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Pakistan The World Health Organization raised the alarm Saturday about a “second disaster” in the wake of the deadly floods in Pakistan this summer, as doctors and medical workers on the ground race to battle outbreaks of waterborne and other diseases. The floodwaters started receding this week in the worst-hit provinces but many of the displaced — now living in tents and makeshift camps — increasingly face the threat of gastrointestinal infections, dengue fever and malaria, which are on the rise. The dirty and stagnant waters have become breeding grounds for mosquitos.

AP PHOTO



Armenia U.S. congressional delegation headed by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi arrived Saturday in Armenia, where a cease-fire has held for three days after an outburst of fighting with neighboring Azerbaijan that killed more than 200 troops from both sides. The U.S. Embassy said the visit will include a meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan. On Friday, Pelosi told reporters in Berlin that the trip “is all about human rights and the respecting the dignity and worth of every person.”

European Union's executive branch recommended yesterday that the bloc suspend around 7.5 billion euros in funding to Hungary over concerns about democratic backsliding and the possible mismanagement of EU money. The European Commission, which proposes the bloc's laws and ensures that they are respected, said it was acting “to ensure the protection of the EU budget and the financial interests of the EU against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary.”

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SMG: RESIDENT REPORTS FEELING 6.9 MAGNITUDE TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

The Meteorological and Geophysics Bureau (SMG) received a report from a citizen who claimed to have felt the Taiwan earthquake at about 2:44 p.m. yesterday with a magnitude of 6.9. The epicenter was located at 23.10°N and 121.30°E, about 800 kilometers east of Macau. The last earthquake recorded by Macau was on March 14, 2022, with magnitude 4.1, in the maritime area of Huizhou city, in Guangdong province, about 156 kilometers east-northeast of Macau. A strong earthquake shook much of Taiwan yesterday, toppling a three-story building and temporarily trapping four people inside, stranding about 400 tourists on a mountainside, and knocking part of a passenger train off its tracks.

CLOSE-LOOP FOR RACECAR DRIVERS 'UNAVAILABLE' FOR THIS YEAR'S GP

Sports Bureau president, Pun Weng Kun, said the bureau considered close-loop management for racecar drivers, but the first test coincided with June 18, making it impossible to conduct further tests. As such, Pun believes that close-loop management may be unfeasible for this year's Grand Prix. Last week, on the sidelines of a Macao Sports Council meeting, Pun said that as some drivers were quarantined for two weeks [in the past], the current 7+3 measure will make it easier for them to race in the city. The 69th Macau Grand Prix may return to its original four-day format (Thursday to Sunday) this November.

DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL OPENS

The 6th Macao International Documentary Film Festival (MOIDF) has opened and will run till October 2. It will showcase 30 works, such as Fire of Love, one of the most discussed films this year and one that has garnered many international accolades; Flee, which has received three Oscar nominations; as well as the masterpieces of Zhou Hao, an iconic contemporary Chinese documentary filmmaker. This MOIDF also features the inaugural edition of the Macao Documentary Competition. This year's festival will be held at a commercial cinema – the CGV Cinemas at Nova Mall in Taipa – with tickets available at <https://1tickets.com/>.

FAOM LAWMAKERS ASK GOV'T TO RELEASE CLEARER GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

STAFF REPORTER

THE lack of public residential estates or affordable housing for residents remains an issue, according to lawmakers from the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM).

Four lawmakers from the workers association – Ella Lei, Leong Sun Iok, Lam Lon Wai and Lei Chan U – jointly held a press conference last week on the Legislative Assembly's (AL) work on the first session of the seventh AL term.

Data from the Housing Bureau (IH) shows that authorities received a total of 9,667 applications in the latest round for public housing. However, only 5,254 residential units are currently available.

According to Leong Sun Iok, the completion of several public housing facilities is still some time away, and advice on various arrangements have yet to be released, including the specific details on application formalities and the date on which applicants may move in. This "causes people who meet



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the application criteria to lose hope in the public housing system."

Leong called on the government to improve public housing policies and expedite the housing construction process.

He also hopes the government will consider plans to integrate public housing, economic housing and Sandwich Class Housing Scheme (SHCS).

The lawmaker also hopes the government will develop strategies for the protection of housing purchases in mainland China.

RESIDENT LIVELIHOOD

Lawmaker Lam Lon Wai called on the government to pay greater attention to three issues: namely transportation, the price of goods and

fuel, and pandemic prevention measures.

On the first matter, Lam called on the government to continue to improve bus services.

"Many people told us that they could not board the buses and that it was difficult to alight from buses during busy periods. This situation still exists and not a lot has improved," Lam pointed out.

He also suggested that the government develop strict measures to reduce repeated road excavation works and strengthen controls around the construction period to minimize the impact on residents.

Lam also called on the government to combat rising prices of goods amid the pandemic, and suggested promoting electronic payment and the use of the 'Simple Pay' system to reduce fees associated with electronic payment platforms to alleviate the pressure on small and medium-sized enterprises and residents.

2022 PLPEX promotes wine from Portuguese-speaking countries

RENATO MARQUES

RUNNING alongside the Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) is the Portuguese Speaking Countries' Products and Services Exhibition-Macao (PLPEX), collaborating for the first time this year with the "G100 International Wine & Spirits Awards," a wine and spirits competition organized on the mainland.

The idea is to promote wines from Portuguese-speaking countries through competition and potentially expand the markets for producers.

The collaboration opened with a wine competition in the



neighboring city of Shenzhen and was followed by a touring exhibition in Hangzhou, with the final awards ceremony in

Macau at the 2022 PLPEX next month.

At the same event, there will also be a tasting area to help

producers, importers, and distributors expand their markets and to promote the wines and culture of Portuguese-speaking countries.

Over 200 wine communities and over 1,000 distributors on the mainland participated in the live session held in Shenzhen.

In the event "G100 x 2022 PLPEX Most Promising Portuguese-speaking Countries Wine and Spirits Awards" held in Shenzhen in early August, 34 wines from Portuguese-speaking countries presented by PLPEX exhibitors were awarded. Six won the "Annual Excellence Award", 12 won the "Annual Selection Award", and 16 won the "Annual Potential Award."

The awards serve as a reference for professional buyers and distributors when purchasing wines from Portuguese-speaking countries.

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HEALTH

Gov't considering whether to buy monkeypox vaccines

ANTHONY LAM

THE Health Bureau is considering whether to procure monkey pox vaccines, as well as other measures against the disease, bureau director Alvis Lo revealed over the weekend.

Hong Kong has recently recorded its first imported monkey pox infection, as has mainland China. Concerns about the situation were raised in Macau at the weekly health press briefing on Covid-19 infections.

The Health Bureau is studying the necessity of monkeypox vaccines, the quantity needed and the target recipients, said Lo at an event over the weekend.

Discussing target recipients for the vaccine, Lo, a pulmonologist, said the WHO has not mandated or recommended population-wide vaccination against monkey pox. Moreover, local residents aged 40 or older have been vaccinated against smallpox, which provides some immunity against monkey pox.

For now, the bureau will target medical staff caring for monkey pox patients, as well



as young people who "conduct certain special activities." He added the bureau's expert team is considering including only high-risk groups for vaccination.

The bureau director did not clarify what "special activities" he was referring to, but the WHO has reiterated that no group of people should be discriminated against based on their potential risks of contracting the monkey pox virus.

Lo also describe monkey pox symptoms which include fever, headache, muscle ache

and a rash resembling the chickenpox rash. The incubation period of the disease ranges from one to two weeks, he added.

The pulmonologist said the current priority is to improve awareness of the disease among medical staff, to enable early intervention.

On the government's response to the June 18 Covid-19 outbreak, the pulmonologist said the response was based on the planning for major outbreaks released in April, and included adjustments for ac-

tual situations.

He said the bureau is collecting feedback from parties that participated in the response. After combining them with the Chinese planning released in June, updates will be made to local plans.

At a different occasion, Cultural Affairs Bureau president Leong Wai Man revealed that all arts and culture venues will return to the bureau's control by October 31, after having been used for the SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test drive. **AL**



Sector rep hopes for 30,000 tourists daily during Golden Week

ANTHONY LAM

GIVEN the recent increase in tourism, Macau might see an average of 30,000 tourists per day during the October 1 holidays, the president of the Travel Industry Council of Macau, Andy Wu, said.

Dubbed the Golden Week, the seven-day holiday is a major event in mainland China, with the other being the May 1 holiday, which also lasts seven days. Before the Covid 19 pandemic, the long holiday usually equated to increased domestic travel for mainland residents, in addition to international travel.

On the other hand, data from the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has revealed 23,000 visitors entered Macau on September 16, the highest number since June 18, the first day of the most recent Covid-19 outbreak.

Speaking to local Chinese media, Macao Daily News, Wu said the recovery from this year's outbreak was slower than last year. He said that, after the June 18 outbreak, it had taken about 40 days for visitor numbers to reach 20,000 in a single day. Compared with the several outbreaks last year, this recovery took much longer, as last year it took about two weeks after each outbreak to reach the same level.

The main reason, he believes, is the short SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test (NAT) result validity. Currently, travelers between Macau and mainland China need to bear NAT results issued within 24 hours of travel. Wu recalled the shortest validity period was 48 hours last year.

Wu retains his optimism though, because he has recently seen Guangdong residents more confident in visiting Macau. He believes it was due to smooth information channels between the local and the provincial governments. Moreover, the local government's attempt to bring back the National Day Fireworks Gala will be appealing to mainland residents.

GAMING

ALL SEVEN BIDS FOR GAMING CONCESSIONS ACCEPTED, GMM ONLY CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

RENATO MARQUES

ALL seven bids submitted for the new gaming concessions public tender have been accepted and confirmed, the committee has ruled, following the opening of proposals on Friday.

Six of the seven gaming concessions were accepted immediately, including Wynn Resorts (Macau) Limited, Venetian Macau Limited, Melco Resorts (Macau) Limited, SJM Resorts, Limited, MGM Grand Paradise Limited, and Galaxy Casino Company Limited. The GMM Limited submission was conditionally accepted.

GMM Limited is a locally registered firm with links to the Malaysian gaming tycoon and chairman of Genting Group, Lim Kok Thay.

The group runs busines-



ses including casinos, resorts, and a palm oil conglomerate with a market capitalization estimated at MYR40 billion (MOP71.3 billion).

GMM is the only new competitor responding to the tender which will grant a maximum of six concessions for the operation of casino

games in Macau for 10 years, starting January 1, 2023.

The bids' opening event was held before officials of the Public Prosecutions Office as well as representatives of all companies submitting proposals.

As the rules state, the committee opened and re-

viewed the proposal materials by order of submission.

The committee will analyze all documentation submitted according to the requirements of the tender before arriving at a final classification list of the proposals received and accepted.

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time should be given to audience members to speak.

Wong said Yuen lacked basic courtesy and was cited as saying: "Mr Yuen, I think you're the [oldest member of] this audience, [...] you didn't even stand up while you spoke. I don't mean to require all audience members to stand up as they speak, but this is basic courtesy."

Yuen feared personal rights would be open to violation if the Secretary for Security's permission was the only requirement before suspicious entities or individuals were asked to produce data on their activities. The proposal is included in the consultation text.

Wong replied that the panel of officials is responsible for clearly explaining the direction and framework of the law review and responding to questions from audience members.

The security official noted that, in the US or Australia, Ministers of Justice are authorized to request such data from suspicious organizations or individuals. Failure to produce data is subject to punishment.

He said the proposal aims to provide the legal grounds for the administration to request such data when reasonable suspicions arise. If the requested parties decline to provide data, they can file an administrative appeal, Wong added.



RMB3B CENTRAL GOV'T BONDS LISTED IN MACAU

STAFF REPORTER

THE Chinese central government's RMB3 billion worth of renminbi-denominated bonds were listed in Chongwa (Macao) Financial Asset Exchange Co., Ltd. (MOX) in the SAR on Friday.

Market investors including the monetary authority, commercial banks, insurance companies and investment funds subscribed to bonds worth 6.11 billion yuan, according to MOX.

The company said the issuance further expanded the depth and width of Macau's bond market development, attracting quality issuers and international investors to Macau's bond market and boosting market confidence.

It vowed to continue promoting the linkage of financial

markets, seeking innovations in bond listing, bond index and green finance, improving the resilience of Macau's bond market, as well as supporting the development of the renminbi market in Macau.

The central government first issued renminbi-denominated bonds with a face value of 2 billion yuan in Macau in 2019.

Late last month, the central government announced it would again issue government RMB-denominated bonds in Macau.

In a statement, the local government said that the issuance of the RMB bonds aims to offer a fresh investment option for professional investors, as well as to promote the progress of the internationalization of the Chinese currency through the Macau offshore RMB market.

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

SECURITY CHIEF ACCUSES SEATED SPEAKER AT CONSULTATION OF IMPOLITENESS

ANTHONY LAM

SECRETARY for Security, Wong Sio Chak, has described an audience member at a recent public consultation session who did not stand up while speaking as impolite, local media has reported.

The session was held to review the National Security Law.

According to local online news outlet, All About Macau, the audience member, surnamed Yuen, supported tightening the law but thought officials on the panel spoke too long. He thought more

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YOUNG CHEF YOUNG WAITER MACAO

YOUNG CHEFS AND SERVERS BATTLE FOR WORLD FINAL IN MONACO

RENATO MARQUES

SIXTEEN young local chefs and catering servers (aged under 26) with a minimum of three years of hospitality experience joined the semi-final of Young Chef Young Waiter Macao last Saturday.

The Macau Culinary Association organized the competition supported by the Macao Government Tourism Office, the Macao Institute for Tourism Studies (IFTM), and Wynn Macau. It aimed to select eight semi-finalists for the local final next month.

In this final local event, one chef and one catering server will be selected to compete in an international world-final event in Monaco this November.

Macau finalists will meet their international counterparts from England, the Cayman Islands, Ireland, Wales, the United States, Canada, and India at the World Young Chef



Young Waiter grand finale.

A panel of five judges headed by Worldchefs Certified International Judge, Perry Yuen, appraised semi-finalists on the following criteria for culinary arts: appropriate application of professional skills, good use of key ingredients, the overall balance of menu as well as taste, texture, and flavor. Coordinator for the food

and beverage programs at IFTM, Edwyn Tam, led another judging panel of five to assess the performance of catering servers in terms of table setting, cutlery layout, and catering service knowledge.

In this semi-final, four chefs and four catering servers from Macau were chosen to enter the local final at Wynn Palace next month.

CE signing more deals with Guangdong regarding Hengqin

RENATO MARQUES

THE local government, led by the Chief Executive (CE), Ho Iat Seng, is continuing efforts to promote the Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

In a joint meeting Thursday in Hengqin, the CE met once again with the governor of Guangdong province, Wang Weizhong, to sign a series of deals to increase "bilateral ties in several areas," the Government Information Bureau (GCS) said in a press statement.

In the same statement, GCS also noted the meeting was part of several events held this year with the theme of "Advancing high-quality development of the Cooperation Zone and promoting high-quality cooperation between Guangdong and Macau."

During the joint conference, both sides said the work done over the past year had been effective, with notable progress seen in



every aspect of their cooperation.

Ho noted the first anniversary of the Cooperation Zone, a milestone that, according to the CE, "enabled both sides to explore key projects for next-phase coo-

operation relevant to the GBA, the Cooperation Zone, and the acceleration of the economic diversification of Macau."

Ho continued to highlight the need for joint efforts in coordi-

nating epidemic prevention and control work, and the need to implement policies for advancing the development of the Cooperation Zone.

The CE noted the need to de-

velop GBA together. He said the National Games in 2025, co-organized by Macau, Hong Kong, and Guangdong province, would be "an important opportunity to increase exchanges concerning sports-related cooperation between GBA cities," adding such exchanges should result in the future organization of "regional sports contests."

In his address, Wang quoted a speech by president Xi Jinping, delivered at the ceremony to mark the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong SAR, and the inauguration of the sixth Hong Kong SAR Government, noting the President's point that adherence to the 'One country, two systems' principle would also create limitless opportunities for Macau's development. "President Xi's remarks provided a guiding path and basis for Guangdong-Macao cooperation," said Wang.

The Guangdong governor selected high-quality manufacturing, traditional Chinese medicine, modern financial services, cultural tourism, convention and exhibition and commercial and trade industries, as areas for development in the Cooperation Zone.

He also noted cooperation should intensify in social welfare, education, healthcare, talent development, food safety, and environmental protection.

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CHINA SANCTIONS RAYTHEON, BOEING DEFENSE CEOS OVER TAIWAN

CHINA announced sanctions on Friday against the CEOs of American defense contractors Raytheon and Boeing Defense over a major U.S. arms sale to rival Taiwan.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning did not specify what the sanctions would be against Gregory Hayes, chairman and CEO of Raytheon Technologies Corp., and Ted Colbert, president and CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security.

It wasn't immediately clear what impact they would have on the executives or their companies, but such sanctions are often mainly symbolic in nature.

The U.S. announced a \$1.09 billion arms sale to Taiwan last week, including \$355 million for Boeing's Harpoon missiles and \$85 million for Raytheon's Sidewinder missiles.

"We once again urge the U.S. government and relevant parties



Military personnel stand next to U.S. Harpoon A-84, anti-ship missiles and AIM-120 and AIM-9 air-to-air missiles prepared for a weapon loading at the Hualien Airbase in Taiwan's southeastern Hualien county, Aug. 17, 2022.

to [...] stop arms sales to Taiwan and military contact with Taiwan, and stop creating new factors that could lead to tensions in the Taiwan Strait," Mao said at a daily

briefing.

China claims Taiwan, a self-governing island of 23 million people off its east coast, as its territory and says it must eventually come un-

der its control. Taiwan and China split in 1949 during a civil war that brought the Communist Party to power in Beijing.

The U.S. does not formally re-

cognize Taiwan under its one-China policy but is the island's main supplier of military equipment and is bound by its own laws to ensure Taiwan can defend itself.

Mao also expressed China's opposition to an upcoming Taiwan trip by Czech lawmakers. A 14-member delegation arrived yesterday for a six-day visit, according to Taiwan media reports.

"China is firmly opposed to any form of official contact between Taiwan and countries having diplomatic relations with China," Mao said.

She called on the Czech lawmakers "to refrain from sending the wrong signals to the separatist forces of Taiwan independence and to stop undermining [...] bilateral relations."

In February, China announced sanctions on Raytheon and Lockheed Martin over a \$100 million deal for maintenance of Taiwan's missile defense systems by the two companies.

China also protested a bill that was approved by a U.S. Senate committee this week that could significantly increase American military support for Taiwan.

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LONG LIVE THE KING

Chinese factory churns out British flags after queen's death

NINETY minutes after Queen Elizabeth II died, orders for thousands of British flags started to flood into a factory south of Shanghai.

More than 100 employees at Shaoxing Chuangdong Tour Articles Co. set aside other work and put in 14-hour days starting at 7:30 a.m. making nothing but British-themed flags.

They turned out at least 500,000 the first week, according to general manager Fan Aiping.

Some are British flags to be carried by mourners or hung outside homes. Others show Elizabeth's portrait and the years of her birth and death. They range from 21 to 150 centimeters wide and wholesale for about 7 yuan (\$1) each.

The first customer sent an order at 3 a.m. Chinese time for tens of thousands, according to Fan. She said 20,000 the factory had in stock were sent out that morning.

"The customer came to our factory directly to



Workers produce British flags at the Shaoxing Chuangdong Tour Articles Co factory in Shaoxing, in eastern China's Zhejiang province, Friday

grab the products," Fan said. "Many of the flags weren't even packaged. They were put in a box and shipped away."

The factory had been making flags for the football World Cup before Elizabeth's death.

Chuangdong has been in the industry since 2005 and produces flags for the World Cup and other sports events or national day celebrations. It also makes sports-themed scarves and

banners.

Employees pay attention to news for events that might bring in orders.

"There is a business opportunity behind every news event," Fan said.

Ni Guozhen, an employee since 2005, said she has learned about the world through her work.

"I've learned a lot about current events," said Ni, who was sewing

flags with the queen's portrait. "My knowledge has grown. Therefore I'm proud and happy that I'm making flags."

Ni remembers filling orders for British-themed flags for a royal wedding.

"There is a story behind each flag," Fan said. "This time it's about the queen in the United Kingdom. They are buying these flags to mourn the queen deeply." MDT/AP

SPACE

CHINESE ASTRONAUTS GO ON SPACEWALK FROM NEW STATION

TWO Chinese astronauts went on a spacewalk Saturday from a new space station that is due to be completed later this year.

Cai Xuzhe and Chen Dong installed pumps, a handle to open the hatch door from outside in an emergency, and a foot-stop to fix an astronaut's feet to a robotic arm, state media said.

China is building its own space station after being excluded by the U.S. from the International Space Station because its military runs the country's space program. American officials see a host of strategic challenges from China's space ambitions, in an echo of the U.S.-Soviet rivalry that prompted the race to the moon in the 1960s.

The latest spacewalk was the second during a six-month mis-

sion that will oversee the completion of the space station. The first of two laboratories, a 23-ton module, was added to the station in July and the other is to be sent up later this year.

The third member of the crew, Liu Yang, supported the other two from inside during the spacewalk. Liu and Chen conducted the first spacewalk about two weeks ago.

They will be joined by three more astronauts near the end of their mission in what will be the first time the station has six people on board.

China became the third nation to send a person into space in 2003, following the former Soviet Union and the United States. It has sent rovers to the moon and Mars and brought lunar samples back to Earth. MDT/AP



A screen at the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing shows Chinese astronaut Cai Xuzhe conducting extravehicular activities, also known as a spacewalk, around the space station lab module Wentian, Saturday

Top China official wants high-tech cooperation with S. Korea

HYUNG-JIN KIM, SEOUL

THE head of China's legislature called for cooperation with South Korea in advanced technology and supply chains, as he met South Korean leaders Friday amid concerns that their moves to solidify a military alliance with Washington could hamper Seoul's ties with Beijing.

Li Zhanshu, third in the Chinese Communist Party hierarchy and one of President Xi Jinping's closest confidants, is the highest-level Chinese official to visit South Korea since his predecessor did so in 2015. His trip is seen as part of efforts by Beijing to boost ties with neighboring countries ahead of a Communist Party congress next month that will likely grant Xi a third five-year term as leader.

Li's visit is also crucial for South Korea's government, which wants to assure Beijing that its push to strengthen its alliance with the U.S. and participate in U.S.-led regional initiatives won't target China, its biggest trading partner.

Li, chairman of the standing committee of China's National People's Congress, told a joint news conference with his South Korean counterpart that China supports "realizing cooperation in cutting-edge technology sectors and managing supply and industrial chains smoothly and stably."



China's National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee Chairman Li Zhanshu speaks during a joint news conference with South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Kim Jin Pyo at the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, Friday

Li, who is leading a 66-member Chinese delegation to South Korea, met South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and other top officials later Friday.

Earlier this month, Li visited Russia, where he decried international sanctions against Moscow, underscoring Beijing support for Russia in its war on Ukraine despite claims of neutrality. On Thursday, Xi met Russian President

Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of a regional gathering in Uzbekistan. Putin thanked Xi for his "balanced" approach to the Ukrainian crisis and blasted Washington's "ugly" policies.

Li's talks with Yoon have drawn keen attention because Yoon last month skipped an in-person meeting with U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who visited Seoul after a trip to Taiwan that angered

China, which claims the self-ruled island as its territory. Yoon, who was on vacation, spoke by phone with Pelosi but faced domestic criticism that he had intentionally shunned her so as not to provoke China. Yoon was the only head of government who didn't meet Pelosi face-to-face during her Asian trip, which also included Singapore, Malaysia and Japan.

Kim Heung-kyu, director of the U.S.-China Policy Institute at Ajou University in South Korea, said Li's visit is different from Pelosi's because she arrived after her contentious Taiwan trip. But he said China would still likely see symbolic significance in Li meeting with a South Korean president whom Pelosi failed to meet.

Some worry that Yoon's tilt toward Washington could trigger economic retaliation by China, as it did in 2017 when South Korea allowed the United States to base a Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense radar system, or THAAD, on its soil. China, which says the radar can spy on its territory, suspended group tours to South Korea and conducted an unofficial boycott of South Korean products.

During their meeting, Yoon said the THAAD issue must not be a sticking point in bilateral ties, and Li agreed on the need for close coordination to resolve sensitive issues, according to Yoon's office.

China is likely to be more cautious about launching another economic retaliation because it would push South Korea closer to the United States and worsen anti-Chinese sentiment in South Korea, according to Professor Kim Han-kwon of the Korea National Diplomatic Academy.

"In the case of the THAAD dispute, China shook public opinion in South Korea and caused South Korea to suffer economic losses," he said. "But eventually, they failed to get THAAD scrapped and anti-China sentiment grew in South Korea. There was also a public reevaluation of a boosting of the South Korea-U.S. alliance and of South Korea-U.S.-Japan security cooperation." **MDT/AP**

STORM

Powerful typhoon pounds southern Japan; thousands evacuated

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

A powerful typhoon slammed ashore in southern Japan yesterday as it pounded the region with strong winds and heavy rain, causing blackouts, paralyzing ground and air transportation and prompting the evacuation of thousands of people.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said Typhoon Nanmadol was heading north after making landfall in Kagoshima city on Japan's southern main island of Kyushu. It was packing maximum winds of 162 ki-

lometers per hour, and is forecast to reach Tokyo tomorrow.

The weather agency predicted as much as 50 centimeters of rainfall by tonight and warned of flooding and landslides. It also alerted residents in the affected areas of "unprecedented" levels of powerful winds and waves, urging them to evacuate early.

Storm and high wave warnings were in effect in Kagoshima, where residents were told to stay inside stable buildings on second floor or higher, if it's deemed a safer option than going to evacuation centers.

More than 12,000 people took shelter at evacuation centers. In neighboring Miyazaki prefecture, about 8,000 people left their homes.

Local officials said several people had been injured. In Kushima city in Miyazaki, a woman was slightly hurt by shards of glass when winds broke windows at a gymnasium. NHK national television said 15 people had been injured, citing its own tally.

Power outages were expanded across the Kyushu region as the typhoon damaged more power lines and facilities while moving

north. By last night, 216,450 homes were without electricity, according to Kyushu Electric Power Co.

Footage on NHK television showed a pachinko pinball parlor with part of its glass wall shattered by the gust in Kanoya city in Kagoshima. Elsewhere in the prefecture, an elderly woman in suffered a minor injury after falling, NHK said.

Hundreds of domestic flights have been canceled and more are planned to be grounded in western Japan through Tuesday as the typhoon headed northeast, according to Japan Airlines



and All Nippon Airways.

Public transportation including trains and buses in many areas on the Kyushu island were suspended throughout Sunday. Rai-

lway operators said bullet trains on Kyushu island also have been suspended, and more stoppages are expected in greater areas in the southwest today. **MDT/AP**

AP PHOTO



LONG LIVE THE KING

Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II is huge security challenge

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

THE funeral of the only monarch most Britons have known involves the biggest security operation London has ever seen.

Mayor Sadiq Khan says today's state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II is an "unprecedented" security challenge, with hundreds of thousands of people packing central London and a funeral guest list of 500 emperors, kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers and other leaders from around the world.

"It's been decades since this many world leaders were in one place," said Khan. "This is unprecedented [...] in relation to the various things that we're juggling."

"There could be bad people wanting to cause damage to individuals or to some of our world leaders," Khan told The Associated Press. "So we are working incredibly hard — the police, the security services and many, many others — to make sure this state funeral is as successful as it can be."

Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said the "hugely complex" policing operation is the biggest in the London force's history, surpassing the London 2012 Olympics.

More than 10,000 police officers will be on duty today, with London bobbies supplemented by reinforcements

from all of Britain's 43 police forces. Hundreds of volunteer marshals and members of the armed forces will also act as stewards along the processional route.

They are just the most visible part of a security operation that is being run from a high-tech control center near Lambeth Bridge, not far from Parliament.

Street drains and garbage bins are being searched and sealed. Today, there will be police spotters on rooftops, sniffer dogs on the streets, marine officers on the River Thames and mounted police on horseback.

Flying drones over central London has been temporarily banned, and Heathrow Airport is grounding scores of flights so that aircraft noise does not disturb the funeral service.

Authorities face the challenge of keeping 500 world leaders safe, without ruffling too many diplomatic feathers. Presidents, prime ministers and royalty will gather offsite before being taken by bus to the abbey — though an exception is being made for U.S. President Joe Biden, who is expected to arrive in his armored limousine, known as The Beast.

Another challenge is the sheer size of the crowds expected to gather around Westminster Abbey and along the route the coffin will travel after the funeral, past Buckingham Palace to Hyde Park. From there it will be taken by horse about 20 miles to Windsor, where another 2,000 police officers will be on duty.

the monarchy is far from universal. Police have already drawn criticism for arresting several people who staged peaceful protests during events related to the queen's death and the accession of King Charles III.

Cundy said it had been made clear to officers that "people have a right to protest."

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SADIQ KHAN
MAYOR OF LONDON

The queen is due to be interred in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle alongside her husband Prince Philip, who died last year aged 99.

Police are deploying more than 22 miles of barriers in central London to control the crowds, and transit bosses are preparing for jam-packed stations, buses and subway trains as 1 million people flood the ceremonial heart of London. Subways will run later than normal and train companies are adding extra services to help get people home.

While many will be mourning the queen, support for

"Our response here in London will be proportionate, it will be balanced, and officers will only be taking action where it is absolutely necessary," he said.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mark Rowley said the

goal was to keep the event safe, "and try to do it in as unobtrusive a way as possible, because this is obviously a solemn occasion."

Dean of Westminster David Hoyle, who will conduct the funeral service in the 900-year-old abbey, said preparations were going smoothly — despite the occasional security-related glitch.

"There was a wonderful moment when I had flower arrangers waiting in the abbey, and no flowers, because, quite properly, the police didn't recognize what the van was and the flowers were sent back," he said. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1972: PARCEL BOMB ATTACK ON ISRAELI EMBASSY



A diplomat at the Israeli embassy in London has been killed by a letter bomb.

Dr Ami Sachori received severe chest and stomach injuries when the device exploded at 0930 GMT and died on the way to hospital.

Eight bombs were addressed to diplomats at the embassy, but three were detected in the consulate post room and four others were intercepted at a sorting office in Earl's Court.

Palestinian extremist group Black September is thought to have posted the letters. Some were also sent to the Israeli embassy in Paris, sparking a worldwide security alert.

Scotland Yard said the devices - contained in manila envelopes only a little bulkier than normal letters - all originated in Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

A note in one of the packages appeared to implicate the Arab faction which murdered nine Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games two weeks ago.

Dr Sachori, who was due to return to Israel in a fortnight's time, was the agricultural counsel at the embassy.

An embassy spokesman, Eli Tabori, said he was a "soft target".

"This man had nothing to do with the political side of the embassy - he was here to promote Israeli agricultural exports and because of the unsuspecting nature of his job he was probably singled out," he said.

The Israeli Ambassador, Michael Comay, told the BBC it was much easier for extremist groups to attack in Europe.

"They take advantage of the free and democratic traditions of your open society and your hospitality to carry out their deeds," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Louise Brown celebrated her 21st birthday in 1999, by which time 300,000 women worldwide had conceived through IVF. Louise's younger sister, Natalie, also born through IVF, became the first test tube baby to give birth - naturally - in 1999. The success rate for IVF treatment has remained at 17%. Doctors say social rather than medical factors are the major determinant of success. More than 70% of IVF clinics are in the UK and 80% of them charge £3,000 for each cycle of treatment. The process has attracted concern because embryos have been mixed up in the laboratory and the chance of multiple IVF births increased in the 1990s from one in 200 to one in 20.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Make those phone calls and pay your bills. Get busy making those changes to your home. Creative educational pursuits will payoff.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

You've been in a rut and you need to do something that will help you break the pattern you've fallen into. Changes in your residence may be financially favorable.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Abrupt changes concerning your professional position are evident. Communication will be your strong point and you should be able to persuade others to see things your way.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies. You are best to ask questions if you aren't certain about issues that are confronting you.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

If your lover tries to curtail your freedom, it may lead to conflict. Curb the impulse to make lavish purchases and maybe spend some time with good friends. Don't be too shy to promote your own interests.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

You will find that valuable knowledge can be gained if you are willing to listen. Sudden romantic encounters will set your head spinning. If you take on too much, you will find yourself in martyrdom.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You have a real need to be vocal. Female members of your family may be difficult to deal with. You can travel for business or pleasure.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Don't let your emotions take over. You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. Romantic encounters will be full of excitement.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Try to be reasonable. Travel and communications will not run as smoothly as you had hoped. You can make new connections through friends or relatives.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Do things that involve children. Your passionate mood will be well received by your mate. Don't allow your personal problems to interfere with your professionalism.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Sudden trips will take you by surprise. You can work in conjunction with those in the know in order to get to the bottom of any pending issue. Be professional, and you will advance much more quickly.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Avoid lending money or belongings to friends. Your interests could lead you down avenues you never realized existed. Do not allow colleagues to hinder your ambitions.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Guangzhou	25	36	fine
Guiyang	19	30	cloudy
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Hefei	20	30	fine
Nanjing	21	27	cloudy
Shanghai	22	27	fine
Taipei	23	30	fine
Wuhan	22	34	fine
Hong Kong	28	34	showers
WORLD			
Moscow	9	13	showers
Frankfurt	7	18	overcast
Paris	7	19	overcast
London	9	18	overcast
New York	20	31	showers

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Family tree member; 6- Languishes with longing; 11- Police blotter abbr.; 14- Dazzling display; 15- "South Pacific" hero; 16- Indian dish; 17- "Til ___ do us part"; 18- Arrested; 19- ___-Locka, Florida; 20- Wonderland girl; 22- Watery animal fluid; 24- So-called; 28- Rough shelter; 29- Combines; 30- Long lock of hair; 32- Grazing sites; 33- Lake in the Sierra Nevada; 35- Morales of "NYPD Blue"; 39- Tibetan monk; 40- Op. ___; 41- Blend; 42- Lost traction; 43- ___ Grows in Brooklyn; 45- Singer Adams; 46- 1961 Heston role; 48- Swiss city; 50- Cafe order; 53- Spendthrift; 54- Silvery fish; 55- Perspective; 57- ThinkPad maker; 58- Rare delight; 60- Command; 65- Actress Joanne; 66- TV producer Michaels; 67- Facet; 68- Unit of corn; 69- Go into; 70- Philosopher Kierkegaard;

DOWN 1- Beatty of "Deliverance"; 2- Clinch; 3- Guido's high note; 4- Feline; 5- Natural gas component; 6- Danger; 7- Apple variety; 8- Mudville complement; 9- Ivy Leaguer; 10- Facilities; 11- Enhance; 12- Gone; 13- 1836 siege site; 21- Ultimate; 23- Convenience; 24- Negates; 25- Actor Ryan; 26- Heat home; 27- You're on!; 28- Levi's rival; 30- Bronze medalist's place; 31- Routine; 34- Broadway opening; 36- Passover meal; 37- Not dead yet; 38- Utopian; 43- Perform; 44- Richard of "A Summer Place"; 47- Tiny; 49- Bars legally; 50- Footnote; 51- Dark area; 52- Ring-tailed primate; 53- Faucet stuff; 55- Spanish muralist; 56- Alley; 59- Jockey Turcotte; 61- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet; 62- ___ es Salaam; 63- End for Siam; 64- Stimp's pal;

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BOXING

Álvarez beats Golovkin by unanimous decision to end trilogy

GREG BEACHAM,
LAS VEGAS

AFTER 36 rounds together in the ring over the past five years, Canelo Álvarez finally put a convincing finish on his remarkable trilogy with Gennady Golovkin.

The Mexican superstar decisively won his third ring meeting with Gennady Golovkin on Saturday night, earning a unanimous-decision victory and clear superiority in their rivalry.

Four years after the fighters' most recent meeting ended in a narrow, disputed victory for Álvarez (58-2-2, 39 KOs), the four-division world champion left little doubt about this verdict — even though he won by just 115-113 on two judges' scorecards, with the third seeing it 116-112.

"He's a strong fighter," Álvarez said to the raucous cheers of his supportive Vegas crowd. "For me, I'm just glad to share the ring with him. He's a really good fighter. I'm glad to be involved in that kind of fight."

Even with an injured left hand that he says will require surgery, the 32-year-old Álvarez delivered a comprehensive pummeling of the now-40-year-old Golovkin (42-2-1) in the first eight rounds, repeatedly testing Triple G's famed chin with combinations and overhand rights. Golovkin rallied late, but ran out of time.

Golovkin started far too slowly with no clear strategy to take the initiative away from Álvarez. Fighting at 168 pounds for the first time in his career, the Kazakh middleweight star still had moments of his dynamic best in the later rounds against a wearier Canelo, but they weren't enough to turn the bout against a younger opponent more comfortable at super middleweight, where he reigns as the undisputed champion.

"Everybody knows this is high level, the best fi-



ght for boxing," Golovkin said. "Look at his face. Look at my face. It's high level, because we trained well, and this is shows that we did a very good fight, very good quality."

The bitter rivals embraced and spoke warmly to each other after the final bell, perhaps signaling a thaw in their frosty relationship.

Judges Steve Weisfeld and David Sutherland both scored the no-action first round and four of the final five rounds for Golovkin, leading to those 115-113 scores in a bout that Álvarez largely dominated for long stretches. The Associated Press also favored Canelo, 117-111.

Golovkin landed only 23% of his 521 punches, and he only threw 10 punches to Canelo's body, according to CompuBox. Álvarez wasn't much more accurate, landing only 26% of his shots, but the Mexican star landed 85 power punches to Golovkin's 46 and controlled the ring for long stretches.

With a clear victory to wrap up one of the liveliest rivalries in recent boxing history, Álvarez rebounded splendidly from only the second loss of his career, a fairly one-sided light heavyweight defeat delivered by Dmitry Bivol last May.

"Thank you so much for your support," Álvarez said to the crowd. "I've gone through very difficult things in my

life. Only thing you can do is continue to move forward. I've gone through difficult times with my defeat, but defeats can show how you can be great, how you can come back and show humility."

Golovkin again said he won't retire after this bout, but the longtime middleweight champion took only his second loss — and the first that was decisive. All three blemishes on his career record are the results of his trilogy with Álvarez.

"I have a great plan," Golovkin said of his future. "I have a lot of appointments. Congrats today, Canelo. Congrats, fans. Remember, I'm still champion at 160. I come back, guys. I'm still champion."

After their first two fights resulted in a draw and a narrow majority-decision victory for Álvarez, the fighters finally met again four years later, again fighting just off the Las Vegas Strip at T-Mobile Arena, the site of all three meetings in the trilogy.

The 32-year-old Álvarez was a 5-to-1 favorite shortly before the opening bell, and he fought like it. Throwing far more punches and taking the initiative away from Golovkin, Canelo largely dominated the first half of the fight while a welt rose on Golovkin's right temple.

Golovkin had no dis-

a wearier Canelo in the late rounds, but it wasn't enough.

Álvarez was cut over his right eye in the later rounds, but the damage and Golovkin's increased activity didn't appear to wobble him at all, even while his offensive effectiveness dipped.

The bout was the long-delayed final chapter in one of the most intriguing trilogies of this era. Álvarez and Golovkin first fought in 2017 and again in 2018, but those 24 rounds did nothing to determine superiority among two evenly matched fighters with nearly unmatched combinations of skill and punching power.

They fought to a split draw in their first meeting, but nearly everybody without an official scorecard thought Golovkin deserved the victory. Their second meeting

was closer, and while Álvarez won by razor-thin majority decision, Golovkin again vehemently disagreed with the judges in his only career defeat.

Golovkin had fought only four times in the four years since that bout, and this third bout likely was delayed by his vocal criticism of Álvarez for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance before the second fight. Álvarez said the rivalry was now personal after years of bad blood and mutual criticism, while Golovkin insisted Álvarez was just another opponent.

That's clearly not true: This matchup was special, and it may turn out to be the greatest rivalry of both fighters' careers.

In the show's penultimate bout, Jesse "Bam" Rodriguez remained unbeaten and retained his WBC super flyweight title with a difficult unanimous-decision victory over Israel Gonzalez. The 22-year-old Rodriguez (17-0, 11 KOs) is a rising star, and he overcame a point deduction for a low blow to win a tactical matchup with an unorthodox opponent. **MDT/AP**

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OPINION

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**HARD TO CONCLUDE
 AUKUS PARTNERSHIP
 NOT ENGAGED
 IN NUCLEAR
 PROLIFERATION**

Upon the establishment of their AUKUS alliance one year ago, the United Kingdom and the United States announced that they would transfer nuclear submarine technology to Australia.

The plan has met with fierce condemnation and opposition, not least from China which is generally viewed as being the target of the move, on the basis that it violates the nuclear non-proliferation treaty which the three countries are signatories to.

Under the plan, Australia will acquire at least eight nuclear submarines that IAEA chief Rafael Grossi has said will be fuelled by weapons-grade, or close to it, "very highly enriched uranium".

As China said in a position paper sent to IAEA member states during this week's quarterly meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors in Vienna, "The AUKUS partnership involves the illegal transfer of nuclear weapon materials, making it essentially an act of nuclear proliferation".

Since the position paper the Chinese side put forward questions both the legal basis for the AUKUS program and such issues as the interpretation of nuclear proliferation, the IAEA rules, and the mandate of the IAEA and its leadership, the issue has become a crucial test for the global nuclear watchdog. It needs to stay true to its mission of preserving peace via non-proliferation if it is to retain its authority.

"The IAEA, as a non-proliferation agency, would directly violate its own statute and the Non-Proliferation Treaty if it endorses the legality of the AUKUS countries' proliferation activities", as Wang Qun, Chinese permanent representative to the UN and other international organizations in Vienna, said.

Australia says it will be unable and unwilling to use the fuel in its submarines to make nuclear weapons since the vessels will have "welded power units" containing nuclear material that would need chemical processing for use in nuclear weapons, and it neither has nor wants the facilities to do that.

The AUKUS countries and the IAEA say the NPT allows so-called marine nuclear propulsion provided necessary arrangements are made with the IAEA.

China disagrees and says the AUKUS countries are seeking to take the IAEA "hostage" so they can "whitewash" their nuclear proliferation.

While the focus has been on the nuclear reactors that will power the submarines, it should also be noted that the vessels are to be based on the US navy's latest Virginia-class submarines, which can launch both cruise and ballistic nuclear missiles.

Looking at the AUKUS deal within the bigger picture, although the Joe Biden administration's nuclear posture review remains classified, which is in itself unusual, given the revamping of the US' nuclear posture under the Trump administration — which made nuclear weapon use more matter of fact than let's hope it never comes to that — along with the Pentagon's desire for naval bases in North Australia, it seems naive to conclude that it does not constitute nuclear proliferation in one form or another.

A bus reportedly taking 47 people to COVID-19 quarantine in southwest China crashed in the pre-dawn hours yesterday morning, killing 27 and injuring 20 others, media said.

The bus overturned on an expressway in Guizhou province, a brief statement from the Sandu county police said, without mentioning any connection to quarantine. The injured were being treated, it said.

Chinese business news outlet Caixin said that Sandu officials confirmed that the passengers were "epidemic-related people"

being taken from Guiyang, the provincial capital, to Lido county, which is about 200 kilometers southeast.

Guiyang reported about 180 new cases on Friday. China has maintained a strict "zero-COVID" policy that isolates infected people and close contacts to try to contain the spread of the disease.

The bus overturned about 2:40 a.m., according to an online report by an arm of the Guizhou Daily media group. Following the accident, it said that provincial leaders called for an examination into the pandemic transfer and isolation procedures.



**STRONG EARTHQUAKE
 IN TAIWAN TRAPS
 PEOPLE, DERAILS TRAIN**

**JOHNSON LAI
 & KEN MORITSUGU, TAIPEI**

A strong earthquake shook much of Taiwan yesterday, toppling a three-story building and temporarily trapping four people inside, stranding about 400 tourists on a mountainside, and knocking part of a passenger train off its tracks.

The magnitude 6.8 quake was the largest among dozens that have rattled the island's southeastern coast since Saturday evening, when a 6.4 quake struck the same area. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Most of the damage appeared to be north of the epicenter, which Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau said was in the town of Chishang at the relatively shallow depth of 7 kilometers.

The three-story building, which had a 7-11 convenience store on the ground floor and residences on the upper ones, collapsed in nearby Yuli town, the island's Central News Agency said.

The 70-year-old owner of the building and his wife were rescued first, but it took longer to get to a 39-year-old woman and her 5-year-old daughter.

A photo released by the Hualien city government showed the girl lying on a blanket and being handed down a metal ladder from the top of the debris by helmeted rescue workers in orange uniforms.

The top two stories of the building were left sprawled across a small street and onto the other side, with electricity wires pulled down by the fallen structure.

More than 7,000 households were reported without power in Yuli, and water pipes were also damaged. Shelves and musical instruments fell over at the Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church and a long crack ran down its floor. Outside, the pavement was broken into slabs of concrete.

Police and firefighters rushed to a bridge collapse on a two-lane road in what appeared to be a rural part of the same town where three people and

one or more vehicles may have fallen off, according to media reports.

Also in Yuli, a landslide trapped nearly 400 tourists on a mountain famous for the orange day lilies that blanket its slopes this time of year, the Central News Agency said. They had no electricity and a weak cellphone signal.

Debris from a falling canopy on a platform at Dongli station in Fuli town, which is between Yuli and the epicenter at Chishang, hit a passing train, derailing six cars, the Central News Agency said, citing the railway administration. None of the 20 passengers were injured.

The shaking was felt at the north end of the island in the capital, Taipei. In Taoyuan city, west of Taipei and 210 kilometers north of the epicenter, a man was injured by a ceiling collapse on the 5th floor of a sports center.

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami advisory for several southern Japanese islands near Taiwan, but later lifted it. **MDT/AP**



Ukraine A top Vatican envoy and his entourage came under fire as they were distributing humanitarian supplies in Ukraine, the Vatican news service said yesterday, but reported no injuries. The incident took place near the city of Zaporizhzhia on Saturday and forced Vatican Almoner Cardinal Konrad Krajewski and others to take cover.

Egypt said Saturday that it will increase transit fees for vessels, including oil-laden tankers, passing through Suez Canal, one of the world's most crucial waterways. The Suez Canal Authority said in a statement on Saturday that it will add 15% to the fees for tankers carrying oil and petroleum products, and 10% for dry bulk carriers and cruise ships.



Serbia Riot police clashed Saturday with soccer hooligans in downtown Belgrade, where a pan-European Pride march was held despite threats from anti-gay groups and an official earlier ban on the march in the traditionally conservative Balkan state. Tensions were high in the Serbian capital as ultranationalist fans hurled stun grenades, stones and flares at a police cordon, which repelled the attack with batons and riot shields. Hundreds of Pride march supporters, meanwhile, gathered a few kilometers away in the pouring rain, dancing and singing their march was held on shortened route.



Syria U.S.-backed Syrian fighters said Saturday they have concluded a 24-day sweep at a sprawling camp in northeast Syria housing tens of thousands of women and children linked to the Islamic State group. Dozens of extremists were detained and weapons were confiscated in the operation at al-Hol camp, which began on Aug. 25, the U.S.-backed forces said. The U.S.-backed force said two of its fighters were killed in clashes with extremists inside the camp during the operation.