repeated daily assurances that the U.S. had not changed its policy toward the Communist mainland and the self-ruled island.

"Bottom line is we're going to continue our efforts to keep opening lines of communication that are protecting our interests and our values," Kirby said. He declined to speak about any damage to long-term relations between China and the United States, calling that a discussion for later.

Taiwan has put its military on alert and staged civil defense drills, but the overall mood remained calm on Friday. Flights have been canceled or diverted and fishermen have remained in port to avoid the Chinese drills.

On the Chinese coast across from Taiwan, tourists gathered to try to catch a glimpse of military aircraft.

A minister at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, Jing Quan, told reporters that Pelosi's mission of support for the democratic government of Taiwan has had "a severe impact on the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, seriously infringed upon China's sovereignty and (territorial) integrity and ... undermines peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits."

Long term, a significantly more confrontational relationship between China and the U.S. threatens an equilibrium under which Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping's governments have sparred on human rights, trade, competition and countless other issues but avoided direct conflict and maintained occasional top-level contacts toward other matters, including cutting climate-damaging emissions.

A joint U.S.-China deal to fight climate change struck by Xi and then-



-President Barack Obama in November of 2014 is credited as a turning point that led to the landmark 2015 Paris agreement in which nearly every nation in the world pledged to try to curb emissions of heat-trapping gases. Seven years later during climate talks in Glasgow, another U.S.-China deal helped smooth over bumps to another international climate deal.

China and the United States are the world's No. 1 and No. 2 climate polluters, together producing nearly 40% of all fossil-fuel emissions.

Ominously, experts in China-U.S. relations warned that China's diplomatic and military moves appeared to go beyond retaliatory measures for the visit and could open a new, more openly hostile era, and a more uncertain time for Taiwan's government.

China-U.S. relations are "in a downward spiral," said Bonnie Glaser, head of the Asia program at the German Marshall Fund.

"And I think that China is likely to change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait in ways that are going to be harmful to Taiwan and are going to be disadvantageous to the United States," Glaser said.

In recent years, other rounds of tensions between China and its neighbors over the India border, regional islands and the South China Sea have ended with China asserting new territorial claims and enforcing them, noted John Culver, a former East Asia national intelligence officer, now a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council. The same could happen now over Taiwan, Culver said. "So I don't know how this ends. We've seen how it begins."

China's measures this week are the latest steps intended to punish the U.S. for allowing the visit to the island

US contacts over Pelosi Taiwan visit



could be heard flying overhead, and tourists taking photos chanted, "Let's take Taiwan back," looking out into the blue waters of the Taiwan Strait from Pingtan island, a popular scenic spot in China's Fujian province.

Pelosi's visit has stirred emotions among the Chinese public, and the government's response "makes us feel our motherland is very powerful and gives us confidence that the return of Taiwan is the irresistible trend," said Wang Lu, a tourist from neighboring Zhejiang province.

China is a "powerful country and it will not allow anyone to offend its own territory," said Liu Bolin, a high school student visiting the island.

China's insistence that Taiwan is its territory and its threat to use force to reclaim control have featured in Communist Party statements, the education system and the state-controlled media for more than seven decades since the sides were divided amid civil war in 1949.

Taiwan residents overwhelmingly favor maintaining the status quo of de facto independence and reject China's demands that the island unify with the mainland under Communist control.

Beyond Taiwan, five of the missiles fired by China landed in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone off Hateruma, an island far south of Japan's main islands, Japanese Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi said. He said Japan protested the missiles to China as "serious threats to Japan's national security and the safety of the Japanese people." **MDT/AP**

Those talks were viewed as steps in a positive direction in an otherwise poisoned relationship. Now, talks have been suspended even on climate, where the two countries' envoys had met multiple times.

China stopped short of interrupting economic and trade talks, where it is looking to Biden to lift tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump on imports from China.

On Friday, China's Foreign Ministry said dialogue between U.S. and Chinese regional commanders and defense department heads would be canceled, along with talks on military maritime safety. Cooperation on returning illegal immigrants, criminal investigations, transnational crime, illegal drugs and climate change will be suspended, the ministry said.

China's actions come ahead of a key congress of the ruling Communist Party later this year at which President Xi is expected to obtain a third five-year term as party leader. With the economy stumbling, the party has stoked nationalism and issued near-daily attacks on the government of Tsai Ing-wen, which refuses to recognize Taiwan as part of China.

China said Friday that more than 100 warplanes and 10 warships have taken part in live-fire military drills surrounding Taiwan over the past two days. Also, mainly symbolic sanctions against Pelosi and her family were announced.

On the China coast, fighter jets

it claims as its own territory, to be annexed by force if necessary. China on Thursday launched threatening military exercises just off Taiwan's coasts, running through Sunday.

Some missiles were sent flying over Taiwan itself, Chinese officials told state media — a significant in-

crease in China's menacing of the island.

China routinely complains when Taiwan has direct contacts with foreign governments, but its response to the Pelosi visit — she was the highest-ranking American official in 25 years — has been unusually strong.

It appears to derail a rare encouraging note — high-level in-person meetings between top officials in recent months including the defense chiefs at an Asia security conference in Singapore and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Secretary of State Antony Blinken at a Group of 20 meeting in Indonesia.

BEIJING KEEPS UP PRESSURE ON TAIWAN WITH FOURTH DAY OF DRILLS

CHINA said yesterday it carried out its fourth consecutive day of military drills in the air and sea around Taiwan in the wake of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the self-ruled island, despite international calls to calm the tensions.

The People's Liberation Army said the exercises focused on testing its long-range air and ground strikes. It did not say if it will continue the drills after Sunday.

Taiwan said that it continued to detect several batches of Chinese aircraft, ships and drones operating around the Taiwan Strait, which separates the island and mainland China, and "simulating attacks on the island of Taiwan and our ships at sea."

Taiwan's official Central News Agency meanwhile reported that Taiwan's army will conduct live-fire artillery drills in southern Pingtung County on Tuesday and Thursday, in response to the Chinese exercises.

The drills will include snipers, combat vehicles, armored vehicles as well as attack helicopters, said the report, which cited an anonymous source.

China set up no-go areas around Taiwan for the four-day drills it announced immediately after Pelosi's trip to Taipei on Tuesday and Wednesday that infuriated Beijing, which saw it as a violation of the "one-China" policy. China claims Taiwan and has threatened to annex it by force if necessary.

The two sides split in 1949 after a civil war, but Beijing considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognizing its sovereignty.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense emphasized that its military was surveilling the situation and had dispatched aircraft and ships to respond accordingly.

Taiwan leader Tsai Ing-wen has called on the international community to "support democratic Taiwan" and "halt any escalation of the regional security situation."

China has so far conducted missile strikes on targets in the seas around Taiwan, and sent warships across the Taiwan Straits median line. It has also cut off defense and climate talks with the U.S. and imposed sanctions on Pelosi in retaliation for her visit.

The Biden administration and Pelosi say the U.S. remains committed to the "one-China" policy that recognizes Beijing as the legitimate government but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei.

The U.S. however criticized Beijing's actions in the Taiwan Strait, with White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre calling them "fundamentally irresponsible."

"There's no need and no reason for this escalation," Jean-Pierre said.

Singapore's coordinating minister for national security Teo Chee Hean said in a Facebook post Saturday that the U.S.-China



tensions over Taiwan is "an issue that can lead to conflict and war to the detriment of all parties involved, especially the people in Taiwan."

The tensions have a negative impact on Southeast Asia, Teo said, adding: "We hope that wisdom will prevail."

Also Saturday, the Central News Agency reported that the deputy head of the Taiwan

Defense Ministry's research and development unit, Ou Yang Li-hsing, was found dead in his hotel room after suffering a heart attack. He was 57, and had supervised several missile production projects. The report said his hotel room in the southern county of Pingtung, where he was on a business trip, showed no signs of intrusion. **MDT/AP**



Natalia Popova, 50, pets a lion at her animal shelter in Kyiv region

Ukrainian risks her life to rescue wild animals from war

HANNA ARHIROVA,
CHUBYNSKE

NATALIA Popova has found a new purpose in life: Rescuing wild animals and pets from the devastation wrought by the war in Ukraine.

"They are my life," says the 50-year-old, stroking a light-furred lioness like a kitten. From inside an enclosure, the animal rejoices at the attention, lying on her back and stretching her paws up toward her caretaker.

Popova, in cooperation with the animal protection group UA Animals, has already saved more than 300 animals from the war; 200 of them went abroad and 100 found new homes in western Ukraine, which is considered safer. Many of them were wild animals who were kept as pets at private homes before their owners fled Russian shelling and missiles.

Popova's shelter in the Kyiv region village of Chubynske now houses 133 animals. It's a broad menagerie, including 13 lions, a leopard, a tiger, three deer, wolves, foxes, raccoons and roe deer, as well as domesticated animals like horses, donkeys, goats, rabbits, dogs, cats and birds.

The animals awaiting evacuation to Poland were

rescued from hot spots such as eastern Ukraine's Kharkiv and Donetsk regions, which see daily bombardments and active fighting. The Ukrainian soldiers who let Popova know when animals near the front lines need help joke that she has many lives, like a cat.

"No one wants to go there. Everyone is afraid. I am also scared, but I go anyway," she said.

Often she is trembling in the car on her way to rescue another wild animal.

"I feel very sorry for them. I can imagine the stress animals are under because of the war, and no one can help them," Popova said.

In most cases, she knows nothing about the animals she rescues, neither their names and ages nor their owners.

"Animals don't introduce themselves when they come to us," she joked.

For the first months of the war, Popova drove to war hot spots alone, but a couple from UA Animals recently offered to transport and help her.

"Our record is an evacuation in 16 minutes, when we saved a lion between Kramatorsk and Sloviansk," Popova said. An economist by education with no formal veterinary experience, she

administered anesthesia on the lion because the animal had to be put to sleep before it could be transported.

Popova says she has always been very attached to animals. In kindergarten, she built houses for worms and talked to birds. In 1999, she opened the first private horse club in Ukraine. But it wasn't until four years ago that she saved her first lion.

An organization against slaughterhouses approached her with a request for help saving a lion with a broken spine. She did not know how she could help because her expertise was in horses. But when she saw a photo of the big cat, Popova could not resist.

She built an enclosure and took in the lion the next morning, paying the owner. Later, Popova created a social media page titled "Help the Lioness," and people began to write asking for help saving other wild animals.

Yana, the first lioness she rescued, has become a family member since she could not find a new home due to a disability. Popova took care of her until she died two weeks ago.

The shelter is just a temporary stop for the animals. Popova rehabilitates them and then looks for new homes for them. She feels a special con-

nection with each big cat, but says she does not mind letting them go.

"I love them, and I understand that I do not have the resources to provide them with the comfortable life they deserve," says Popova.

At first, she bankrolled the shelter with her own funds from the horse business. But since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, the horse business has not been profitable. With more than \$14,000 a month needed to keep animals healthy and fed, she has turned to borrowing, and seen her debt grow to \$200,000.

She gets some money from UA Animals and from donations, but worries about how to keep everything together have kept her up at night.

"But I will still borrow money, go to hot spots and save animals. I can't say no to them," she said.

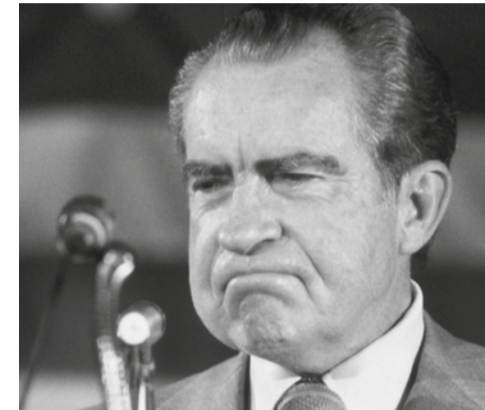
Popova sends all her animals to the Pozna Zoo in Poland, which helps her evacuate them and find them new homes. Some animals have already been transported to Spain, France and South Africa. Her next project is sending 12 lions to Poland this week.

With no end to the fighting in sight, Popova knows she will still be needed.

"My mission in this war is to save wild animals," she says. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1974 PRESIDENT NIXON TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE



Richard Nixon has announced he is stepping down as president of the United States - the first man ever to do so.

He has announced his departure in the face of an imminent impeachment trial - and possible removal from office - over the Watergate affair.

The president broke the news of his resignation in a television broadcast from the White House on Thursday at 2100 local time. It will take effect from noon tomorrow.

Mr Nixon, 61, said initially he had believed it was his duty to complete his term of office despite the Watergate charges.

"In the past days, however, it has become evident that I no longer have a strong enough political base in the Congress to justify continuing that effort," he said.

"As president I must put the interests of America first."

Mr Nixon has been charged by the House Judiciary Committee with "high crimes and misdemeanours".

The charges stem from a 1972 break-in at the offices of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate complex.

The break-in, during that year's election campaign, was traced to members of a Nixon-support group, the Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP).

Tape recordings have shown the president subsequently tried to influence the police investigation into the crime.

Mr Nixon is leaving office with more than two years of his second term left to run.

In his address Mr Nixon said he would be succeeded by US vice-president Gerald Ford.

Mr Ford will be sworn in as the 38th president of the United States tomorrow.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Richard Nixon's resignation meant he avoided an impeachment trial and therefore being removed from office.

His successor, President Gerald Ford, issued an unconditional pardon in September 1974 for any offences Mr Nixon might have committed as president, saving him from possible prosecution.

But the five Watergate burglars and two co-plotters - former White House staff G. Gordon Liddy and Howard Hunt - were jailed. In total 40 government officials were either indicted or jailed.

Richard Nixon eventually re-established himself as a respected statesman. He died in 1994.

In June 2005, former FBI deputy head Mark Felt was revealed to be the anonymous source "Deep Throat", who helped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein uncover the Watergate affair.

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YOUR STARS

<p>ARIES  Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status. You mustn't be so trusting. Try to include friends and relatives in your activities.</p>	<p>TAURUS  Apr. 20-May. 20 You are best to work at home, clearing up overdue projects. Chronic health problems are likely to surface if you are keeping your problems locked up inside.</p>
<p>GEMINI  May. 21-Jun. 21 You will be viewed as a sensitive, compassionate individual and others will ask you for advice. Romance will develop through work related activities. One-sided relationships are likely.</p>	<p>CANCER  Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Depression may result if you don't get to do things your own way. It's a good time for long awaited relationships to begin. You will easily charm members of the opposite sex.</p>
<p>LEO  Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your fun loving approach will be admired and appreciated by others. Minor accidents could occur. Be sure to get involved with those who can introduce you to unusual forms of entertainment.</p>	<p>VIRGO  Aug. 23-Sep. 22 Unforeseen changes in your location are apparent. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. You will get along well in social situations.</p>
<p>LIBRA  Sep. 23-Oct. 22 Secret enemies will be eager to spread rumors about you. You should feel a little more stable about your position; however, don't be surprised if a job offer comes your way.</p>	<p>SCORPIO  Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A romantic dinner, followed by a quiet evening with the one who is enticing you, should be most satisfying. You may think gifts will win their heart, but it could add stress from lack of funds.</p>
<p>SAGITTARIUS  Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You can set your goals and make a beeline for your target. Don't volunteer private information about yourself unless you're prepared to be talked about behind your back.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN  Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Club memberships or donations could be expensive and prove unnecessary. One of your female friends may try to disrupt your day. Stand up for your rights. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results.</p>
<p>AQUARIUS  Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Travel should open doors that lead to exciting new adventures. You will be on the rampage today. Be careful not to hurt the ones you love.</p>	<p>PISCES  Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Keep calm. Someone around you is bouncing off the walls. Find out if they have other commitments. Better still, take your mate and let them foot the bill.</p>

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Guiyang	21	30	cloudy
Haikou	26	31	thunderstorms
Hangzhou	28	39	fine
Harbin	18	25	cloudy
Hefei	27	38	fine
Nanjing	30	39	fine
Shanghai	29	37	fine
Taipei	25	31	fine
Wuhan	29	38	fine
Hong Kong	26	29	rain
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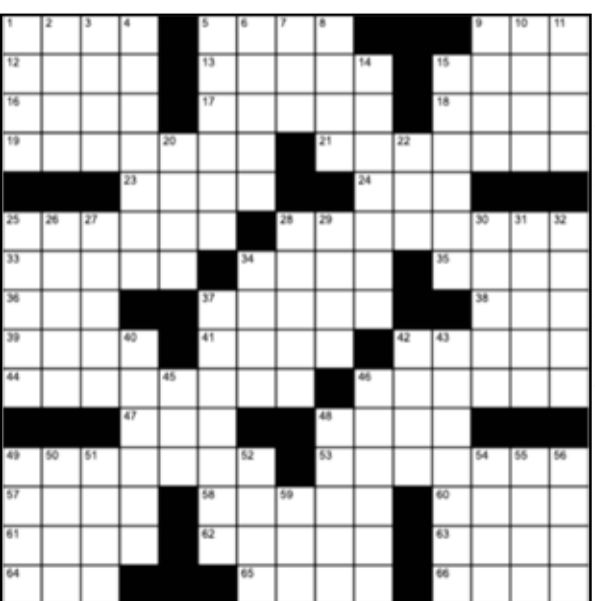
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FOOTBALL

Liverpool stumbles, Tottenham impresses in EPL openers

MATTIAS KARÉN, LONDON

WHILE Liverpool made a stuttering start to the English Premier League, Tottenham showed it might be ready to take another step forward under Antonio Conte.

Liverpool had to come from behind twice to salvage a 2-2 draw at promoted Fulham on Saturday, largely thanks to new signing Darwin Nunez, after a performance that Jurgen Klopp conceded was well short of the team's standards.

Tottenham also conceded an early goal but came roaring back to earn a 4-1 victory at home against Southampton after a dominant display that hinted that Spurs are well gelled after a full off-season under Conte, who took over as manager last November.

Chelsea also had a winning start but in less impressive fashion, holding on for 1-0 at Everton after Jorginho netted a late first-half penalty.



Newcastle, Leeds and Bournemouth also won in their league openers.

At Craven Cottage, Fulham threatened to pull off a major upset as Aleksandar Mitrovic put the hosts ahead twice against Liverpool. But Nunez came off the

bench to score one goal and set up the other for Mohamed Salah.

Liverpool nearly grabbed all three points when Jordan Henderson hit the crossbar in injury time with a long-distance shot, but even Klopp agreed that a win would have been undeserved.

"The start of the game was really bad from us," Klopp said. "No direction, no positivity, no opening up, no breaking lines, nothing (of) what you have to do."

It was a different story in north London, where Tottenham reacted superbly to going behind in the 12th minute.

Ryan Sessegnon and Eric Dier put Spurs in front by halftime and Southampton defender Mohammed Salibu netted a comical own goal when trying to clear the ball off the line in the 61st minute. Dejan Kulusevski capped a stellar performance by slotting in the fourth two minutes later.

"It was a perfect start for us, despite going behind," Conte said. "I liked the game a lot for the result but especially the way in which the result was created — creating many chances to score, good possession, good high and medium pressure and we were good when we lost the ball and the intensity to try and get it back. [...] Today we have seen (the) summer work with my players."

Conte spent much of last season complaining about a lack of squad depth, but still opted not to start any of the team's six off-season signings. Ivan Perisic, Clement Lenglet and Yves Bissouma came off the bench instead to show that Conte also has increased options this season as Spurs tries to join champion Manchester City and Liverpool in the fight for the title.

CHELSEA 'HAVE THINGS TO IMPROVE'

Chelsea earned its first win at Goodison Park in five visits, but coach Thomas Tuchel acknowledged his team looked rusty as he tries to incorporate new signings while coping with the lack of a pure striker.

"We have things to improve but this isn't a surprise," Tuchel said. "We struggled physically but showed the spirit to get the clean sheet."

Everton is also without a striker and lost two more players as Ben Godfrey was carried off early with a suspected broken leg and Yerry Mina exited in the second half with an ankle injury.

Godfrey's injury meant there was eight minutes of stoppage time in the first half, and Jorginho converted a penalty seconds before the interval after Abdoulaye Doucoure pulled down Ben Chilwell. **MDT/AP**

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OPINION

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**FOUNDATION LAID
 TO BRING TIES
 BACK ON TRACK**

Appearing on CNN on Monday, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said his government upholds the one-China principle, and that he is optimistic of Australia improving its diplomatic relationship with China. "We want to have good relations with China and cooperate where we can."

Since the Taiwan question is the most sensitive issue in China's bilateral relations with any country, his clear commitment to the one-China principle provides solid support for joint efforts by the two sides to improve ties.

Sino-Australian relations nose-dived in recent years thanks mainly to the confrontational stance his predecessor took toward China, as he tried to not only toe the line of Washington's "Indo-Pacific strategy" but push Australia into the vanguard of the Washington-orchestrated geopolitical game to contain China.

Former Australian prime minister Scott Morrison spared no efforts to play up fears about China's military might, depicting the country as a threat to Australia's national security as well as regional peace and stability.

He even ganged Australia up with the US and the United Kingdom last year to form the AUKUS security pact to counter China. Doing so controversially contravenes the letter and the spirit of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty with the deal to acquire nuclear-powered submarine technology from the US and the UK.

The election win of Albanese in May made it possible for China and Australia to make overtures with the aim of mending their ruptured ties, as they have served neither side any good. After all, the complementary nature of the two economies has benefited both tremendously. China has long remained Australia's largest trading partner for goods and services.

There have already been some positive signs emerging indicating improved bilateral ties. State Councilor and Defense Minister Wei Fenghe and his Australian counterpart Richard Marles had a "very full and frank exchange" on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore in June, breaking an almost three-year drought in ministerial talks.

Following that "critical first step", State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met his Australian counterpart Penny Wong on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Bali, Indonesia, on July 8, to explore ways for the countries to get their relations back on track.

As this year marks the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, it would be good for China and Australia, which are still comprehensive strategic partners, to keep the larger picture of their mutually beneficial relationship in mind and work jointly to address their differences.

THOUSANDS STRANDED IN CHINA RESORT CITY AMID COVID LOCKDOWN

THE BUZZ

Some 80,000 tourists are stranded in the southern Chinese beach resort of Sanya, after authorities declared it a COVID-19 hot spot and imposed a lockdown.

The restrictions came into force on Saturday morning, as authorities sought to stem the spread of COVID-19 in the city on tropical Hainan Island. There were 229 confirmed cases on Friday and an additional 129 on Saturday.

China's ruling Communist Party sticks steadfastly to a "zero-COVID" approach that is increasingly at odds with the rest of the world. A recent outbreak in Shanghai spread so widely that authorities lo-

cked down the entire city, China's largest, for two months, trapping millions of people and dealing a blow to the national economy.

Railway authorities banned all ticket sales in Sanya while all flights were also canceled on Saturday.

Tourists wanting to depart Sanya have to test negative for the coronavirus on five PCR tests over seven days, authorities said.

Meanwhile, hotels will offer guests a 50% discount during the lockdown period, a city official said during a news briefing.

The lockdown comes during a peak tourism season in Sanya, which is famous for its resorts and beaches.



Colombia's President-elect Gustavo Petro speaks to students at Externado University in Bogota

EX-REBEL SWORN IN AS COLOMBIA'S PRESIDENT IN HISTORIC SHIFT

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COLOMBIA'S first leftist president will be sworn into office today [Macau time], promising to fight inequality and heralding a turning point in the history of a country haunted by a long war between the government and guerrilla groups.

Sen. Gustavo Petro, a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, won the presidential election in June by beating conservative parties that offered moderate changes to the market-friendly economy, but failed to connect with voters frustrated by rising poverty and violence against human rights leaders and environmental groups in rural areas.

Petro is part of a growing group of leftist politicians and political outsiders who have been winning elections in Latin America since the pandemic broke out and hurt incumbents who struggled with its economic aftershocks.

The ex-rebel's victory was also exceptional for Colombia, where voters had been historically reluctant to back leftist politicians who were often accused of being soft on

crime or allied with guerrillas.

A 2016 peace deal between Colombia's government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia turned much of the focus of voters away from the violent conflicts playing out in rural areas and gave prominence to problems like poverty and corruption, fueling the popularity of leftist parties in national elections.

Petro, 62, has promised to tackle Colombia's social and economic inequalities by boosting spending on anti-poverty programs and increasing investment in rural areas. He has described U.S.-led antinarcotics policies, such as the forced eradication of illegal coca crops, as a "big failure." But he has said he would like to work with Washington "as equals," building schemes to combat climate change or bring infrastructure to rural areas where many farmers say coca leaves are the only viable crop.

Petro also formed alliances with environmentalists during his presidential campaign and has promised to turn Colombia into a "global powerhouse for life" by slowing deforestation and

taking steps to reduce the country's reliance on fossil fuels.

The incoming president has said Colombia will stop granting new licenses for oil exploration and will ban fracking projects, even though the oil industry makes up almost 50% of the nation's legal exports. He plans to finance social spending with a \$10 billion a year tax reform that would boost taxes on the rich and do away with corporate tax breaks.

Petro has also said he wants to start peace talks with remaining rebel groups that are currently fighting over drug routes, gold mines and other resources abandoned by the FARC after their peace deal with the government.

"He's got a very ambitious agenda," said Yan Basset, a political scientist at Bogota's Rosario University. "But he will have to prioritize. The risk Petro faces is that he goes after too many reforms at once and gets nothing" through Colombia's congress.

At least 10 heads of state are expected to attend Petro's inauguration, which will take place at a large colonial-era square in front of Colombia's Congress. **MDT/AP**



Ukraine Four more ships carrying agricultural cargo held up by the war in Ukraine received authorization yesterday to leave the country's Black Sea coast as analysts warned that Russia was moving troops and equipment in the direction of the ports to stave off a Ukrainian counteroffensive. The loaded vessels were cleared to depart from Chornomorsk and Odesa.



Portugal recorded its hottest July on record last month, the country's weather service said over the weekend. The heat worsened Portugal's drought, with 45% of the mainland in "extreme drought" - the highest classification - and the rest in "severe" drought, which is the second-highest, by the end of July.



Cuba A fire set off by a lightning strike at an oil storage facility raged uncontrolled in the Cuban city of Matanzas, where four explosions and flames injured 121 people and left 17 firefighters missing. Cuban authorities said an unidentified body had been found late Saturday. Firefighters and other specialists were still trying to quell the blaze at the Matanzas Supertanker Base, where the fire began during a thunderstorm Friday night, the Ministry of Energy and Mines tweeted.

Haiti A former senator who worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor was killed in an upscale neighborhood near Haiti's capital and his body set on fire along with his nephew, police said. The bodies of Yvon Buissereth and his unidentified nephew were found Saturday afternoon in the community of Laboule. That is near Pelerin, where President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in his private home in July last year.