

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報

Times

16 YEARS

A-CHANGIN'

+853 287 160 81

Advertise with us

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報

Times

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Geldenhuys EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

\$48 Upgrade to CTM5G+

Happy Fridays!

enjoy UNLIMITED data usage on Fridays

+ EXTRA 10GB Data Usage

CTM

Note: Customers of the above promotions are bound by the respective service agreements.

N.º 4257 THURSDAY 01 Jun 2023 T. 26°/33° Air Quality Moderate

"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "

MOP 8.00 HKD 10.00 2305 4271

THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU HAS REVEALED PLANS TO INVITE BROADWAY AND WEST END PERFORMERS TO STAGE SHOWS IN MACAU

P2

EDUCATION: MPU GRADUATES CONFIDENT IN THEIR FUTURE PROSPECTS

P6

CHINA WARNS OF AI RISKS, CALLS FOR BEEFED-UP NATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES

P10



AP PHOTO



Myanmar A court in military-ruled has convicted a 34-year-old journalist of violating the country's counter-terrorism law, adding 10 years to the three-year prison sentence she was handed last December for filming an anti-military protest, according to her lawyer and a family member. The conviction of Hmwe Yadana Khet Moh Moh Tun, a video journalist for the online Pressphoto Agency (pictured), was the latest move against press freedom by the country's ruling military.

AP PHOTO



Japan Typhoon Mawar appeared to be losing force as it headed yesterday toward Okinawa Islands, where the United States maintains a significant military presence, after largely skirting Taiwan and the Philippines. After tearing across Guam last week, Mawar passed by Taiwan on Tuesday with sustained winds of 155 kph and gusts of up to 190 kph, sending high waves crashing on the island's east coast.

AP PHOTO



USA Ron DeSantis begins his first full day of presidential campaigning on Wednesday with a four-stop Iowa blitz, trying to prioritize personally connecting with voters even as he intensifies his criticisms of former President Donald Trump. The Florida governor was first set to visit the floor of Port Neal Welding in Salix, a rural town in northwest Iowa near Sioux City, in the heart of the most Republican-heavy part of the state.

More on backpage

LOW, WHO?

Secretary Wong 'surprised and shocked' on Malaysia's claims of 1MDB mastermind Jho Low hiding in Macau; warns of 'unverified information'

P2

PUBLIC WORKS

LAND BESIDE JAI ALAI HOTEL FOR GOV'T FACILITY

P4

RENATO MARQUES



FLORAL PRINCESS

CANTO-OPERA TO INTEGRATE ART AND TECHNOLOGY

P6

BUS ROUTE N3 EXTENDED DURING SUMMER

From today to the end of August, the nocturnal bus route N3 will be extended to Hac-Sa Beach to cater to the needs of the public. With its terminus at Coloane Village during other seasons, the bus route will see 16 more stops in Coloane during the summer period. After Coloane Village, the bus will head to Cheoc Van and Hac-Sa before returning to the non-summer route at the village. Each ride costs MOP6 for cash or MOP3 for eligible e-payment methods.

CULTURAL CENTRE TO OFFER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Macao Cultural Centre will launch its newest ARTmusing Summer edition, an artistic jamboree to entertain and inspire audiences throughout the summer holiday. It caters to people of all ages – from toddlers and children to youths and seniors – according to the Centre. The programs will go from July 1 to Sep. 24 and kick off with a multidisciplinary workshop for people of all ages. Participants will have the chance to test their creativity and mobility with performances, singing, drawing and dancing activities.

TOPOGRAPHY COURSE TO BE OFFERED

This September, the School of Topography and Land Survey of Macao will offer a general course on topography. The course will cover foundational theories and practical knowledge in surveying and mapping. The course will introduce cutting-edge techniques. Students should expect to learn knowledge and skills in topography and the ability to work professionally in the area in the future. In the 40 years of the school's history, there have been 13 editions of the course, which have nurtured nearly 300 graduates.

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS SURGE 350% Y-O-Y IN APRIL

Arriving and departing commercial flights totalled 2,980 trips in April, a sharp rise of 353.6% year-on-year. Gross weight of air cargo fell by 39.6% year-on-year to 3,532 tonnes in April, of which inward cargo (400 tonnes) and outward cargo (3,043 tonnes) decreased by 19.4% and 42.7% respectively. From January to April 2023, number of arriving and departing commercial flights soared by 108.1% year-on-year to 9,162 trips, while gross weight of air cargo (12,977 tonnes) diminished by 29.7%. Cross-border vehicular traffic in April hiked by 69.1% year-on-year to 576,243 trips, of which light automobile trips (538,618) surged by 75.0%.

DEMAND FOR HEALTH AND PROTECTION PRODUCTS IN SARs SURGE

Demand for health and protection products has witnessed a huge increase from both domestic customers and mainland Chinese visitors, according to Manulife Hong-Kong and Macau. "This has accelerated our business momentum, resulting in a remarkable annualized premium equivalent sales growth of 26% compared to the same period last year," the CEO of Manulife Hong-Kong and Macau, Patrick Graham, said. "As the economy continues on a path to recovery, we anticipate a growing interest in health and protection products from both domestic and MCV customers," the CEO explained.

1MDB SCANDAL

Security branch 'surprised' not getting Malaysian request on Jho Low

THE Office of the Secretary for Security yesterday expressed "surprise and shock" it had received no inquiry for policing cooperation from Malaysia.

Yesterday, the Times reported the Malaysian corruption authority had told Al Jazeera about Jho Low being in Macau. Low, a Malaysian citizen, is facing corruption allegations back home.

The Office of the Secretary for Security yesterday issued a statement in response to the matter.

The Office said Malaysian authorities had not initiated any international criminal policing cooperation request for verification and assistance.

"Should the report be true, the security branch is extremely surprised and shocked," the office noted.

It added that the single-sided release of "unverified information" is "completely in violation of practices and rules of international police



cooperation and international criminal judicial assistance."

It said no disclosure of information can be made because it concerns a specific person.

"This is a commitment of Macau as an international city and society of law," it said.

It also emphasized its compliance with international practices for cross-border police cooperation.

The office said a response on the same matter was released on July 30, 2020, and the situation has not changed.

Meanwhile, the former aide to the Malaysian fugitive died weeks after being questioned by Malaysian authorities on Low's whereabouts, his lawyers announced yesterday.

As cited in media reports, Kee Kok Thiam, 56, died in a

hospital of a "sudden massive stroke" Monday, Valen, Oh & Partners said in a statement.

No further details were provided.

A report by Al Jazeera earlier this week noted Kee had confirmed to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) he had met Low Taek Jho and other 1MDB fugitives and suspects in Macau. **AL**

EVENTS

IC to invite Broadway, West End shows to Macau

ANTHONY LAM

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has revealed plans to invite Broadway and West End performers to stage shows in Macau.

The IC was replying to lawmaker Ho Ion Sang's inquiry.

Ho asked the bureau if it had plans to bring world-class performances to Macau with the resumption of

normal global travel.

IC president Leong Wai Man said the bureau had "plans to invite musicals from Broadway and West End this year, as well as top-notch global ballet dances and theatre shows to perform in Macau."

She said the bureau has "[striven to] build up Macau's new brand in cultural tourism through constantly organizing large-scale ar-

tistic, cultural and festive activities, and introducing high-quality international cultural performances and exhibitions to Macau."

Art Macao will also return with input from local resorts and consulates in Macau or Hong Kong.

She also referred to the casino licenses to confirm operators are obligated to stage internationally renowned performances to

"improve Macau's cultural image."

Overseas performers will participate in the upcoming International Parade, Leong said.

The IC will reveal schemes to sponsor local associations to organize "multifaceted tourism activities" in older districts of the city, she said.

Regarding the Mong-ha houses revival scheme, she will confirm sponsorship plans during the second quarter of this year, which is ending in a month.

The Cultural Development Fund has sponsored 1,453 cultural events, attracting audiences over 138,000, the bureau president said.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo

REACHING OUT!

+25,000

Like us on facebook.com/mdtimes



MacauDaily 澳門每日時報
Times

DIRECTOR & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com
ASSISTANT EDITOR Lynzy Valles
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS Leanda Lee, Severo Portela, Sheyla Zandonai

NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS Alex Torráo, Albano Martins, Annabel Jackson, Anthony Lam, Emilie Tran, Grace Yu, Irene Sam, Ivo Carneiro de Sousa, Jacky I.F. Cheong, Jenny Lao-Phillips, João Palla Martins, Jorge Costa Oliveira, Joseph Cheung, Juliet Risdon, Linda Kennedy, Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa, Renato Marques, Richard Whitfield, Sérgio de Almeida Correia, Viviana Seguí DESIGNERS Miguel Bandeira, Rebeca Almeida | ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS JML Property, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars, Ruan Du Toit Bester | NEWS AGENCIES Associated Press, MacauHub, MacaoNews, Xinhua SECRETARY Yang Dongxiao amy@macaudailytimes.com

SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM WEBSITE: WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION

ADMINISTRATOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com
OFFICE MANAGER Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com
ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR Telephones: +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84
Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com
For subscription and general issues: general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd



Congratulations
on the 16th Anniversary
of Macau Daily Times

永利 永利

PUBLIC WORKS

CPU members concerned with divergences between PCUs and Detailed Plan for Zone A

RENATO MARQUES

SEVERAL Urban Planning Committee (CPU) members have expressed concerns about urban conditions plans (PCUs) for several land plots in Zone A of the new landfills.

Of concern were the PCUs for five land plots located at Zone A (B5, B7, B8, B11, and B12).

Members noted the PCUs conflicted with the Urban Master Plan and, more recently, the Detailed Plan for the area identified as East-2.

Several members also noted the Detailed Plan of East-2 was subject to public consultation.

The members asked how the CPU could be approving conditions different from those in documents undergoing public consultation and that are unapproved. They asked how the matter will be resolved in the future.

The discussion, launched by member Teng Kai On, soon had members like Kou Ngon Seng and Si Kun Hong raising questions.

Kou noted that for plot B5, the PCU under discussion stated a soil occupancy of 100% for the transport hub whereas the Detailed Plan under consultation has an occupancy of 80%.



Kou also noted that a 2,000 square meter facility, which he said is for a public library and other public facilities, has disappeared from the PCU.

Noting similar problems, member Si said the plot B6 was originally a public market facility, which is also not referenced on the PCU. Cultural venues have been removed or there is no reference to them.

The government responded that there are, in some cases, very significant changes between what was originally planned for the plots and the

reality now. The Detailed Plan will be the one to be amended to include the changes now approved by the issuing of the PCUs.

The CPU vice president, Mok Kai Meng, told members that, as these plots are already in an advanced phase of design, the government has realized more space is needed for the transport hub that will now have two floors. Such changes also affect the surrounding areas, he said.

As for the cultural and municipal facilities missing from

the plots' PCUs, the same official said they might be transferred to other plots in the same area, also due to the need for space for the transport hub.

Mok reaffirmed that by the end of this year, "when we will have the Detailed Plan approved, it will already include the necessary adjustments according to the PCUs approved today."

The five land plots include mostly public housing and other public use facilities.

The final report on the public consultation of the Detailed Plan for the East-2 area was published Monday (May 29) with many items gathering a low approval rate from the public.

'TO KEEP' CAN MEAN 'TO BUILD' A NEW FAÇADE, IC SAYS

DURING yesterday's meeting of the Urban Planning Committee, an imbroglio occurred about an opinion issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) on the urban conditions plan of a plot located at the Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro. In the opinion, the IC noted the land plot owner should "keep the original façade" but, as member Teng Kai On noted, there is nothing left from the old building. "How can the owner comply with

such a requirement?" he asked. In response, the president of IC, Deland Leong, said that "to keep the original façade does not necessarily mean to have the old one included in the new building but, to build a new one that follows a similar style and looks like the original one." "In case the owners do not know how the original façade looked, the IC can help, providing proof such as old photographs as well as guidelines so that owners can rebuild it," she said.

PUBLIC WORKS

Land beside Jai Alai Hotel for gov't facility

RENATO MARQUES

THE land plot at the Avenida do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues, between the Jai Alai Hotel and the Hotel Casa Real in the Outer Harbour area, will be used for an undisclosed government facility, the Urban Planning Committee (CPU) has revealed.

The Committee approved the urban conditions plan (PCU) for the plot, recovered by the government, yesterday.

In discussions about several land plots from Zone A of the new landfills, member Kou Ngon Seng expressed surprise about the purpose as, according



to Urban Master Plan, the area had been dedicated to entertainment and leisure facilities.

Once again, the head of the Department of Urban Planning of the Land and Urban Construction

Bureau (DSSCU), Leong Io Hong, defended the idea.

Leong said that although the Master Plan says that in this area most of the land plots should be dedicated to entertainment and leisure facilities, "this does not mean that we cannot use the land for something else."

"Since the government needs to have some facilities, this land will be used for this purpose. There is no incompatibility with the Master Plan," Leong added.

The building, whose purpose remains undisclosed, will have a maximum height of 52.5 meters above the average sea level.

LACK OF ACCESS, SERVICES AT WAI LONG

Another of the land plots for which a PCU was being issued yesterday was the one located at the Avenida Wai Long in Taipa, beside the Treasure Hotel.

The plot, now with its purpose adjusted for housing and with a maximum height revised when compared to the last PCU issued in 2017 will, according to DSSCU estimations, have some 4,000 housing units.

Initially planned to be used as public housing, the change in the project also led to the dropping of several public facilities that had been planned to be included

in the project.

Members of the CPU were mostly concerned over the lack of commercial spaces and services in the area, such as supermarkets or restaurants.

They called on the government to carefully consider accessibility as the building towers will represent a very important increase in the number of people residing in the area, which can cause pressure on the access to public transportation.

In the reply, the government noted the buildings will be linked through flyovers to the airport, Light Rapid Transit and the Macau University of Science and Technology. As for a potential link over the mountain to the Taipa village side, the government said it did not have such a plan at present.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACAU DAILY TIMES



EDUCATION

MPU GRADUATES CONFIDENT IN THEIR FUTURE PROSPECTS

ANTHONY LAM

SEVERAL Macao Polytechnic University (MPU) graduates were confident about their futures as they attended yesterday's ceremony.

Ana Chui, a bachelor's degree graduate in Chinese-Portuguese Translation, said this is her second bachelor's degree. She has been a part-time student at the MPU for the past four years and works in the government, she said.

She picked the discipline to better equip herself with knowledge about Portuguese culture, she said.

When asked if she would work at the Guangdong-Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, in light of her expertise in Portuguese that is needed for the development of the zone, she said that it would depend on the actual placement.

"I believe each person will equip themselves for various opportunities," she said.

Discussing her future, she believes her prospects will be advantageous, "considering Macao a platform for Chinese-Lusophone interactions," she said.

She added that the government had invested a lot in promoting the platform, "for example, in building our faculty as well as offering chances for students to take part [in the in-



Ana Chu

Chan Ka Kei

teractions]."

She said the government had also invested a lot in education and she believed her fellow graduates would be able to use their knowledge and skills for society.

"Our future will be bright," she said.

Another graduate, Chan Ka Kei, graduate of a bachelor's degree in the computing program, had her job secured even before yesterday's ceremony.

The local graduate said she had received several job offers before graduation and managed to secure the most preferred one. She appeared reluctant to dis-

close the remuneration plan at first, but later admitted that it was above MOP15,000 per month.

She also admitted the offer was issued by a casino operator.

She decided to start her career in Macao first, although she has seen some recruitment opportunities from the government in mainland China.

Chan was the student representative for the speech at the ceremony.

Yesterday, the MPU saw about 800 students graduate in all levels of study, from bachelor to doctorate degrees.

At the ceremony, represen-

ting the Chief Executive cum chancellor of the university, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong encouraged graduating students to be patriotic.

She also encouraged them to contribute to both the country and the city, particularly the continuation of 'One country, two systems.'

Meanwhile, university Rector Im Sio Kei, thanked the country and the city for their support to the university, so that it "has cultivated a large number of outstanding talents who love the country and Macau."

LABOR

First quarter with fewer employees in most sectors

RENATO MARQUES

OFFICIAL statistics from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) on the Survey on Manpower Needs and Wages for the first quarter (Q1) of 2023 show that in most of the sectors covered, staff numbers fell.

Highlighted in the results were the hotels and restaurants sectors, which recorded in Q1 this year 3.3% and 1.2% less staff respectively in the number of full-time employees year-on-year.

According to DSEC, at the end of Q1, hotels had 45,801 full-time employees, while in restaurants had 22,605.

Less surprising was the drop of 6.6% year-on-year registered in the manufacturing sector that employed 7,492 full-time employees at the end of March.

The decrease also extended to childcare, which, at the end of Q1, had 1,507 full-time employees, a drop of 2% year-on-year.

From the sectors analyzed by the DSEC, the only sub-sector that registered a growth was aged care, which jumped 8.1% year-on-year to 1,350 full-time workers.

According to the same release, fewer staff equaled more earnings with almost all sectors registering an average increase in staff incomes.

In hotels, the increase was 3.7% year-on-year to an average of MOP19,960, while in the restaurants, the average earnings in March rose 5.1% to MOP10,250. In this sector, however, the earnings of restaurant employees were still 1.7% down when compared to 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Only marginal increases were registered in both childcare and aged care, with the average earnings reaching MOP16,410 and MOP16,310 respectively.

In the manufacturing sector, earnings have risen some 4.6% to MOP12,630.

On the other hand, the electricity, gas and water supply supply lost some 0.6% of workers and average earnings also edged down by the same percentage to MOP30,380.

The DSEC has stated that with the gradual recovery of the economy, the demand for manpower increased with job vacancies going up in hotels (2,611, amounting to an increase of 2,066) and restaurants (2,099, amounting to an increase of 942).

In hotels, 47.8% of the job posts required junior secondary education levels or lower, while 90.7% and 33.2% required knowledge of Mandarin and English respectively.

EVENTS

CANTO-OPERA 'FLORAL PRINCESS' TO MIX MODERNITY AND TRADITION IN JULY

STAFF REPORTER

AS part of the "Sands China Performing Arts Program," Sands China has joined with the Utopia Cantonese Opera Workshop to propose new performances from the Canto-opera "Floral Princess 65th Anniversary Macau 2023."

The performance will be held for the first time in Macau at the Venetian Theatre from July 28 to 30.

Recognized as a "Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage Humanity" by UNESCO, the Cantonese opera will be highlighted by this special anniversary, showing



the "timeless appeal" of one of the most famous Cantonese operas "Floral Princess," whose performances had to stop during Covid-19 restrictions, and numbered only one last year in

Hong-Kong.

"Cantonese opera is a treasured aspect of Lingnan culture, one that boasts rich cultural value and demonstrates the human spirit," the president of Sands China, Wil-

fred Wong, said during a press conference on May 31 at The Parisian Macao.

"Sands China is delighted to showcase this exquisite classical Cantonese opera for enthusiasts in the Greater Bay Area,

paying tribute to Pak Suet Sin, Yam Kim Fai, and Tong Tik Sang, and ensuring the preservation of this intangible cultural heritage for generations to come," he added.

Linking modernity and tradition, also inspired by both Tong Tik Sang's stage and film version, the 160-minute remake of the Floral Princess opera introduces numerous technologies, including projections, lighting, rearranged music and tailor-made Harmonic Canto-opera Audio.

"It is our hope that Tong's 2.0 script upgrade will revive the stage presence from the film version, presenting Macau's audience with a seamless fusion of the 65th-anniversary classic and modern theatre in Floral Princess," the controller of Floral Princess, Ip Ka Po, said.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACAU DAILY TIMES



PMI

China factory activity slows, adding to economic strains

CHINA'S manufacturing slowdown deepened in May as consumer and export demand weakened, a survey showed yesterday, adding to signs an economic rebound following the end of anti-virus controls is slowing.

Chinese leaders are under pressure to shore up the recovery after a survey found a record 1 in 5 young workers in cities were unemployed. Consumer spending in April was weaker than expected and factory output declined compared with the previous month.

The monthly Purchasing Managers' Index issued by the national statistics agency and an industry group retreated to 48.4 from April's 49.2 on a 100-point scale. Numbers below 50 show activity declining.



The decline "suggests that the risk of a downward spiral, especially in the manufacturing sector, is becoming more real," said Nomura economists in a report. They said the PMI was likely to remain in negative territory in June.

Chinese manufacturers have been hurt by weakening global demand after

central banks in the United States, Europe and Asia raised interest rates to cool inflation.

At home, Chinese consumer spending revived after anti-virus curbs on travel and business activity were lifted in December. But the recovery has been weaker than expected.

Economic growth acce-

lerated to 4.5% over a year earlier in the three months ending in March, from the previous quarter's 2.9%. But growth will have to rise further to hit the ruling Communist Party's annual target of "around 5%."

A measure of new orders fell to 48.3 from April's 48.5 on a similar 100-point scale, according to the National Bureau of Statistics and the China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing. An index of export orders declined to 47.2 from the previous month's 47.6.

The survey suggests "China's economic recovery was still ongoing in May, albeit at a slower pace," said Capital Economics in a report. "Industry is struggling and fiscal support for construction waning. But the service sector is still seeing decent gains." MDT/AP

CORPORATE BITS

MGM and MUST develop student's tourism knowledge



To further cultivate local talent, MGM has conducted numerous learning activities during the first quarter of 2023, benefiting over 500 tourism and hospitality students.

MGM was working with the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management (FHTM) of Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

Following the "Culture and Tourism Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area" to develop tourism talents, the MGM learning activities included hotel

tours to reinforce students' practical knowledge.

MGM also sponsored the second edition of "Three Minute Thesis Competition" and the "Seminars by Masters from the Tourism Industry" which featured the industry expertise of the vice president of learning and talent management of MGM, Francis Tan.

MGM's catering and events team also led students on a tour at the annual "MGM Celebration Open House" exhibition and introduced MGM's versatile and high-end MICE offerings and experiences.

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報

Times

Congratulations!


16 YEARS

A-CHANGIN'

BEST WISHES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD




市政署
INSTITUTO PARA OS ASSUNTOS MUNICIPAIS



澳門國際學校

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MACAO

HAPPY 16TH ANNIVERSARY
MACAU DAILY TIMES!
HERE'S TO MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESS.



Providing world-class international education from K-12 since 2002

INFO@TIS.EDU.MO 2853 3700
WWW.TIS.EDU.MO

CONGRATULATIONS TO
MACAU DAILY TIMES
ON ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY



星際酒店
StarWorld Hotel



WWW.GALAXYENTERTAINMENT.COM

TECH CPC warns of AI risks, calls for beefed-up national security measures

CHINA'S ruling Communist Party has warned of the risks posed by advances in artificial intelligence while calling for heightened national security measures.

The statement issued after a meeting Tuesday chaired by party leader and President Xi Jinping underscores the tension between the government's determination to seize global leadership in cutting-edge technology and concerns about the possible social and political harms of such technologies.

It also followed a warning by scientists and tech industry leaders in the U.S., including high-level executives at Microsoft and Google, about the perils that artificial intelligence poses to humankind.

The meeting in Beijing discussed the need for "dedicated efforts to safeguard political security and improve the security governance of internet data and artificial intelligence," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

"It was stressed at the meeting that the complexity and severity of national security problems faced by our country have increased dramatically. The national security front must build up strategic self-confidence, have enough confidence to secure victory, and be keenly aware of its own strengths and advantages," Xinhua said.

"We must be prepared for worst-case and extreme scenarios, and



Communist Party meeting this week was chaired by Xi Jinping

be ready to withstand the major test of high winds, choppy waters and even dangerous storms," it said.

Xi, who is China's head of state, commander of the military and chair of the party's National Security Commission, called at the meeting for "staying keenly aware of the complicated and challenging circumstances facing national security."

China needs a "new pattern of development with a new security architecture," Xinhua reported Xi as saying.

China already dedicates vast resources to suppressing any perceived political threats to the party's dominance, with spending on the police and security personnel

exceeding that devoted to the military.

While it censors in-person protests and online criticism, citizens have continued to express dissatisfaction with policies, most recently the lockdown measures enacted to combat the spread of COVID-19.

China has been cracking down on its tech sector in an effort to reassert party control, but like other countries it is scrambling to find ways to regulate fast-developing AI technology.

The most recent party meeting reinforced the need to "assess the potential risks, take precautions, safeguard the people's interests and national security, and ensure the safety, reliability and ability to

control AI," the official newspaper Beijing Youth Daily reported Tuesday.

Worries about artificial intelligence systems outsmarting humans and slipping out of control have intensified with the rise of a new generation of highly capable AI chatbots such as ChatGPT.

Sam Altman, CEO of ChatGPT-maker OpenAI, and Geoffrey Hinton, a computer scientist known as the godfather of artificial intelligence, were among the hundreds of leading figures who signed the statement yesterday [Macau time] that was posted on the Center for AI Safety's website.

"Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-

scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war," the statement said.

More than 1,000 researchers and technologists, including Elon Musk, who is currently on a visit to China, had signed a much longer letter earlier this year calling for a six-month pause on AI development.

The missive said AI poses "profound risks to society and humanity," and some involved in the topic have proposed a United Nations treaty to regulate the technology.

China warned as far back as 2018 of the need to regulate AI, but has nonetheless funded a vast expansion in the field as part of efforts to seize the high ground on cutting-edge technologies.

A lack of privacy protections and strict party control over the legal system have also resulted in near-blanket use of facial, voice and even walking-gait recognition technology to identify and detain those seen as threatening.

AI's risks are seen mainly in its ability to control robotic, self-governing weaponry, financial tools and computers governing power grids, health centers, transportation networks and other key infrastructure.

China's unbridled enthusiasm for new technology and willingness to tinker with imported research and to stifle inquiries into major events such as the COVID-19 outbreak heighten concerns over its use of AI. **MDT/AP**

FDI Commerce minister meets Tesla's Musk, promises support to foreign companies

CHINA'S commerce minister met Tesla Ltd. CEO Elon Musk yesterday and promised to support the development of foreign companies, the ministry said.

Musk earlier met with China's ministers of industry and foreign affairs. He joined a series of CEOs from global companies, including Apple Inc., who have met with Cabinet officials or Premier Li Qiang, the top economic official, this year following the end of anti-virus controls that blocked most travel into China.

The ruling Communist

Party is trying to revive investor interest in China's slowing economy and reassure companies that have been rattled by anti-monopoly and data-security crackdowns, raids on consulting firms, tension with Washington and pressure to align their plans with official development goals.

The commerce minister, Wang Wentao, said Beijing will "support long-term, stable development of foreign-invested enterprises in China," according to a ministry statement.

Musk "praised the potential of China's development

and expressed willingness to "deepen mutually beneficial cooperation," the statement said.

The United States and China should "strengthen economic and trade dialogue and cooperation under the guidance of principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation," Wang was cited as saying.

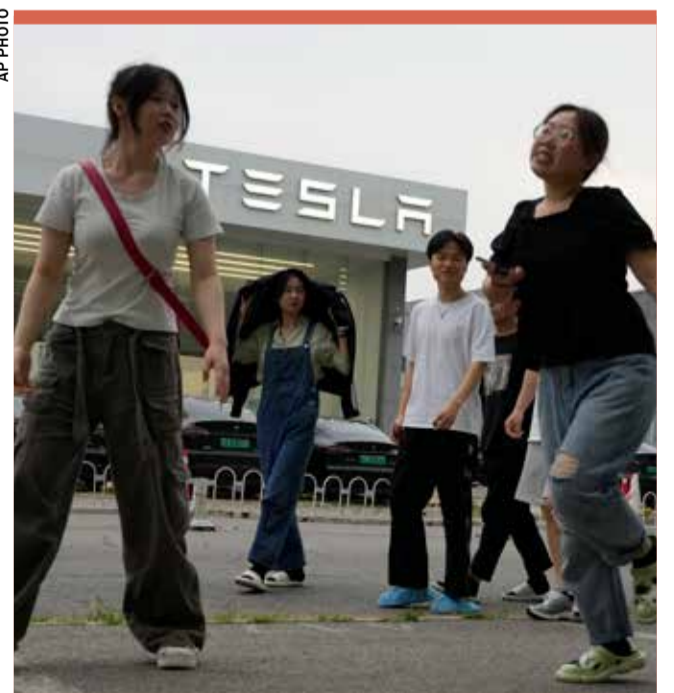
Earlier, Musk met with the industry minister, Jin Zhuanglong, and "exchanged views on the development of new energy vehicles and intelligent networked vehicles," the Ministry of In-

dustry and Information Technology said on its website.

China accounts for half of global electric vehicle sales and is the site of Tesla's first factory outside the United States.

Li, the premier, delivered a similar message of reassurance in meetings in March with CEOs Tim Cook of Apple, Albert Bourla of Pfizer, Jakob Stausholm of Rio Tinto and Toshiaki Higashihara of Hitachi.

Tesla opened the first wholly foreign-owned auto factory in China in 2019 after Beijing eased ownership restrictions to increase



competition and speed up industry development.

Tesla didn't respond to requests by email for information about Musk's visit to China.

Musk also is the majority owner of social media platform Twitter, access to which is blocked in China by the ruling party's internet filters. **MDT/AP**



Congratulations on
the 16th Anniversary of
Macau Daily Times

MELCO
新濠

AP PHOTO



Kim Jong Un on a Seoul TV screen: not a happy chap

NORTH KOREA

Spy satellite launch fails as rocket falls into the sea

HYUNG-JIN KIM, SEOUL

NORTH Korea's attempt to put its first spy satellite into space failed yesterday in a setback to leader Kim Jong Un's push to boost his military capabilities as tensions with the United States and South Korea rise.

After an unusually quick admission of failure, North Korea vowed to conduct a second launch after it learns what went wrong. It suggests Kim remains determined to expand his weapons arsenal and apply more pressure on Washington and Seoul while diplomacy is stalled.

South Korea and Japan briefly urged residents to take shelter after the launch.

The South Korean military said it was salvaging an object presumed to be part of the crashed North Korean rocket in waters 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of the southwestern island of Eocheongdo. Later, the Defense Ministry released photos of a white, metal cylinder it described as a suspected rocket part.

A satellite launch by North Korea is a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban the country from conducting any launch based on ballistic technology. Observers say North Korea's previous satellite launches helped improve its long-range missile technology. North Korean

long-range missile tests in recent years demonstrated a potential to reach all of the continental U.S., but outside experts say the North still has some work to do to develop functioning nuclear missiles.

The newly developed Chollima-1 rocket was launched at 6:37 a.m. at the North's Sohae Satellite Launching Ground in the northwest, carrying the Malligyong-1 satellite. The rocket crashed off the Korean Peninsula's western coast after it lost thrust following the separation of its first and second stages, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said.

South Korea's military said the rocket had "an abnormal flight" before it fell in the water. Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters that no object was believed to have reached space.

North Korean media said the country's space agency will investigate what it calls "the serious defects revealed" by the launch and conduct a second launch as soon as possible.

"It is impressive when the North Korean regime actually admits failure, but it would be difficult to hide the fact of a satellite launch failure internationally, and the regime will likely offer a different narrative domestically," said Lei-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul. "This outcome also suggests that Pyongyang

may stage another provocation soon, in part to make up for today's setback."

Adam Hodge, a spokesman at the U.S. National Security Council, said in a statement that Washington strongly condemns the North Korean launch because it used banned ballistic missile technology, raised tensions and risked destabilizing security in the region and beyond.

The U.N. imposed economic sanctions on North Korea over its previous satellite and ballistic missile launches but has not responded to recent tests because China and Russia, permanent Security Council members now locked in confrontations with the U.S., have blocked attempts to toughen the sanctions.

Seoul's military said it boosted military readiness in coordination with the United States, and Japan said it was prepared to respond to any emergency. The U.S. said it will take all necessary measures to ensure the security of the American homeland and the defense of South Korea and Japan.

South Korea's capital, Seoul, issued alerts over public loudspeakers and cellphone text messages telling residents to prepare for evacuation after the launch was detected, and Japan activated a missile warning system for Okinawa prefecture in southwestern Japan, in the rocket's suspected path.

"Please evacuate into buildings or underground," the Japanese alert said.

Japanese Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada said Japan plans to keep missile defense systems deployed in its southern islands and in southwestern waters until June 11, the end of North Korea's announced launch window.

KCNA didn't provide details of the rocket or the satellite beyond their names. Experts earlier said North Korea would likely use a liquid-fueled rocket as most of its previously tested long-range rockets and missiles have done.

Though it plans a fuller investigation, the North's National Aerospace Development Administration attributed the failure to "the low reliability and stability of the new-type engine system applied to (the) carrier rocket" and "the unstable character of the fuel," according to KCNA.

On Tuesday, Ri Pyong Chol, a top North Korean official, said the North needs a space-based reconnaissance system to counter escalating security threats from South Korea and the United States.

However, the spy satellite shown earlier in the country's state-run media didn't appear to be sophisticated enough to produce high-resolution imagery. Some outside experts said it may be able to detect troop movements and large targets such as warships and warplanes.

Recent commercial satellite imagery of the North's Sohae launch center showed active construction indicating North Korea plans to launch more than one satellite. In his Tuesday statement, Ri also said North Korea would test "various reconnaissance means" to monitor moves by the United States and its allies in real time.

With three to five spy satellites, North Korea could build a space-based surveillance system that allows it to monitor the Korean Peninsula in near real-time, according to Lee Choon Geun, an honorary research fellow at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute.

The satellite is one of several high-tech weapons systems that Kim has publicly vowed to introduce. Other weapons on his wish list include a multi-warhead missile, a nuclear submarine, a solid-propellant intercontinental ballistic missile and a hypersonic missile. In his visit to the space agency in mid-May, Kim emphasized the strategic significance of a spy satellite in North Korea's standoff with the United States and South Korea.

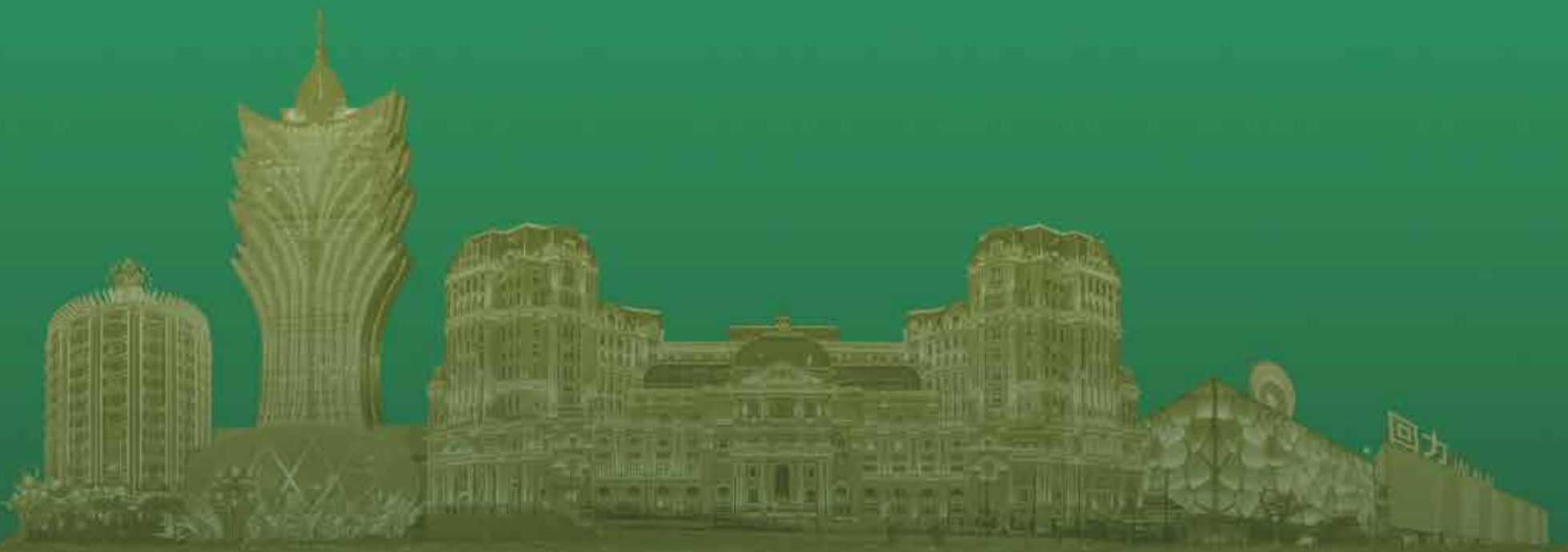
Easley, the professor, said Kim likely increased pressure on his scientists and engineers to launch the spy satellite after rival South Korea successfully launched its first commercial-grade satellite aboard its domestically built Nuri rocket earlier this month.

South Korea is expected to launch its first spy satellite later this year, and analysts say Kim likely wants his country to launch its spy satellite before the South to reinforce his military credentials at home.

After repeated failures, North Korea successfully put its first satellite into orbit in 2012 and a second one in 2016. The government said both are Earth observation satellites launched under its peaceful space development program, but many foreign experts believe both were developed to spy on rivals.

Observers say there has been no evidence that the satellites have ever transmitted imagery back to North Korea. **MDT/AP**

CONGRATULATIONS ON
THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF
MACAU DAILY TIMES



澳娛綜合
SJM

BRICS

Possible Putin trip in spotlight as block diplomats set for meeting in South Africa

THE Russian and Chinese foreign ministers are expected to meet with their counterparts from the BRICS economic bloc in Cape Town today, a precursor to a larger summit of developing nations' leaders in South Africa in August that Russian President Vladimir Putin may attend while under indictment by the International Criminal Court.

AP PHOTO



South Africa has suggested without saying explicitly that it won't arrest Putin, if he decides to travel for the main BRICS summit in Johannesburg, despite being obliged to do so as a signatory to the ICC's Rome treaty.

BRICS is a bloc of emerging economies made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and their leaders, including China's Xi Jinping, have been invited to the Aug. 22-24 summit.

Any Putin trip — and the Kremlin hasn't said if he will attend — would focus more attention on South Africa's relationship with Moscow. There are clear

concerns in the West that Africa's most developed economy is aligning with Russia and pulling other developing countries along with it at a time of heightened global tensions.

Those concerns burst into the open earlier this month when the U.S. ambassador to South Africa called a news conference in Pretoria and accused the country of supplying weapons to Russia for its war in Ukraine. The South African government has denied the

allegation, but the visit of a Russian cargo ship to South Africa's top naval base near Cape Town in December is under investigation.

While South Africa hasn't yet stated its official position with regard to the arrest warrant for Putin, its foreign ministry said Tuesday that those traveling for today's meeting of BRICS foreign ministers and the leaders who attend the main summit in three months' time would be afforded standard diplomatic immunity.

But the privileges "do not override any warrant that may have been issued by any international tribunal against any attendee of the conference," foreign ministry spokesman Clayson Monyela said, an indirect reference to Putin.

It means the ICC arrest warrant would still be applicable if Putin visits in August, even if it is highly unlikely that South Africa would arrest him.

The Russian president hasn't traveled to any country that is part of the international court treaty since he was indicted in March for war crimes relating to the abduction of children from Ukraine.

Away from Putin, the main summit of BRICS leaders could be one of the most important in the bloc's short history, analysts say. There could be movement on two critical issues: BRICS could be expanded to admit new members like Saudi Arabia, Iran and United Arab Emirates. The bloc might also adopt a resolution on

creating a BRICS currency.

Those moves within a group containing Russia and China might be seen as "a direct economic challenge to the U.S.," said William Gumede, an associate professor at the School of Governance at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand and a BRICS analyst.

"BRICS could look very different ... and (it) would just change the dynamics of world power," Gumede said.

BRICS officials said in April that at least 19 countries — including major oil producers Saudi Arabia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates — have applied to become members. South Africa Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor has also confirmed that a BRICS currency will be discussed.

The discussions might start this week when Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang meet with Pandor and other counterparts from Brazil and India. **MDT/AP**

AD

Doce
VIDA | ENJOY THE SWEET LIFE

Crafted by Artisans
Especially For You

ARTYZEN
GRAND LAPA MACAU
澳門雅辰酒店

#AGLDoceVida

MACAU
澳門

BENFICAMACAU
ACADEMY
澳門賓菲加體育學校

FOOTBALL | **BASKETBALL** | **DAILY TRAININGS**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Congratulations on the 16th Anniversary of Macau Daily Times

CTM Fiber 360°

The First FTTR Solution in Macau
In Sync with Your Charmed Life

Professional Service Installation Arrangement	Wi-Fi 6 Full House Coverage and Seamless Roaming	2Gbps Wi-Fi Coverage
---	--	----------------------

Personalization	Dedicated Equipment	Wi-Fi Butler App	Express Service Installation Arrangement	Equipment Warranty	7 x 24 Customer Service Support
-----------------	---------------------	------------------	--	--------------------	---------------------------------

Enrich Home Entertainment

Share HD Live Streaming

Fun e-learning

Work Expediently from Home

Connect Smart Home with Expansion of Devices

Note: Customers of the above promotions are bound by the respective service agreement.

QR Code
www.ctm.net
No. 1, Hotline: 1000

HUAWEI | CTM

KOSOVO

ETHNIC SERBS GATHER IN NORTHERN TOWN AFTER CLASHES WITH NATO-LED PEACEKEEPERS

RADUL RADOVANOVIC,
ZVECAN

HUNDREDS of ethnic Serbs yesterday gathered in a town in northern Kosovo, days after clashes that injured 30 soldiers from a NATO-led peacekeeping force and over 50 Serbs, provoking fears of a renewal of the region's bloody conflicts and prompting the Western military alliance to send in additional troops.

The Serbs reiterated that they want the Kosovo special police and ethnic Albanian officials they call "fake" mayors to withdraw from northern Kosovo. The crowd then spread a huge Serbian flag.

Yesterday's protest outside the city hall in Zvecan, 45 kilometers north of the capital, Pristina, was peaceful as of late morning. On Monday, ethnic Serbs tried to storm municipal offices and fought with both Kosovo police and the peacekeepers.

Serbs are a minority in Kosovo, but a majority in parts of the country's north bordering Serbia. Many reject the Albanian-majority territory's claim of independence from Serbia. A former province of Serbia, Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence is also not recognized by Belgrade.

The United States and the European Union recently have stepped up efforts to solve the dispute as the war rages in Ukraine. NATO said it will send 700 more troops to northern Kosovo to help quell violent protests after the clashes on Monday. The NATO-led peacekeeping mission, KFOR, currently consists of almost 3,800 troops.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged "all parties to take immediate actions to de-escalate tensions." Blinken described violence against soldiers from the multinational force known as KFOR as "unacceptable."

A German government spokesman said Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron plan to meet with the leaders of Serbia and Kosovo on Thursday.



KFOR soldiers (front) and Kosovo police officers guard a municipal building after clashes between ethnic Serbs and Nato troops, in the town of Zvecan

Spokesperson Steffen Hebestreit told reporters in Berlin that the meeting will take place on the sidelines of the European Political Community meeting in Chisinau, Moldova.

The confrontation first unfolded last week after ethnic Albanian officials, who were elected in a vote that Serbs overwhelmingly boycotted, entered municipal buildings to take office with an escort of Kosovo police.

When Serbs tried to block the officials, Kosovo police fired tear gas to disperse them. In Zvecan on Monday, angry Serbs again clashed first with the police and later with NATO-led troops who tried to secure the area.

Speaking at an international security forum in Bratislava, Slovakia, Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti said Kosovo police won't accept the Serbs' demands for a complete withdrawal, but hinted at the possibility of early local elections.

"As long as there is a violent mob outside the municipal buildings, we must have our special units," he said. "If there would have been peaceful protests asking for early election, that would attract my attention and perhaps I would consider that request."

Serbia put the country's military on its highest state of alert and sent more troops to the border with Kosovo.

While Washington and most EU nations recognize Kosovo's statehood, Belgrade has the backing of Russia and China in rejecting it. Western officials have sharply criticized both Kosovo's authorities for pushing to install the newly-elected mayors, and Serbs because of the violence.

"The Government of Kosovo's decision to force access to municipal buildings sharply and unnecessarily escalated tensions," said Blinken.

He urged Kosovo to use alternate locations for the new mayors and withdraw police from the vicinity of the municipal buildings. Serbia, he said, should lower its army's alert level and make sure KFOR troops are not attacked.

"Both Kosovo and Serbia should immediately recommit to engaging in the EU-facilitated Dialogue to normalize relations," said Blinken.

Serbia's Defense Minister told the state broadcaster RTS that the "security situation is highly risky because of one-sided, illegal, illegitimate decisions by the administration in

Pristina."

"First of all, we should name it properly and try to define it as an occupation of the north of Kosovo by the Albanian administration in Pristina," said Vučević.

Serbian officials have repeatedly warned that Serbia would not stand idle if Serbs in Kosovo come under attack.

The 1998-1999 war in Kosovo erupted when ethnic Albanian separatists launched a rebellion against Serbia, which responded with a brutal crackdown. The war ended after NATO bombing forced Serbia to pull out of the territory, and paved the way for the deployment of NATO-led peacekeepers.

The Balkan region is still reckoning with the aftermath of a series of bloody conflicts in the 1990s during the bloody breakup of the former country of Yugoslavia.

Yesterday, United Nations judges imposed increased sentences for two allies of former Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, who were convicted of an attempt to drive non-Serbs out of towns in Croatia and Bosnia during the wars in the 1990s. Milosevic also led Serbia during its 1998-1999 war in Kosovo. MDT/AP

this day in history



1970 BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HIT BY FLYING EGG



The Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, has been hit in the face with an egg thrown by a Young Conservative demonstrator.

The raw egg, thrown at close range, hit him on the forehead and bounced onto his jacket where it broke.

It was thrown by Tory supporter Richard Ware. He had waited nearly an hour to make his protest, outside the Wealdstone Labour Hall in north-west London, over the cancellation of the South African Springboks cricket tour.

The tour was called off on Home Secretary James Callaghan's orders after he raised fears of mass demonstrations against apartheid. During the 1969 rugby tour, matches were frequently interrupted by protesters.

The Labour leader shrugged off the incident as a sign the cost of living could not be as high as the Tories were suggesting if people could afford to throw raw eggs.

The economy has been one of the central issues of this election campaign.

Earlier in the day Mr Wilson had faced heckling from a crowd of around 500 gathered to greet his arrival at the Holborn and St Pancras South constituency in north London.

One woman shouted: "He's even put a tax on ant eggs for goldfish."

Another man retorted: "Goldfish are a luxury."

When Mr Wilson was later hit by the egg, he quipped: "If they are fighting the cost of living in Harrow, obviously eggs must be cheap enough to throw about."

"If the Tories get in, in five years no-one will be able to afford to buy an egg."

Although his government has been dogged by economic crises, culminating in the devaluation of sterling three years ago, there have been signs of recovery recently.

Chancellor Roy Jenkins introduced a series of indirect taxes in 1968 and a pay rise ceiling of 3.5% which have helped improve the economy to the extent Mr Wilson felt it was safe to call an election for 18 June.

The polls have all been predicting an easy victory for Labour and Mr Wilson.

The campaigning so far has focussed firmly on the two main party leaders, Mr Wilson and Conservative Edward Heath.

Although Mr Wilson has developed a reputation for one-liners at the daily news conferences, it was Mr Heath who got the better of him this time.

Asked about the egg incident, Mr Heath replied: "This was a secret meeting on a secret tour which nobody is supposed to know about. It means that men - and perhaps women - are walking the streets with eggs in their pockets, just on the off-chance."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Four days after the egg incident, Harold Wilson's wife was hit by a flour bomb as the couple waited for the prime ministerial car after a visit to the local Labour Party in Battersea, south London.

Asked afterwards if he felt the police should be given increased powers to deal with violent demonstrators, Mr Wilson said freedom was part of a democracy and a respect for the rights of others.

He went on to lose the election to the Conservatives - after what was generally regarded as a very lack-lustre campaign. The Tories took 330 seats, with Labour on 288 and the Liberals won just six seats. The Scottish Nationalists also gained their first Westminster MP.

This was the first election in which 18-year-olds were entitled to vote - but turnout was down on previous years to 72%, the lowest since 1935.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

YOUR STARS

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Your added discipline will enable you to complete some of those unfinished projects. Changes in your home environment may cause friction.

TAURUS Apr. 20-May. 20
Educational pursuits can bring interesting, helpful people. If they're too demanding, reconsider this union. Try to be as mellow as possible.

GEMINI May. 21-Jun. 21
You may find that family members may not be too easy to get along with. Hold your temper and refrain from doing anything that might cause injury.

CANCER Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming. You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones.

LEO Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Try not to be too lavish with your lover. Luck is with you. Get busy doing all those things at home that you have been putting off for so long.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sep. 22
Emotional deception is evident. You always seem to spend more than you make. Anger might lead to carelessness and minor injuries.

LIBRA Sep. 23-Oct. 22
You could come into extra cash. Travel in pursuit of pleasure and knowledge. Relatives will be cordial. You must look into your options.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21
This will not be the time to give too much to your children. Avoid letting children and friends borrow. Acknowledge your lover's needs.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You will upset your partner if you have spent money on things that aren't necessary. Your home environment appears to be a little shaky.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Creative endeavors will give you somewhat of an outlet. Join a club to work off that excess energy; but consider ways of doing that without spending the money.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Moneymaking ventures may just turn your life around. Avoid any hassles. Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Based on your excitement, serious-minded individuals will be more than interested in backing your ideas. You will be on the rampage today.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

EASY

2	9	7		1				
		3	2				5	9
				8	9	7		6
		9	5	3			4	2
	8			6				9
3	5			4	8	6		
4	8	7	1					
9	3				6	5		
			4			2	8	1

EASY+

9				8		2	3	
2				3	9			
5	4		1	9				
	3			2		6		
4			3				8	
1	4			5				
			7	8		2	9	
		1	3				7	
2	8	9						6

MEDIUM

				1	3	4		
	3							
	2	9		5				
	7	6					9	
	6	1		9	8			
9				7	4			
			1		5	8		
							4	
1	4	2						

HARD

					7	3	1	
5	8	4						
							2	
4								8
6		2						
				3				
			5			6		
	3						2	
1								

WEATHER

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
CHINA			
Beijing	16	33	fine
Changchun	15	23	rain
Chengdu	22	29	cloudy
Chongqing	24	28	overcast
Fuzhou	25	41	cloudy
Guangzhou	27	37	thunderstorms
Guiyang	21	27	thunderstorms
Haikou	26	34	cloudy
Hangzhou	23	32	rain
Harbin	13	20	showers
Hefei	20	29	cloudy
Nanjing	20	28	cloudy
Shanghai	22	30	overcast
Taipei	24	26	rain
Wuhan	22	30	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	32	rain
WORLD			
Moscow	9	22	overcast
Frankfurt	10	27	fine
Paris	10	28	fine
London	9	20	overcast
New York	17	27	overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- A Musketeer; 6- Contented sighs; 10- Formerly, formerly; 14- Reluctant; 15- Duct for smoke; 16- In the neighborhood; 17- Divvy up; 18- Sharp to the taste; 19- Latvian capital; 20- Ailing; 21- Movie critic Roger; 23- Pet term for man's best friend; 24- Aquatic mammal; 26- O. Henry device; 27- Also; 29- 3 grains troy weight; 31- Clairvoyant; 32- Billiards shot; 33- Actress Farrow; 36- Typical instance; 40- Author Rand; 41- Sleep issue; 42- "___ She Lovely?"; 43- Borders; 44- Accent; 46- Extremely; 48- Not as many; 49- Wonderland girl; 50- Gravy, for one; 52- ___ glance; 55- Literary collection; Abbr.; 56- Threadbare; 57- Cinder; 59- Hard to find; 60- King of comedy; 61- ___ Lama; 62- Equal; 63- Be dependent; 64- Give up;

DOWN 1- Jai ___; 2- Tribute; 3- Evening of Oct. 31; 4- Oklahoma First Nation; 5- "Fiddler on the Roof" setting; 6- In search of; 7- Chemical used on trees; 8- Injure; 9- Collection; 10- Implant deeply; 11- Monarch's rule; 12- Tending to droop; 13- Salver; 22- ___ canto; 23- Stage play; 25- Division of a school year; 26- Camaro model; 27- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example; 28- Hot; 29- Sidewalk eateries; 30- Operatic solo; 32- Motion picture; 33- Wretchedly unhappy; 34- Electrically charged particles; 35- Pismires; 37- Military chaplain; 38- Annika Sorenstam's org.; 39- Grow weary; 43- One engraving; 44- Not sweet; 45- Like a professor's jacket; 46- Radial neighbors; 47- Brit's bottle measure; 48- Amusing; 49- Over-50 org.; 50- Flatfish; 51- Sea east of the Caspian; 53- Bluey-green color; 54- Dry and waterless; 56- Armed conflict; 58- Month after avril;

Yesterday's solution

R	E	N	D	C	L	I	N	E	T	W	I	N
O	R	E	O	H	O	R	A	L	O	I	S	E
T	A	X	I	A	L	I	C	E	O	L	E	G
A	T	T	N	A	S	H	V	I	L	L	E	
G	A	G	O	E	R							
C	L	A	S	S	I	F	I	C	A	T	E	
A	O	L	S	N	E	E	R	N	E	A	T	S
R	I	T	A	G	E	N	O	A	R	I	P	E
T	R	E	A	T	G	T	A	S	H	A	R	
F	R	A	S	E	A	M	P	U	T	A	T	E
R	E	T	R	I	E	V	E	R	A	T	A	S
T	E	T	H	G	A	I	N	S	L	A	M	E
T	I	S	T	O	M	R	L	E	E	O	L	E
S	T	A	R	A	V	E	R	S	A	N	S	

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
- Fire department 28 572 222
- PJ (Open line) 993
- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- 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
- Airport 59 888 88
- Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
- Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
- Telephone - Report 1000
- Electricity - Report 28 339 922
- Macau Daily Times 28 716 081



It's prime time to **BUY & RENT!**

有閣樓字廣告及招租, 請向職員查詢
For more information on advertising laws, please speak to one of our representatives.

jml property
RENT

CONTACT US
& SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

hello@jmlproperty.com
www.jmlproperty.com

f jmlmacau @jmlproperty

Nam Long
HKD 4,680,000 2 beds 1 bath

Hellene Gardens
HKD 12,500,000 4 bed 2 bath

Jade Garden
HKD 13,988,000 4 beds 3 bath

AD

Congratulations!

16
YEARS

A-CHANGIN'

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報®
Times

BEST WISHES FOR
THE YEAR AHEAD



BCM bank
澳門商業銀行



**TRUE URBAN & BEACH RESORT
EXPERIENCES**

HAPPY 16TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE MACAU DAILY TIMES



鷺環海天度假酒店
**GRAND COLOANE
RESORT**



FOOTBALL

A mix of Beckham and Gazza, Grealish emerging as the face of English soccer

STEVE DOUGLAS

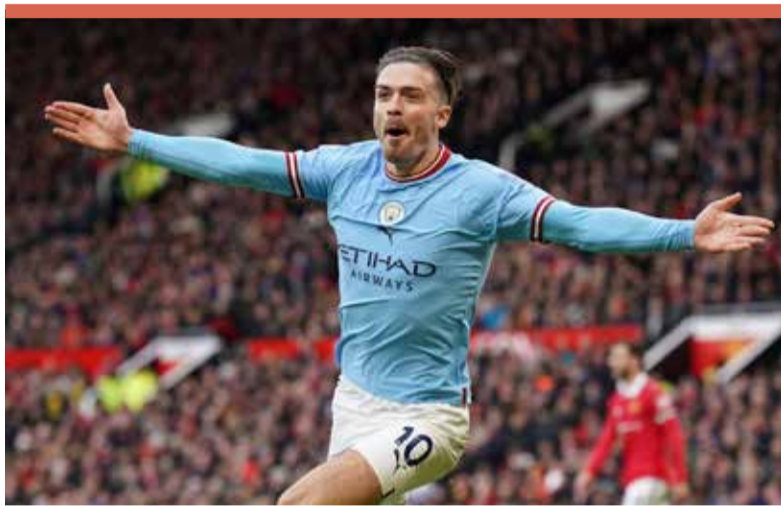
ARMED with the boyish charm and marketability of David Beckham and the skills and playfulness of Paul Gascoigne, Jack Grealish has a potent mix that has seen him quickly emerge as the face of English soccer.

Now that he is starting to add trophies to his growing list of endorsement deals that already include Gucci and Puma, the possibilities appear endless for the Manchester City winger who is the most expensive English soccer player of all time.

Grealish — he of the bulging calf muscles and swept-back hair — was already hot property in the English game before a 2021 move from Aston Villa to City for 100 million pounds (then \$139 million) that took his appeal to a new level.

Nearing the end of his second season at City, the 27-year-old Grealish has finally established

AP PHOTO



Manchester City's Jack Grealish

himself as a key part of a Premier League-winning team that is seeking to clinch the second leg of a treble of major titles this season by beating Manchester United in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

He is far more than a soccer player these days, though.

"People like Jack Grealish are the new sports lifestyle icons," Alan Seymour, a sports academic and

author in business and marketing, told The Associated Press. "As he's matured and got more attuned to what is required of him as a footballer, on the field and off the field, it's why he is right up there with the very best sports personalities for marketability, not only in football but away from football."

Elements of the wild-child image that shadowed him in the early

years of his career remain.

At the height of the lockdown amid the pandemic, Grealish was found slurring his words after crashing his car in a residential estate and was later banned from driving for nine months. Then there were those images of him playing a prominent role in City's Premier League title celebrations last year, when he was seen swigging a beer and — bleary-eyed and with a croaky voice — aiming a dig at Newcastle midfielder Miguel Almiron that gained plenty of air time.

Grealish unashamedly accepts that's who he is. He recently said he might have been a nightclub promoter if he wasn't a soccer player and that he'd always be prone to the kind of excesses that mean he embodies the spirit of a regular soccer fan.

But the loveable, charming part of Grealish's personality is inescapable. It shines through in every interview he does.

"I feel so much more confident

in this team," said Grealish, who was left out of many of City's big games last season while he adapted to the demands of manager Pep Guardiola. "I feel fitter and back to what I know, what I can do. This is why City bought me and I have so much to offer."

Big brands think so, too. He is an ambassador for fashion house Gucci and for Bose audio equipment, and this year signed a boot deal with Puma that's reportedly the most lucrative by a British player, worth about 10 million pounds per season over the next five years.

He has 7 million followers on Instagram and 4.2 million on TikTok. The British press are even starting to liken Grealish and his girlfriend, fashion model Sasha Attwood, to David and Victoria Beckham, and the way Grealish wears a handband — boyband-style — to manage his floppy hair furthers the comparisons with Beckham, even if their playing style is very different. **MDT/AP**

AD

For *sixteen* years,
Macau Daily Times has been an invaluable information source that brings news on noteworthy developments in local, national and international affairs to its reading audience.

16th
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations on *sixteen* years of accomplishments!
Best wishes for many more years of thrivingness and prosperity!

 澳門彩票有限公司
macau-slot.com

OPINION

Editorial

Paulo Coutinho



SWEET AND SOUR SIXTEEN

We mark 16 years of publication as the amended national security bill (NSL) enters formally into force.

The Law No. 8/2023 on Safeguarding of State Security amends the legislation first enacted in 2009, a decade after Macau returned to Chinese sovereignty, bringing significant changes to protect the sovereignty and political stability of the region.

Comparing the new bill with similar legislation in other jurisdictions, they share common objectives, but ours falls short in balancing security with civil liberties.

Right after the unanimous and final vote on the law at the Legislative Assembly plenary on May 18, the Association of Journalists of Macau (AJM), composed mostly of Chinese professionals, warned precisely of the ambiguity regarding that balance:

"With such a large gray area in the bill, press freedom in Macau will inevitably be affected, and we fear that self-censorship from news organizations may become even more severe," the 100-strong AJM said, cited by Ponto Final.

Both national and local authorities dismiss these fears, offering reassurances the NSL will not affect civil rights and that the freedom of the press is here to stay.

The amended law, Safeguarding of State Security in Macau, focuses on secession, subversion against the political power of the state, sedition and violation of state secrets. It imposes severe penalties, including imprisonment, for those attempting to undermine sovereignty or disrupt the central political organs of the state. This reflects a strong commitment to preserving Macau's political stability and national interests.

Also, it encompasses a wide range of offenses related to state security, including secession, subversion, and violation of state secrets, while the laws of United States, United Kingdom, and Portugal focus more specifically on espionage, treason and disclosure of classified information.

The Macau law imposes stringent penalties, including lengthy prison terms. The laws in the U.S., U.K., and Portugal also prescribe imprisonment, but the severity of the penalties may vary based on the specific offense and its impact on national security.

In the U.S. and U.K., the laws are designed to strike a balance between national security concerns and safeguarding civil liberties, such as freedom of speech and expression. In contrast, the laws of Macau and Portugal prioritize national security without explicit mention of that balance with civil liberties, raising concerns about the potential impact on individual rights.

Macau's law explicitly addresses acts committed by organizations or associations outside the region, emphasizing collective legal responsibility of such entities. The U.S., U.K., and Portugal also have provisions to address offenses committed outside their territories, but the specific mechanisms may differ.

The Law on Safeguarding of State Security in Macau, along with similar laws in the United States, United Kingdom, and Portugal, aims to protect national security and maintain political stability. While they share common objectives, there are notable differences in scope, penalties and approaches to balancing security with civil liberties.

Macau Daily Times enters its 17th year with big challenges ahead – political and financial – but also with hope that we can continue doing our job for the gracious people of Macau who brought us this far and continue to play a role in the development of this international city.

Thank you for being there for us.

Beijing responded yesterday to complaints from the United States about a Chinese fighter jet's dangerous interception of an American Air Force reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace over the South China Sea by demanding an end to such flights.

The incident adds to military, diplomatic and economic tensions between the sides over U.S. support for self-governing Taiwan, China's refusal to engage in dialogue between their armed forces and Beijing's flying of a suspected spy balloon over the U.S.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters at a daily briefing yesterday that China would keep taking measures it deems

necessary to safeguard its sovereignty.

"The U.S. should immediately stop these dangerous provocations," Mao said.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command called the Chinese plane's actions an "unnecessarily aggressive maneuver," adding to complaints that China's military has become significantly more aggressive over the past five years, intercepting U.S. aircraft and ships in the region.

In a statement earlier, the U.S. military said the pilot of the Chinese J-16 fighter jet flew directly in front of the nose of the RC-135 conducting routine operations in international airspace last Friday.

AP PHOTO



This undated photo released by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, shows artillery shells on a Chinese-registered vessel

WWII SHIPWRECKS

MALAYSIA FINDS 100 OLD ARTILLERY SHELLS ON CHINESE BARGE

MALAYSIA'S maritime Agency said a Chinese barge likely plundered two World War II British shipwrecks in the South China Sea after discovering 100 more old artillery shells on the detained vessel.

Malaysian media reported that illegal salvage operators are believed to have targeted the HMS Repulse and the HMS Prince of Wales, which were sunk in 1941 by Japanese torpedoes days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A total of 842 sailors perished, and the shipwrecks off the coast of Malaysia's central Pahang state are designated war graves. Fishermen and divers alerted authorities after spotting a foreign vessel near the area last month.

The maritime agency detained the barge, registered in Fuzhou, China, on Sunday for anchoring without a permit off southern Johor state. Upon investigation, the agency found piles of scrap metal and an artillery shell believed to be from World

War II on the vessel.

The agency said a thorough search Tuesday found 100 more artillery shells of various sizes on the Chinese vessel. It said the shells were taken by the police bomb disposal unit to be detonated.

It said it "does not rule out the possibility that the vessel ... is the same ship that plundered the British warships."

Britain's National Museum of the Royal Navy said last week it was "distressed and concerned at the apparent vandalism for personal profit." Known as prewar steel, the material from the two warships is valuable and could be smelted for use in manufacturing of sensitive scientific and medical equipment.

The maritime agency said it believes the artillery shells are linked to the police seizure of dozens of artillery shells and other relics at a scrapyard in Johor earlier this month. The New Straits Times newspaper said the shells are believed to be from

the warships and that police conducted on-site controlled detonations of them.

The agency said there were 32 crew members aboard the barge — 21 Chinese, 10 Bangladeshis and a Malaysian.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters that the government has asked Malaysia to "handle the case fairly in accordance with law." She said Chinese citizens' safety and legitimate rights and interests must be protected and urged Malaysia to notify Beijing of the progress of the investigation.

It is not the first time the two shipwrecks have been targeted.

The New Straits Times reported that foreign treasure hunters used homemade explosives in 2015 to break the heavy steel plates on the ships for easy plundering. Other media said authorities detained a Vietnamese vessel involved in looting the wreckage at the time. **MDT/AP**

USA A group of Amazon workers upset about recent layoffs, a return-to-office mandate and the company's environmental impact is planning a walkout at the company's Seattle headquarters yesterday. The lunchtime protest comes a week after Amazon's annual shareholder meeting and a month after a policy took effect requiring workers to return to the office three days per week. "We respect our employees' rights to express their opinions," the company said.

AP PHOTO



Earth has pushed past seven out of eight scientifically established safety limits and into "the danger zone," not just for an overheating planet that's losing its natural areas, but for well-being of people living on it, according to a new study from journal Nature. The study looks not just at guardrails for the planetary ecosystem but for the first time it includes measures of "justice," which is mostly about preventing harm for countries, ethnicities and genders.

Space NASA held its first public meeting on UFOs yesterday a year after launching a study into unexplained sightings. The space agency televised the hourslong hearing featuring an independent panel of experts. The team includes 16 scientists and other experts selected by NASA including retired astronaut Scott Kelly, the first American to spend nearly a year in space. Several committee members have been subjected to "online abuse" for serving on the team, which detracts from the scientific process, said NASA.

AP PHOTO



Hollywood Al Pacino, 83, and 29-year-old Noor Alfalah are expecting a baby, the actor's representative confirmed yesterday. Pacino's publicist, Stan Rosenfield, verified the news first published by TMZ, but said there would be no statement at this time. The baby would be Pacino's fourth child. He has a 33-year-old daughter, Julie Marie, with acting coach Jan Tarrant and 22-year-old twins Anton and Olivia with actor Beverly D'Angelo.