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**Japan's** economy minister said he submitted his resignation yesterday over ties to the Unification Church after facing mounting criticism in a widening controversy involving dozens of governing party lawmakers. Daishiro Yamagiwa's (pictured) resignation is a further blow to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's government, which has been rocked by his party's close ties to the controversial South Korean-based church following the assassination of former leader Shinzo Abe in July.

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**Ukrainian** authorities yesterday tried to dampen public fears over Russia's use of Iranian-built drones on its neighbor by claiming increasing success in shooting down the small aircraft, while talk of a "dirty bomb" attack has added another worrying dimension to the conflict that's entering its ninth month. Ukrainians are bracing for less electric power this winter following a sustained Russian barrage on infrastructure across their country in recent weeks. Meanwhile, citizens in the southern city of Mykolaiv lined up for water and essential supplies as Ukrainian forces continued their advance on the nearby Russian-occupied city of Kherson. *More on p8*

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GRAND PRIX

# FIRST WOMAN RIDING LOCAL GP BIKES CROWDFUNDS HER RACE

RENATO MARQUES

**N**ADIEH Schoots is the first ever woman to be listed to race in the Macau Grand Prix's motorcycle race main event. The news broke from the racer herself. Through her social media channels as well as her official website, she announced her participation for the first time in the event that will take place next month.

In a post on Instagram, the Dutch racer also said this possibility comes after 10 years of her first hearing about the local GP and dreaming of participating in the race she named "the coolest thing I'd ever seen."

The 31-year-old will be the first woman to race in the Macau Motorcycle GP, although in 1997 Portugal's Fernanda Ramos participated in the Super Challenge Race, a secondary race of the GP that included several kinds of



motorcycles and different engine types.

Schoots also revealed that back in 2018 she had already been invited by the Macau Grand Prix Committee to join the event but, at that time, she had to decline the invitation due to an in-

jury she had suffered.

"I've dreamed of racing the Macau GP ever since meeting Dutch road racer Branko Srdanov in 2012 when we both competed in IDM (Internationale Deutsche Motorradmeisterschaft - German International Motor-

cycle Championship)... actually, at the time I did not believe it was something I could or would ever do, I simply thought it was the coolest race I'd ever seen. Yet a decade and a lot of blood, sweat and tears later, here we are. Not only do I make my debut, but I'll also be the first woman to ever race a motorcycle in Macau. I'm incredibly excited, and hope to inspire more women to follow in my footsteps," the racer said in a statement.

As the invitation to the event this year came very late, the racer is currently attempting to find sponsorships to be able to race in Macau and to balance her and her mechanics' finances. Since Schoots is an amateur racer, the trip to Macau, including quarantine on entry, represents at least three weeks away from home and her daily job with the consequent loss of wages. She noted her team had established

the crowdfunding project at gofundme.com to assist with the finances.

With this campaign, she hopes to collect some GBP8,000 (MOP73,308) that she claims to need to cover both her losses as well as funding her two mechanics Jödie Griffin and Sophie McGinn.

As of Monday evening, the crowdfunding project had 32 donations that reached GBP1,890 (MOP17,318), a figure campaign organizer Griffin said almost covers the wages that will be lost during the trip, but not the costs related to the racing event itself, i.e., tires, consumables, tools, spare parts and flight cases, among others.

According to the racer's record, this year Schoots participated in four different races including the two hours of Zolder (Belgium), the North West 200 (Northern Ireland), the Horice 300 ZGH (Czech Republic), and the 24 Hour of Catalunya (Spain).

Schoots also has the title of the first woman to ever qualify for a Superbike race in the NW200 (2018) under her belt, and holds the Fastest Female record at the same event, beating the previous record by 11 seconds.

## Worker killed at Galaxy construction site

**A** construction worker died yesterday after a work-related accident on the Galaxy Macau construction site on Sunday, the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) has reported in a statement.

According to the statement, the DSAL said it will follow up on the case to assist the worker's family to obtain the due compensation.

The preliminary report from the bureau has noted the worker was caught between the beam of the ceiling and the fence of the lifting platform while operating the mobile lifting platform. The DSAL said it will continue to intensify efforts to deepen the promotion and monitoring of occupational



safety and health.

The DSAL also said it will meet industry representatives and safety management personnel, reminding them of the need to ensure safety management of construction sites as well as strictly requiring and urging workers to take

relevant safety measures at work.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation with potential further actions to come in the event of any breach of occupational safety and health regulations being discovered. **RM**

## OBITUARY

### CARLOS MELANCIA PASSES AWAY AT 95

**C**ARLOS Melancia, former governor of Macau, passed away Sunday at the age of 95 in Lisbon, Portugal. Melancia was one of the last governors of Macau, serving the city between 1987 to 1991.

As the governor of Macau, he focused on the development of social security and the creation of large infrastructures such as the airport, a project that was involved in the case that would take him to court.

He was accused of having received about 250,000 euros from a German company to influence a tender related to the construction of the airport. However, the project was never granted to the said company. The case became known as the Macau Fax Case, after a headline of defunct Portuguese



weekly O Independente broke the news.

He was accused by the Public Prosecutor's Office of passive corruption. In 2002, more than a decade after his dismissal, a Lisbon high court finally acquitted Melancia because the existence of the bribe was not proven.

With a degree in Engi-

neering, he has served as Minister of Industry and Technology (1976-1978) and Minister of the Sea (1983-1985) before his appointment in Macau by late President of Portugal Mário Soares.

Governor Melancia was one of the first Western politicians to visit Beijing after June 4, 1989. **LV**

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MENTAL HEALTH

# Suicide cases from January to September surpass 2021 figures

LYNZY VALLES

**M**ACAUI has recorded 65 cases of suicide since the start of the year, according to data from the Health Bureau (SSM).

During the third quarter, 18 suicide cases were recorded. Among them were nine men and nine women, aged between 24 and 91.

According to the SSM, the cases, 90% of whom are Macau ID holders, were suffering from mental illnesses and chronic diseases.

Suicide cases in the city have been on the rise amid the pandemic; according to surveys, the primary cause of stress is economic or financial pressure.

Earlier this year, the Times reported that Macau had recorded an alarming number of suicide cases in the first quarter of this year, which could be interpreted as hitting a crisis level.



The crisis was echoed by the SSM, which has confirmed that until July, there have been 53 cases of suicide, a figure close to the

60 cases recorded in the entire year of 2021.

The measures undertaken by the government establishing the

so-called "state of relative confinement" back in June have highlighted existing problems of mental disorders including de-

pression, anxiety, insomnia, and suicidal tendencies, as several academic studies, experts, and reports from local welfare associations have noted.

Local welfare association Caritas Macau has previously said that, since the beginning of the community outbreak of Covid-19 in June and over a period of just three weeks, the association's suicide prevention and mental support hotline received over 500 requests for mental help, 18 of them directly related to suicide.

A study co-conducted by researchers from the University of Macau (UM) has found almost 40% of the population in Macau have mental disorders such as insomnia, depression, and anxiety.

The SSM has called on the public to seek help actively if they have psychological and emotional problems, to prevent these from becoming sources of pressure and mental illness. At the same time, the SSM pledged to keep monitoring the social situation and providing assistance to people in need.

The Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) encourages residents to be conscious of their psychological and emotional state as well as those of their relatives and friends. If in need, residents can call Caritas' Life Hope hotline (28525222) or IAS' counseling hotline (28261126).

E-VOUCHER

# New consumption subsidy to commence roll out on Oct. 28

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE government has reminded local residents the new round of the consumption subsidy will start to be distributed conditionally on October 28.

All permanent and non-permanent residents who have registered or will register for the current round of the government consumption subsidy will automatically be registered for the new round of subsidy, which amounts to MOP8,000.

According to government requirements, eligible residents must finish using up the entire amount of the current subsidy before they will get the funds for the next round. By "using up", the government refers to both the start-up and the discount amounts.

As the validity periods of both rounds of sub-



dies overlap with one another, some residents will receive the amount for the next round as early as October 28, the government emphasized.

Residents who have not used up their existing consumption subsidies will get their new subsidies two days after they use up their current amounts. Those who cannot finish

their existing subsidies by February 28, 2023 will automatically get their new amounts from March 2 next year.

Residents who hold their current sum in the form of Macau Pass cards will be required to tap their card at any top-up machines across the city to receive the new funds by April 28, 2023.

GAMING

# COMMISSION CONTINUES NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVEN CONCESSION BIDDERS

LYNZY VALLES

**T**HE government conducted another round of negotiations with the seven bidders for the city's 10-year gaming concessions yesterday.

As cited in a TDM report, today's meeting with the companies will be the last and that the government and bidders still seem far from a final agreement.

The seven bidders competing for the government's six licenses to operate casinos started their negotiations with the gaming tender commission in September, and have reportedly held three rounds of talks.

Following these talks, the competitors are required to submit an amended proposal based on the discussions, along with the total amount of investment they will make throughout the following 10 years.

In an earnings call with analysts last week, Las Vegas Sands, parent company of Sands China, revealed it has



held several rounds of discussions with the government regarding the current gaming tender deliberation, and is expecting a notice on the next development by the end of the month.

According to the group, the "timetable remains the same."

Casinos have been suffering from cash bleed since the peak of the pandemic, following strict border restrictions to adhere to Beijing's zero-Covid policy.

September has been another bleak month for the city's casinos as revenues plunged 49.6% year-on-

-year to MOP2.96 billion, another blow to the sector as China's lockdown continues across the country.

Analysts have expressed concern about cash burn rates in the gaming sector and are particularly doubtful about the ability of gaming companies to survive under harsh operating conditions.

Seven companies submitted proposals from September 13 and 14, where the opening of bids took place on September 16 in the presence of representatives and local government authorities.

**FSS: CONTRIBUTIONS UNPAID FROM 12,000 EMPLOYERS**

The Social Security Fund is calling on employers to pay contributions for their employees for the third quarter of this year. According to the bureau, as of October 23, about 12,000 employers had not made the Social Security System's obligatory system contributions for their employees for the third quarter of 2022, accounting for about 46% of the total employers who are required to pay contributions. Employers are required by law to make contributions for their local long-term employees within the month. Late payments incur interest and a fine, the bureau has reminded employers.

**MPU HOLDS TOURISM CONFERENCE**

The Annual Conference on Tourism and Entertainment Technology Innovation 2022 was recently held at Macao Polytechnic University (MPU). 16 units from tourism leisure and entertainment integrated enterprises, gaming equipment technology companies and technology network associations were invited to contribute their advanced ideas to the development of tourism and entertainment technology innovation. The conference covered three aspects: "Building a City of Smart Tourism & Entertainment", "Latest Developments of Gaming Technology Industry", and "Virtual Reality - The New Trend of Travel Experience". The conference attracted more than 150 participants from enterprises and universities, according to a statement from the university.

**CRIME**

**Over MOP70 million scammed in first three quarters this year**

ANTHONY LAM

**O**VER MOP70 million has been reported lost in the first nine months of the year due to scams, Sit Chong Meng, director of the Judiciary Police (PJ), revealed.

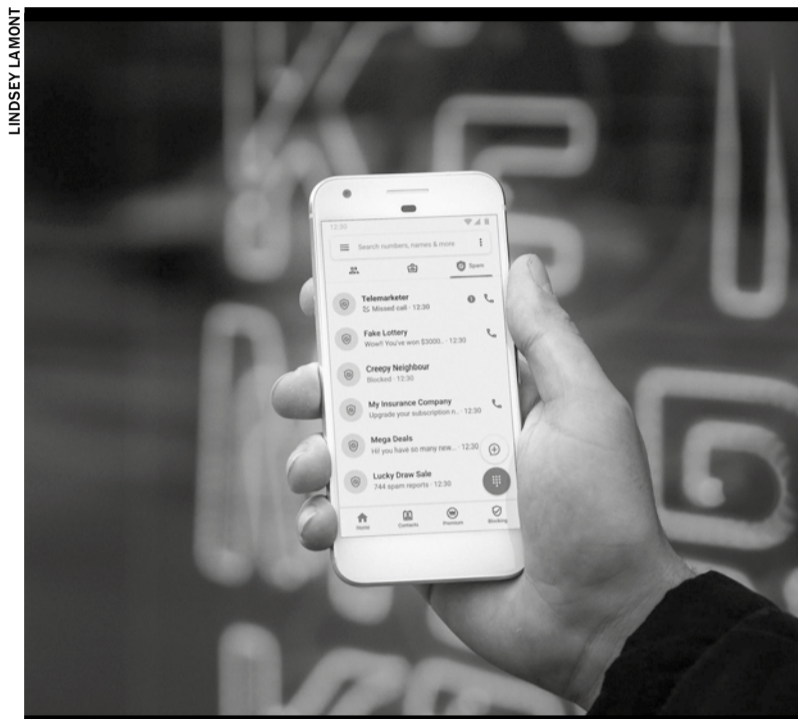
On the sidelines of a police event yesterday, Sit disclosed 84 phone scams have been reported to his bureau in the first nine months, amounting to MOP35.7 million, which the police director described as "a relatively significant increase."

On the other hand, 62 fake personality money scams were recorded in the first nine months, which amounted to MOP37.9 million in reported losses.

Fake personality money scams, commonly referred to in Chinese as "Pig-killing Scams," involve time for cultivation or familiarization. Scammers usually pretend to be boyfriends or girlfriends, and attempt to lure a victim to fall for their scams using romantic rhetoric and tricks. Usually, scammers impersonate middle eastern dignitaries, foreign professionals or low-profile wealthy personalities.

In addition, Sit reported the bank accounts involved are mainly located in Southeast Asian countries. Recently, however, accounts from Africa and South America have also been involved in such scams, Sit added.

He said investigations have become increasingly difficult as the geographical scope has expanded. Investigation and pre-



vention rely primarily on the mutual policing assistance mechanism between Macau and Interpol as well as Macau and mainland police bureaus. The mechanism facilitates the exchange of intelligence as well.

Another type of scam is the fake employment scam, and the PJ director disclosed that 15 such cases had been reported this year so far. Fake employment scams work in such a way that people are baited or lured to jobs in Southeast Asian countries, where victims will work long hours per day expanding the scam network by either scamming in money or luring more people to "do the job."

In one of the 15 cases, a local resident had been deceived and had made the trip to a foreign country, Sit disclosed. While in-

vestigations are still in progress, he confirmed the resident had returned to Macau safely.

In a similar case, three local women were persuaded to take a job in a Southeast Asian country. Fortunately, Sit explained, intelligence revealed the so-called employment scam. Authorities were able to alert the three women to the scam before they left for the fraudulent scheme.

Other cases were reported by local residents who had received referrals or information from their families, friends or coworkers. "For the time being, none of these local residents have been deceived into leaving for foreign countries," Sit added.

Sit refrained from providing excessive information as he reiterated investigations were still in progress for most of these cases.

**PJ MAKES MASCOT BEE TO PROMOTE ANTI-SCAM DRIVES**

Yesterday afternoon, PJ launched its anti-scam mascot, Little Anti-swindle Fairy, at a ceremony at the Macao Polytechnic University. The fairy takes the image of a bee.

In his speech, Sit said that, in response to online swindles, the PJ has implemented the strategy of simultaneous investigation and prevention, as well as continuously improving the triple response mechanism comprising prevention, recovery and hit. He stressed the PJ has different tactics for the three elements in the mechanism.

For example, he highlighted, the police have been in constant collaboration with local financial institutions in the retrieval or recovery of allegedly scammed funds. When a victim is attempting to transfer money to a suspicious account in or out of Macau, frontline staff or the online banking websites of the initiating institutions will issue warnings to remind the victim about the possibility of fraud. In other cases, victims may realize they have been swindled after making the bank wire instructions. In such a case, they can contact their banks to intercept or retrieve the wired funds.

Sit said the bank transfer retrieval or interception mechanism was introduced experimentally in August this year.

The ceremony also saw six local residents, banks or businesses receive certificates in praise of their efforts in helping to stop family members or clients from being swindled.

**CRIME**

**Man detained for injuring elderly father**

RENATO MARQUES

**A** 34-year-old man from Macau has been detained by the Judiciary Police (PJ) on suspicion of violence against his father and causing several injuries, a PJ spokesperson said yesterday during the regular press conference of the police forces.

According to the same spokesperson, the victim is a 72-year-old man who lived with his son (the suspect) and his wife.

The case was initially reported to the Public Security Police Force (PSP) which later transferred it to the PJ for further investigation.

During questioning, the victim told PJ investigators this was, by his count, the eighth time his son had used violence against him, noting that, on five previous occasions, he had called for help from the PSP but after the officers arrived, he had refrained from pressing charges against his son out of pity

for him, he said.

On at least one of the previous occasions, the man was seriously injured after the son hit him in the face with a drinking glass causing him to receive treatment at the hospital.

The victim said the suspect had been unemployed since 2019 and that, since then, he had been staying at home all day and behaving very angrily and violently at times.

Last Saturday (October 22), the man said his son

had another of these episodes of fury and used the glass to hit out around the kitchen and house. When he got closer to see what was happening, he was hit again, this time on the back of his head. After he recovered from the blow he called once again for help from the police and this time told them the whole story.

The suspect has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office accused of domestic violence.



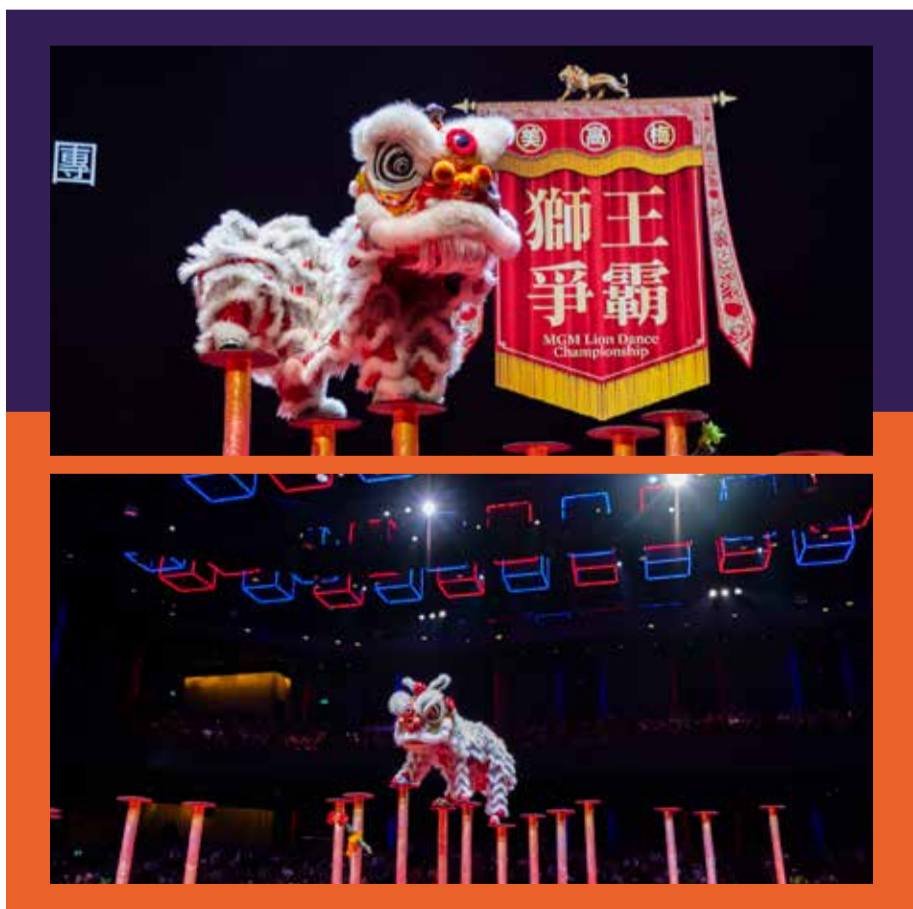


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ZERO-COVID

# ECONOMIC GROWTH ACCELERATES BUT WEAK AMID PARTIAL SHUTDOWNS

CHINA'S economic growth picked up in the latest quarter but still was among the weakest in decades as the ruling Communist Party tries to reverse a slump while enforcing anti-virus controls and a crackdown on debt in its vast real estate industry.

The world's second-largest economy grew by 3.9% over a year earlier in the three months ending in September, up from the previous quarter's 0.4%, official data showed yesterday.

The announcement was planned for last week but postponed while the ruling Communist Party met to award President Xi Jinping a new term as leader.

Xi, the most powerful leader in decades, wants a bigger party role in business and technology development. That has prompted warnings tighter control of entrepreneurs who generate jobs and wealth will depress growth that already was in long-term decline.

The party gave Xi a free hand by installing a seven-member ruling Standing Committee made up of his allies. Supporters of free enterprise including Premier Li Keqiang, the party's No. 2 until last week, were dropped from the leadership.

Chinese stock markets closed lower yesterday despite the unexpectedly strong data, suggesting investors still are uneasy about the country's growth prospects.

The International Monetary Fund and private sector forecasters say the economy will expand by as little as 3% this year. That



would be the second weakest since the 1980s after 2020, when growth plunged to 2.4% at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Investors and the public watched the congress for initiatives to stimulate the economy or reduce the impact of "Zero COVID" controls, but none were announced.

Insiders say that the Chinese government maintains the strict public health policy "mainly because of the poor vaccination rate among the 60-plus population," to avoid mortality among this age group.

The latest slide in growth that began in mid-2021 hurts China's trading partners by depressing

demand for imported oil, food and consumer goods.

The improvement is "mainly a result of more flexible" anti-virus controls that isolate individual buildings or neighborhoods instead of cities, said Iris Pang of ING in a report. But she said more lockdowns are "still a big uncertainty."

"This uncertainty means the effectiveness of pro-growth policy would be undermined," Pang said.

Growth slid after controls on debt that regulators worry is dangerously high caused a slump in real estate sales and construction, one of China's biggest economic engines. Economic growth fell to 4% over a year earlier in

the final quarter.

Beijing has eased mortgage lending and local governments have taken over some unfinished projects to make sure buyers get apartments. But regulators are sticking to debt limits have forced small developers into bankruptcy and caused some bigger competitors to miss payments to bondholders.

The ruling party is enforcing "Zero COVID" despite rising costs and public frustration after Shanghai and other industrial centers were temporarily and partially shut down. That has boiled over into protests in some areas at a time when other countries are easing anti-virus controls.

For the first nine months of 2022, growth was 3% over a year earlier, up from 2.5% in the first six months but barely half the ruling party's official 5.5% target.

Leaders have stopped talking about that goal but promised easier lending and other measures to boost growth.

Growth is "highly uneven" and supported by government spending on building roads and other public works while consumer spending is weakening, said Larry Hu and Yuxiao Zhang of Macquarie in a report.

In September, retail sales growth fell to 2.5% over a year earlier from the previous month's 5.4%. Growth in factory output accelerated to 6.3% from 4.2%.

Also yesterday, trade data showed export growth declined to 5.7% compared with a year earlier in September from the previous month's 7%. Imports crept up 0.3%.

"Most of the economy lost momentum last month," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report. "The situation looks to have worsened in October."

Investment in infrastructure, mostly government money, rose 16% in September compared with the previous month's 15%.

Repeated shutdowns and uncertainty about business conditions have devastated entrepreneurs. Small retailers and restaurants have closed. Others say they are struggling to stay afloat.

Beijing is using cautious, targeted stimulus instead of across-the-board spending, a strategy that will take longer to show results, economists say. Chinese leaders "worry too much spending might push up politically sensitive housing costs or corporate debt."

MDT/AP

DIRE STRAIT

# German lawmakers oppose China military threats toward Taiwan

ANY changes to the China-Taiwan relationship must come about peacefully, a visiting German lawmaker said yesterday, two days after China's ruling Communist Party wrote its rejection of Taiwan independence into its charter.

A German parliamentary delegation focusing on human rights met Taiwan leader Tsai Ing-wen at her office yesterday. The lawmakers expressed interest in how Taiwan would handle threats from China.

"Taiwan is really facing military threats," delegation head Peter Heidt said.

"From Germany's point of view, changes to the cross-strait status quo, if any, must be based on peaceful means. Also, these changes must be made after both sides have reached a consensus."

China claims Taiwan as its territory and says the self-governing island about 160 kilometers off its east coast must come under its control.

The Chinese Communist Party, on the last day of a major congress that confirmed a third five-year term for leader Xi Jinping, inserted a statement into

the party constitution on Saturday "resolutely opposing and deterring separatists" seeking Taiwan's independence.

"We note Xi Jinping's intimidation against Taiwan in China's 20th party congress. We also note the reaction of mainland China after Pelosi visited Taiwan," he said, referring to the large-scale military drills held after the visit of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in July.

Tsai did not refer to the amending of the Communist Party's constitution in her remarks. But her government's Mainland Affairs

Council issued a statement Saturday urging China to break away from the mindset of confronting or even conquering the island, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency.

The statement said their differences should be resolved in a peaceful manner.

At the opening of China's weeklong party congress, Xi said Beijing would continue to strive for peaceful "reunification" with Taiwan but refused to renounce the possible use of force. The two sides split in 1949 after a civil war.

The German delega-



tion arrived yesterday and was expected to leave tomorrow. It is the second

German parliamentary group visiting Taiwan this month. MDT/AP

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

PHILIPPINES

# Korean Air plane overruns Cebu runway, 173 people safe

JIM GOMEZ, MANILA

A damaged Korean Air plane remained stuck in the grass at a central Philippine airport yesterday after it overshot a runway in rainy weather the night before. No injuries were reported among the 162 passengers and 11 crewmembers who escaped from the aircraft using emergency slides.

Dozens of flights have been canceled and Mactan-Cebu International Airport, one of the country's busiest, remained closed due to the stalled aircraft at the end of its lone usable runway.

The terrifying close call prompted a public apology from Korean Air's president and a vow from one of Asia's most prominent airlines to take steps to prevent a recurrence.

"We always prioritize safety in all of our operations, and we truly regret the stress and inconvenience brought to our passengers," Korean Air President Woo Keehong said in a statement.

AP PHOTO



A man walks beside a damaged Korean Air plane after it overshot the runway at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport in Cebu, central Philippines early yesterday

The front underbelly of the plane was sheared off and its nose was heavily damaged. The plane

lay tipped forward on a grassy area with its front landing wheel not visible and emergency slides

deployed at the doors. A ripped-open hole was also visible at the top of the plane near a front door.

Philippine officials said the plane's remaining fuel would be siphoned off before efforts begin to remove the aircraft at the runway's end. Authorities were also assessing if the other aircraft that are stranded at the airport could be allowed to fly out safely.

Dozens of flights to and from Cebu province were canceled, including those of flag carrier Philippine Airlines, which initially announced more than 50 canceled domestic flights.

A Philippine investigation of the accident was underway.

The Airbus A330 flying from Incheon, South Korea, attempted to land twice before overrunning the runway on the third attempt, Korean Air Lines Co. said in a statement.

"All passengers are safe and being attended by ground personnel," the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said in a statement.

In 1981, A Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 jetliner overshot the runway while taking off from Manila's international airport and skidded to a stop at the edge of a major highway. The accident injured more than a dozen of about 350 people onboard.

The plane hit a concrete fence and skidded to a halt on its belly with its front section frighteningly protruding over a busy side road of a key highway south of metropolitan Manila. **MDT/AP**

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PUTIN'S WAR

# Ukraine cites success in downing drones, fixes energy sites

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**U**KRAINIAN authorities tried to dampen public fears over Russia's use of Iranian drones by claiming increasing success yesterday in shooting them down, while the Kremlin's talk of a possible "dirty bomb" attack has added another worrying dimension as the war enters its ninth month.

Ukrainians are bracing for less electric power this winter following a sustained Russian barrage on their infrastructure in recent weeks. Citizens in the southern Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv lined up for water and essential supplies as Ukrainian forces continued their advance on the nearby Russian-occupied city of Kherson.

Ukraine's forces have shot down more than two-thirds of the approximately 330 Shahed drones that Russia has fired through Saturday, the head of Ukraine's intelligence service, Kyrylo Budanov, said in an interview yesterday. Budanov said Russia's military had ordered about 1,700 various types of drones, and is rolling out a second batch of about 300 Shaheds.

"Terror with the use of 'Shaheds' can actually last for a long time," he was quoted as saying in *Ukrainska Pravda* newspaper, adding: "Air defense is basically coping, 70% are shot down."

Both Russia and Iran deny that any Iranian-built drones have been used in the war but the triangle-shaped Shahed-136s have rained down on civilians in Kyiv and elsewhere in Ukraine.

Britain's Ministry of Defense, in an intelligence update on Twitter, said Russia was likely to use a large number of the drones to try to penetrate "increasingly effective Ukrainian air defenses" — in part to substitute for Russian-made long-range precision weapons "which are becoming increasingly scarce."

That assessment came on top of a stark warning by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu to key British, French, Turkish and U.S. counterparts over the weekend that Ukrainian forces were preparing a "provocation" involving a radioactive device — a



People refill their plastic bottles with drinking water from a tank in the center of Mykolaiv yesterday

so-called "dirty bomb." Britain, France, and the United States rejected that claim as "transparently false."

A dirty bomb uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste in an effort to sow terror. Such weapons don't have the devastating destruction of a nuclear explosion, but could expose broad areas to radioactive contamination.

Russian authorities doubled down on Shoigu's warning.

Lt. Gen. Igor Kirillov, head of the Russian military's radiation, chemical and biological protection forces, said Russian military assets were on high readiness for possible radioactive contamination. He told reporters a "dirty bomb" blast could contaminate thousands of square kilometers and spew deadly radiation up to 1,500 kilometers.

At a news conference yesterday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov: "It's not an unfounded suspicion, we have serious reasons to believe that such things could be planned."

Ukraine has rejected Moscow's claims as an attempt to distract attention from its own plans to detonate a dirty bomb. German Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht dismissed as "outrageous" the claim that Ukraine could use a dirty bomb, saying there were "zero indications" of that.

In a televised address Sunday evening, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy suggested that Moscow itself was setting the stage for deploying a radioactive device

on Ukrainian soil.

On the battlefield yesterday, his office said at least six civilians were killed and another five were wounded by Russian shelling of several Ukrainian regions over the past 24 hours, including Mykolaiv — where energy facilities were targeted — and the city of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetsk region.

Russian authorities said Ukrainian troops fired rockets at a major hydroelectric power plant in the Kherson region. Russian news agencies cited regional emergency services as saying the Ukrainian military had fired 19 rockets at the Kakhovka plant and scored three hits.

Vladimir Rogov, a senior member of the Kherson regional administration, said the plant hadn't sustained serious damage and continued to operate. Russia and Ukraine have both accused each other of plotting to blow up the plant's dam to flood the area as Ukrainian forces were pressing an offensive on Kherson, which was captured by Russian troops early in the war.

Ukraine's relentless artillery strikes on Kherson have cut the main crossings across the Dnieper River, which bisects southern Ukraine, and have left Russian troops on the west bank short of supplies and vulnerable to encirclement. The region is one of four that Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed last month and put under Russian martial law last week.

Budanov, the Ukrainian intelligence chief, played

down speculation that Russian forces were preparing an immediate exit from Kherson.

While Russian forces were helping hundreds of officials and residents evacuate, "at the same time, they are bringing new military units in and preparing the streets of the city for defense," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, Russian authorities removed monuments of 18th-century Russian military chiefs Alexander Suvorov and Fyodor Ushakov from Kherson to save them from Ukrainian shelling.

On Saturday, Russian-installed authorities told all residents of Kherson to leave "immediately" ahead of an expected advance by Ukrainian troops waging a counteroffensive to recapture the city, which sits on a key route to the Russian-occupied Black Sea peninsula of Crimea.

A poll released yesterday from the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology showed 86% of Ukrainian respondents agreed that Ukraine's armed struggle with Russia should continue. Some 10% believed it was necessary to start negotiations with Russia even if Ukraine has to make concessions. The telephone poll of 1,000 adults from across Ukraine was conducted Friday through Sunday, it said.

Residents in Mykolaiv, northwest of Kherson, echoed the determination to fight on — even as their city endures shelling almost every night and residents must line up during the day for food and water. **MDT/AP**

## this day in history

### 1983 US TROOPS INVADE GRENADA



United States marines and army rangers have invaded the Caribbean island of Grenada, seized the country's two airports and taken Cuban and Soviet prisoners.

The action, which has shocked the world, was ordered by President Ronald Reagan following a bloody coup by Cuban-trained military who executed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, and at least 13 of his associates.

Backed by helicopter gunships, 1,900 US troops were airlifted to Pearls airport in the north of the island at dawn. They were followed a few hours later by 300 soldiers from six other Caribbean countries.

The invasion of this former British colony has angered British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who spoke with President Reagan last night to try to dissuade him from military action.

But the Pentagon has expressed a "sense of outrage" that she refused to participate in the invasion despite America's support during the Falklands conflict last year.

The US Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger, said three US soldiers were killed as they fought members of a Cuban work force building a runway at Point Salinas Airport.

Other US officials said 30 Soviet advisers and 600 Cubans had been arrested. The Caribbean Broadcasting Corp owned by the Barbados government reported four Cubans dead.

President Reagan announced the attack at a news conference in the White House four hours after his troops had landed.

At his side was the prime minister of Dominica, Eugenia Charles, who is also chair of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The president said the US had taken military action after an appeal by the OECS, Jamaica and Barbados who were worried about the security of the region following last week's coup.

He also wanted to ensure the safety of a thousand Americans living in Grenada, including about 600 students and teachers at St George's University medical school.

Grenada gained its independence in 1974 and five years later there was a popular revolution led by the New Jewel Movement which brought the charismatic Marxist leader, Maurice Bishop, to power.

The coup leaders - Hudson Austin and Bernard Coard, Mr Bishop's former deputy - objected to the prime minister's policy of developing closer ties with the United States.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Hundreds more troops were sent in over the next few days. Heavy fighting continued but as the invasion force grew to more than 7,000 the defenders either surrendered or fled into the mountains. The US Government puts the total death toll at 45 Grenadians, 24 Cubans and 19 Americans. World leaders were outraged by America's action. On 28 October the United Nations failed to get a motion passed deploring the invasion - because it was vetoed by the United States. Bernard Coard and 13 others were sentenced to death for Maurice Bishop's murder but these sentences were commuted to life imprisonment in 1991. An Interim Advisory Council reinstated the 1974 constitution. Elections were held in 1984 and the centre-left New National Party won and Herbert A Blaize became Grenada's new prime minister.



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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
**Mar. 21-Apr. 19**  
 Your added discipline will help you complete the impossible at work. Travel should be on your mind. You may find that family members may not be too easy to get along with.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr. 20-May. 20**  
 You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. You need to put some trust in others. Your nerves are frazzled. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures.

**GEMINI**  
**May. 21-Jun. 21**  
 Anger might lead to carelessness and minor injuries. It's a good time to make changes to your living quarters that will give you more space.

**CANCER**  
**Jun. 22-Jul. 22**  
 Reevaluate your motives. You would be wise to socialize with as many people as possible. Rewards for past good deeds will be yours.

**LEO**  
**Jul. 23-Aug. 22**  
 Avoid conflicts with in-laws or other family members. Courses dealing with psychology or health care will be of interest. You can expect changes in your living arrangements.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug. 23-Sep. 22**  
 You must use discretion when it comes to lending money or making donations. Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. Catch up on correspondence.

**LIBRA**  
**Sep. 23-Oct. 22**  
 Your uncanny insight will help you make the right choices. Equilibrium in your romantic life is likely if you treat your partner well.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct. 23-Nov. 21**  
 Don't be too eager to start any debates. Don't let situations get out of hand. Acknowledge your lover's needs.

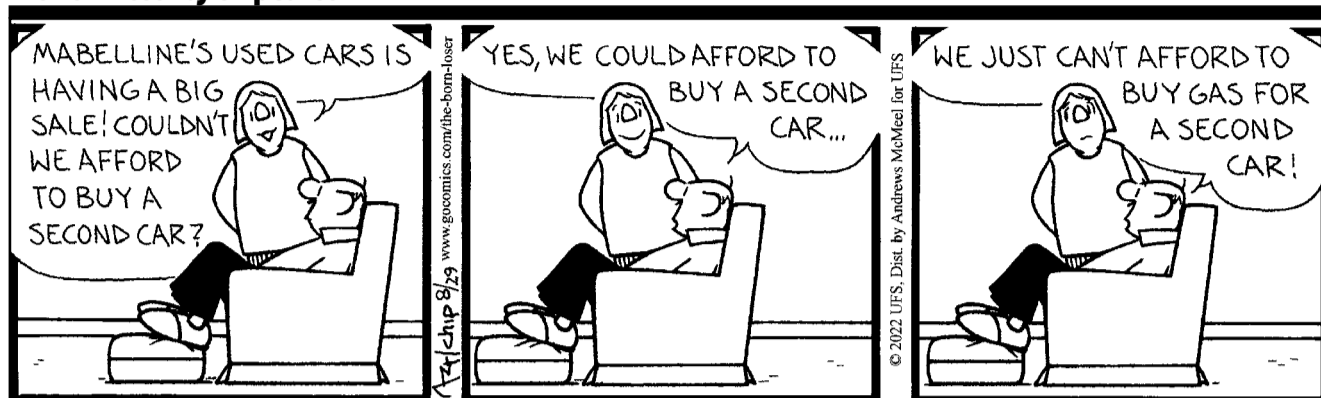
**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov. 22-Dec. 21**  
 Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. You have a tendency to think that no one else will do things properly.

**CAPRICORN**  
**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**  
 You will get bored quickly, so make sure that you have scheduled enough activity to hold your interest. Partnerships could be tense. Don't push your luck.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
 Make changes that will heighten your appeal. Not everything you hear will be legitimate. You must take care not to overexert yourself if involved in sports.

**PISCES**  
**Feb. 19-Mar. 20**  
 You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead. Creative educational pursuits will payoff.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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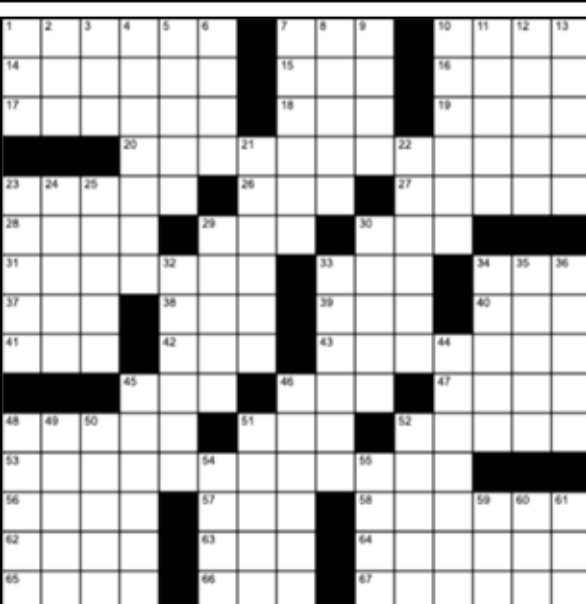
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Chengdu	15	17	rain
Chongqing	19	22	overcast
Fuzhou	17	25	cloudy
Guangzhou	18	29	fine
Guiyang	14	24	cloudy
Haikou	23	27	rain
Hangzhou	14	20	overcast
Harbin	-3	13	cloudy
Hefei	11	21	overcast
Nanjing	12	21	cloudy
Shanghai	14	19	fine
Taipei	19	21	overcast
Wuhan	16	20	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	25	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	-1	5	overcast
Frankfurt	8	18	overcast
Paris	14	20	overcast
London	14	18	overcast
New York	18	21	rain

**CROSSWORDS**

ACROSS 1- Battle; 7- Tax pro; 10- Rouse from sleep; 14- Fireside; 15- Thigh; 16- Footless animal; 17- Ring of color; 18- Poetic preposition; 19- Ladies of Sp.; 20- Pool where animals drink; 23- Birds on Canadian coins; 26- Astronaut Grissom; 27- Of the kidneys; 28- Cosmonaut Gagarin; 29- Metro area; 30- Highly respectful way of addressing a man; 31- Skyline sight; 33- Farm female; 34- Alphabet run; 37- Metal in Montana's motto; 38- Cooling units, for short; 39- Accelerate; 40- Debussy's "La \_\_\_"; 41- French article; 42- Legal matter; 43- Convex fluting; 45- Corn unit; 46- One circuit; 47- Drug-yielding plant; 48- Change for the better; 51- Author Deighton; 52- Tendency; 53- Annulment; 56- Neighbor of Sask.; 57- McKellen or Holm; 58- Sibelius's "Valse \_\_\_"; 62- Arise (from); 63- CPR expert; 64- Lighted by the sun; 65- Diamond cover; 66- \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil; 67- Newsmen Charles;

DOWN 1- Chinese tea; 2- \_\_\_ the land of the free...; 3- Fannie \_\_\_; 4- Chocolate chewy cake; 5- Brother of Prometheus; 6- Yonder thing; 7- Winged child; 8- Seine spot; 9- Traditional prayer ending; 10- Flat ring; 11- Cookwear; 12- Eucalyptus eater; 13- Ford flop; 21- Way out; 22- Mourning; 23- Disinfectant brand; 24- Unconventional; 25- Cream-filled cookies; 29- Stomach woe; 30- Use a broom; 32- Procession; 33- Wide of the mark; 34- Beam; 35- Mortise insert; 36- Exhorted; 44- Articles to be mended; 45- Pitch tents; 46- Makeshift shelter; 48- \_\_\_ of thousands; 49- Mediterranean island; 50- Computer key; 51- Wool source; 52- Doughnut-shaped surface; 54- Falsehoods; 55- Wishing won't make \_\_\_; 59- \_\_\_-mo; 60- Juan's uncle; 61- LAX posting;



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- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
- S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
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ANALYSIS | MARKETS

# GLOBAL SHARES MIXED AFTER CHINA ECONOMY SLOWS, HK DOWN 6.4%

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**G**LOBAL shares were mixed, while Hong Kong's benchmark plunged 6.4% yesterday as dismay over a lack of fresh policy initiatives from a Chinese Communist Party congress overshadowed a report that the No. 2 economy grew at a faster pace in the last quarter.

The dollar rose to nearly 150 yen, a day after the Japanese central bank reportedly again moved to stem the yen's decline.

Beijing's report that the Chinese economy gained momentum in the last quarter was better than expected and up from the previous quarter's 0.4%, but that was among the slowest expansions in decades as the country wrestled with repeated closures of cities to fight virus outbreaks.

There were no new market-boosting initiatives from the Communist Party congress, where Xi Jinping, the most powerful leader in decades, gained

a free hand in setting policy. The ruling party named a seven-member Standing Committee made of Xi's allies and dropped supporters of free enterprise like Premier Li Keqiang, the party's No. 2 before the party's once in five years congress.

Xi wants a bigger Communist Party role in business and technology development. That has prompted warnings tighter control of entrepreneurs who generate jobs and wealth will depress growth that already was in long-

term decline.

The 6.4% plunge in Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, to 15,180.69, took it to its lowest level since 2006.

The Shanghai Composite index shed 2.0% to 2,977.56.

Xi also gave no sign of plans to change the severe "zero-COVID" strategy that has crimped business and trade. He indicated no changes in policies straining relations with Washington and Asian neighbors.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei

225 added 0.3% to finish at 26,974.90. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 1.5% to 6,779.40. South Korea's Kospi gained 1.0% to 2,236.16.

Wall Street ended last week with a broad rally, with technology stocks, retailers and health care companies powering a big share of the gains.

The S&P 500 rose 2.4%, notching a weekly gain of 4.7%, its biggest such gain since June. The Dow climbed 2.5% and the Nasdaq composite added 2.3%. The Russell 2000 index rose 2.2%.

Investors have been focusing on corporate earnings as they search for clues about how inflation and rising interest rates are shaping global economies.

The U.S. Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates another three-quarters of a percentage point at its meeting in November. That's triple the size of the Fed's usual move.

In currency trading, the U.S. dollar rose to 149.28 Japanese yen from 147.65 yen. The Bank of Japan was reported to have intervened Friday to prop up the yen after the dollar rose above the 150 yen level. The dollar fell after the reported intervention but bounced back.

The euro cost 98.25 cents, down from 98.62 cents.

The dollar has gained in strength as the U.S. Federal Reserve has raised interest rates to fight inflation. Its growing strength against the yen and other currencies has added to inflationary pressures in those countries by pushing up the costs of imports and of debt repayments.

In energy trading, benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.32 to \$83.73 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, the international standard, declined to \$1.29 to \$92.21 a barrel. **MDT/AP**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Melco recognizes contribution of women in society in award



Melco Resorts & Entertainment and the Women's General Association of Macau (Women's Association) co-hosted the Best Mom Award at Studio City Sunday to pay tribute to "maternal

love and promote positive family values."

According to a statement issued by the gaming operator, the event aims to provide a platform through which the community can show gratitu-

de and appreciation towards women and motherhood.

This year, 10 Best Mom Excellence Award winners were recognized and awarded with a Studio City experience package. Merit Awards were also presented to 20 runner-up Best Moms, and 40 Consolation Prizes to highly commended applicants.

Lawrence Ho, chairman and CEO of Melco, said, "Initiatives for women continue to be an important pillar of Melco's Corporate Social Responsibility. Our 'Best I Can Be' philosophy encourages women to embrace life's choices, and to feel empowered upon making choices to bring out the best in oneself."

### Sands Procurement Academy welcomes 12th cohort of SME suppliers



Sands China Ltd. inaugurated its 12th cohort of local SME suppliers into the Sands Procurement Academy last week, at a ceremony at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre. The Sands Procurement

Academy is a complimentary local SME training program co-organized with the Macao Chamber of Commerce and the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Centre (CPTTM). The academy is open to all

local SMEs, while specifically targeting four types of local suppliers: small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), micro-enterprises, Macau young entrepreneurs, and "Made-in-Macau" enterprises. After graduating, suppliers earn a completion certificate and receive preference for procurement opportunities with Sands China under otherwise equal circumstances.

The Sands Procurement Academy has delivered more than 7,000 training hours since the program was launched in 2017. Including the new cohort, more than 450 suppliers have enrolled in the academy, and 380 of them have already graduated.

FOOTBALL

# Spanish man trekking to World Cup reported missing in Iran

A Spanish man who was documenting his ambitious journey by foot from Madrid to Doha for the 2022 FIFA World Cup has not been heard from since crossing into Iran three weeks ago, his family said yesterday, stirring fears about his fate in a country convulsed by mass unrest.

The experienced trekker, former paratrooper and fervent soccer fan, 41-year-old Santiago Sánchez, was last seen in Iraq after hiking through 15 countries and extensively sharing his journey on a popular Instagram account over the last nine months. But his exuberant posts stopped suddenly on Oct. 1, the day he entered Iran from the country's volatile northwestern border.

Sánchez's family says his daily WhatsApp updates stopped that day as well. Weeks later, they fear the worst.

"We are deeply worried, we can't stop crying, my husband and I," his mother, Celia Cogedor, told



In this frame grab from video, 41-year-old Santiago Sánchez, a Spanish man who was documenting his travel by foot from Madrid to Doha for the 2022 FIFA World Cup carries a suitcase in a wheeled cart, in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, Sept. 28

The Associated Press.

Sánchez's parents have reported him as missing to Spain's national police and the Foreign Ministry.

But Spanish authorities say they have no information about his whereabouts, adding that the Spanish ambassador to Tehran was handling the matter.

Calls to the Iranian Foreign Ministry seeking comment were not immediately returned yesterday.

Sánchez's reported disappearance in Iran — his last stop before reaching Qatar for the World Cup — comes as protesters rise up across the Islamic Republic in the largest antigovernment movement in over a decade. The de-

monstrations erupted on Sept. 16 over the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman taken into custody by Iran's morality police for allegedly not adhering to the country's strict Islamic dress code.

Tehran has violently cracked down and blamed foreign enemies and Kurdish groups in Iraq for fomenting the unrest, without offering evidence. The Iranian Intelligence Ministry said authorities had arrested nine foreigners, mostly Europeans, over their alleged links to the protests last month. Westerners and dual nationals have increasingly become pawns in Iran's internal political struggles and in tensions between Tehran and Western capitals, analysts say, with at least a dozen dual nationals arrested in recent years on disputed spying charges.

Sánchez arrived in Iraqi Kurdistan in late September, after trekking thousands of kilometers (miles) carrying a small suitcase in a wheeled cart, packed with little

more than a tent, water purification tablets and a gas stove for his 11 months on the road. He said he wanted to learn how others lived by living among them before reaching Qatar, the first World Cup host country in the Arab world, in time for Spain's first match on Nov. 23.

"The idea of the journey is to motivate and inspire other people to show that they can go very far with very little," he told the AP from Sulaymaniyah, a Kurdish city in northeastern Iraq. "You can go a long way walking."

The day before he disappeared, Sánchez had breakfast with a guide in Sulaymaniyah. The guide, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, said he tried to warn Sánchez about the dangerous political situation in Iran as they parted ways.

Protests in Iran's Kurdish region after Amini's death kindled the nationwide unrest still roiling Iran. In response, Iranian forces have unleashed drone and artillery attacks targeting Kurdish separatists in northern Iraq.

But Sánchez was undeterred and confident, the guide said.

"He didn't look nervous at all. He told me, 'I sorted out everything, don't worry,'" he said. They communicated through Google Translate, as Sánchez only speaks Spanish. **MDT/AP**

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**NEW LEADERSHIP TO  
INSPIRE NATION ON  
MODERNIZATION**

The new Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee was elected at the first plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee on Sunday.

As the seven members of the Standing Committee strode into the spotlight at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Sunday at noon, it marked the start of the next stage of China's journey to build itself into a modern socialist country by 2035, and to become a great modern socialist country in all respects by the middle of this century.

With the realization of the goal of the great rejuvenation of the nation on the horizon, the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the new leadership of the Party to inspire the Chinese people of all ethnic groups to forge ahead on the Chinese path to modernization.

That's why, when expressing appreciation for the trust the Party had placed in them to fulfill this responsibility during the Standing Committee's first collective meeting with the media on Sunday, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee Xi Jinping, on behalf of the new leadership of the Party, emphasized that they will always bear in mind the nature and purpose of the Party and its missions, and promised they will work diligently to fulfill their duties and not betray the great trust placed in them by the Party and the people.

That's also why the Resolution of the 20th National Congress of the CPC stated that on the road ahead, the new leading group must firmly uphold and strengthen the overall leadership of the Party, adhere to the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and people-centered development, deepen reform and opening-up, and carry forward the spirit of struggle.

These principles, crystallized in Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, have been drawn from and tested over the past 10 decades since the Party was founded. Over the past 10 years, the Party's leadership, with Xi at its core, has effectively coped with the huge risks and challenges that have resulted from the complex international situation, pushed forward socialism with Chinese characteristics and made remarkable achievements in the cause of the Party and the country.

That has made the Party stronger and more capable, the Chinese people more confident and united, and the connections between the two more inseparable and focused. As a result, as the Resolution of the 20th CPC National Congress noted, socialism with Chinese characteristics is demonstrating its vitality and potential in the new era, and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation has become an irreversible historical process.

The numerous congratulatory messages the Party has received from around the world on the successful conclusion of its 20th CPC National Congress speak volumes of the great hopes that members of the international community, in particular those of the Global South, have pinned on it in the expectation that it will carry forward its legacy and break new ground in fulfilling its mission of serving the Chinese people and promoting the common development of humankind.

Having demonstrated the wisdom and resolve to effectively overcome all the difficulties and challenges the country has faced on the journey so far, confidence is high that the new leadership will not only be able to adapt the new development philosophy to the changing times and lead the country's continued advance on the road to modernization, but also make more contributions to world peace and development.

Under the strong leadership of the Party, there is no doubt that China will continue to work together with all peace-loving nations to safeguard world peace and promote global development through wider opening-up, and that it will continue to contribute Chinese wisdom and solutions to address the pressing global challenges and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

**SUNAK, UK'S NEXT PM, GETS CHEERS  
FROM UNLIKELY PLACE: INDIA**

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Rishi Sunak, the former British Treasury chief who won the race to be leader of the Conservative Party and is likely to become the country's next prime minister, is getting cheers from an unlikely place: India, its former colony.

As the news became clear yesterday, social media and TV channels in India were awash with comments and reactions to the accomplishment by the 42-year-old who has spoken publicly about his Indian roots and Hindu faith.

For many Indians, who are celebrating Diwali, one of the most important Hindu festivals, it was the moment to say: He

is one of our own.

"It is a moment of pride for India that the country which ruled us for many years has now a prime minister of Indian heritage," said Manoj Garg, a New Delhi businessman.

Sunak will be the first person of color to take Britain's top job, an accomplishment reflecting that of Kamala Harris, a woman of Indian heritage who became U.S. vice president last year.

Sunak's grandparents hailed from Punjab state before the Indian subcontinent was divided into two countries - India and Pakistan - in 1947 after British colonial rule ended.



Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., center, meets with people during a political event at a Mexican restaurant last weekend

**LAS VEGAS AT CENTER OF  
TIGHT CONTESTS FOR US  
SENATE, GOVERNOR**

MICHELLE L. PRICE,  
LAS VEGAS

**I**n a meeting hall just north of Las Vegas Boulevard, where casino-resorts tower like gleaming beacons of amusement, Ted Pappageorge laid out a darker, urgent call for action before next month's election.

Pappageorge, leader of the heavily Latino casino workers' union, told the hundreds of union members this past weekend that Nevada's endangered Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak and U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto have been "warriors" for workers whose jobs were hit hard by the pandemic while the Republicans who may defeat them in November are "extreme."

"We're going to fight back. Are you ready to fight?" Pappageorge said to cheers and claps as the bartenders, cooks, servers, and room cleaners prepared to knock doors and get out the vote on behalf of Nevada Democratic candidates, according to a video of the event.

Across town at the same time, at a strip mall in a retirement community where golf carts share the street with cars, Joe Lombardo, the Republican candidate for governor, told a crowd of about 100 people: "This

election, you have to ask one question: Is your life any better today than it was four years ago?"

"No!" the audience yelled in response. "That's the common answer," Lombardo said.

The dual rallies launched an intense two-week period of early voting in a state that may shape the nation's political future. Much of the focus is on Las Vegas, the gambling mecca that drives the state's economy and is home to three quarters of the state's population. If Democrats are to pull off victories, they have to drive up turnout here to compensate for the GOP's strength in rural communities that dominate the rest of the state.

Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, has about 1.3 million registered voters.

So far, the numbers present a mixed picture. Early in-person turnout in Las Vegas was light over the weekend, with only about 19,000 voters casting ballots in-person the first two days. But mail balloting, a process favored by Democrats, was stronger, with about 41,500 votes cast. About 20,000 of those votes were from registered Democrats, compared with about 10,600 from Republicans. The remaining were cast by nonaffiliated

or third-party voters.

The governor's mansion and the seat held by Cortez Masto, the first Latina in the U.S. Senate, are considered two of the Republican Party's best chances to flip statewide offices around the country. Her opponent is Republican Adam Laxalt, whose name is well-known as a former attorney general and grandson of former Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada.

The winners could be determined by the unique social and economic circumstances in Las Vegas.

Rising costs that are being felt globally are packing a double punch here. The city's heavily working-class population is pinched by higher prices for groceries, and gasoline remains above \$5 a gallon. As well, higher costs around the U.S. and the world mean tourists may spend less when they visit, if they even do.

Republican Jeffrey Burns, a property manager and chef in Las Vegas, said he voted "Republican all the way" because everything that the Democrats in control are doing "is just so completely backwards."

He said he wants Laxalt to be a conservative Republican in the Senate and stop approving "the spending of tons and tons of money like Masto does." **MDT/AP**



**Syria** Hundreds of Syrian men and boys were detained, beaten and forcibly returned to their country by Turkish authorities over a six-month period, a leading human rights group said yesterday. The treatment of migrants living in Turkey under temporary protection is a breach of international law, New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report. The Turkish government has in the past rejected accusations of forcibly returning refugees to Syria.



**France** Tornado-like storms that tore through northern France sheared off part of a church roof, felled trees and power lines and left scores of people without a safe place to live, authorities said yesterday. One person suffered light injuries in the storms Sunday and some 150 people were evacuated, according to the regional administration for the Pas-de-Calais region.

**Nigeria** Residents in the capital city, Abuja, were on high alert and avoided some places on Monday, a day after the U.S. and U.K. issued terror alerts about possible attacks in the city. The Department of State Services, which is Nigeria's secret and intelligence police, called for calm and advised that "necessary precautions are taken" to prevent such attacks.



**Ugandan** officials have reported 11 more cases of Ebola in the capital since last week, a worrisome increase in infections just over a month after an outbreak was declared in a remote part of the East African country. Nine more people in the Kampala metropolitan area tested positive for Ebola on Sunday, in addition to two others on Friday. Health Minister Jane Ruth Aceng said.