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**North Korea** Kim Yo Jong (pictured) vowed again yesterday to push for a second attempt to launch a spy satellite as she lambasted a U.N. Security Council meeting over the North's first, failed launch. Yesterday, Kim's sister and senior ruling party official called the U.N. council "a political appendage" of the United States, saying its recent meeting was convened following America's "gangster-like request." More on p6

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**UAE** A senior official says the Gulf nation wants the U.N. climate summit it's hosting later this year to deliver "game-changing results" for international efforts to curb global warming, but doing so will require having the fossil fuel industry at the table. Environmental campaigners have slammed the presence of oil and gas lobbyists at previous rounds of talks, warning that their interests are opposed to the goal of cutting greenhouse gas. More on p5

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### NUMBER OF BLUE CARD-HOLDERS REBOUNDED

The city saw an additional 3,554 non-resident workers in April, according to data from the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL), totaling 158,202 blue card-holders in the SAR. Numbers have been on the rise since the reopening of the border as the city, particularly the hotel sector, has been crippled from the shortage of manpower. This comes after thousands of migrant workers have left due to the pandemic. The latest figures account for 80% of pre-Covid figures, the majority of whom are from the mainland, followed by the Philippines.

### POST OFFICES IN NORTHERN DISTRICT TO MERGE

The Mong Ha Post Office and the Hac Sa Wan Post Office will merge offices in Mong Ha Social Housing Building from June 19. The Macau Post and Telecommunications Bureau added that the new Mong Ha Post Office will include a self-service area with a stamp vending machine and eLocker. Its opening hours will not be changed, namely 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

### TOURISM ROADSHOW KICKS OFF IN THAILAND

In order to attract more international tourists to Macau, the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has kicked off its "Experience Macau, Unlimited" mega roadshow in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 2. The three-day event, which is the first large-scale international roadshow of its kind in Asia organized by MGTO since the pandemic, features numerous interactive games and workshops. As Thailand reached the top 10 bracket for visitor source markets in Macau, MGTO joined with many airlines to provide special discounts at the roadshow, such as a buy-one-get-one-free offer for Hong Kong-Macau shuttle bus and ferry tickets.

# HELD FOR 30 YEARS, CANDLELIGHT VIGILS REMEMBERING TIANANMEN ARE NOT TO RETURN

RENATO MARQUES

**H**ELD for three decades, the candlelight vigils that aimed to shed light on the events that took place at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in what become known as the "June Fourth Incident" are not to return.

So says Au Kam San, one of the leaders of the Democratic Development Union (UMDD), the group that annually organized the event.

In a report by All About Macau, Au addressed the state of affairs for the vigil since the early years and particularly over the last few years, noting the recent rulings from the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) in response to the appeal from the group for the hosting of a gathering in 2021, as well as the information provided on the decision to disqualify Au from running in the Legislative Assembly (AL) elections.

For the political activist and former lawmaker, it is clear that authorities have made the event illegal and so nobody will dare to challenge the authorities, especially when taking into account the consequences of such disobedience.

Still, Au said that he believes that the event, held for thirty years, normally at Senado Square,



was never illegal during all those years.

Following the decision not to authorize holding the event over the past three years, despite being justified under Covid-19 prevention and control measures, Au and his partner at AL and UMDD, Ng Kuok Cheong, decided late last week to disband the group.

At that time, Au explained to Radio Free Asia that the current

political atmosphere [related to the passage and entry into force of the new National Security Law] could have an impact on the UMDD members, with the best option being to dissolve the group before this law takes effect.

On the topic of the June 4 gatherings, the Times inquired of the Public Security Police Force (PSP) whether any person or group has applied to host any

public event on this date this year.

In response, the PSP said that the force has not received any request regarding public events for the day.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, police detained eight people, including activists and artists, on the eve of the 34th anniversary.

Police said in a statement late Saturday that four people have been arrested for allegedly disrupting order in public spaces or carrying out acts with seditious intent. Four others were taken away for investigation on suspicion of breaching public peace.

For decades, tens of thousands of Hong Kongers held an annual candlelight vigil in Victoria Park each June 4 to commemorate the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters

In Beijing, additional security was seen around Tiananmen Square, which has long been ringed with security checks requiring those entering to show identification, according to a report issued by the Associated Press. Those passing by foot or on bicycle on Changan Avenue running north of the square were also stopped and forced to show identification. Those with journalist visas in their passports were told they needed special permission to approach the area.

### GAMING

## Galaxy, MGM set sights on IR in Thailand

STAFF REPORTER

**G**ALAXY Entertainment Group Ltd. and MGM Resorts International are seeking to get a head start by considering the potential of opening casino resorts in Thailand, Bloomberg reported.

Citing people who asked not to be identified because the matter is private, the two casino operators are reported to be establishing gaming facilities in the country.

While any entry depends on Thailand removing legal restrictions, the industry expects that change is on its way. Even though the country is still in the throes of a leadership transition, a casino resort proposal won cross-party support in the last House and is expected to be given the green light by the new government.

Meanwhile, according to Bloomberg sources, Galaxy has already set up offices in both Thailand and the UAE to promote its operations

in Macau, while also using that local presence to glean on-the-ground information.

MGM has also reportedly set up a base in Thailand, and was one of a number of firms that spoke with a Thai parliamentary committee looking into legalizing casinos.

Executives at MGM Resorts International are hopeful that gaming may be approved by the United Arab Emirates, possibly as soon as this year.



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# Portuguese council worried about the long waiting list at Consulate

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Council of the Portuguese Communities (CCP) is concerned with the current situation at the Consulate-general of Portugal for Macau and Hong Kong, where people are waiting for over six months to renew their Portuguese Identity Cards (Cartão do Cidadão) and Portuguese Passports.

The president of the Regional Council of the Portuguese Communities for Asia and Oceania Rita Santos told TDM that she has scheduled a meeting with the Secretary of State for the Portuguese Communities, Paulo Cafôfo to discuss the problem.

According to Santos, the problem comes directly from the lack of staff at the Portuguese Consulate-general for Macau and Hong Kong, a long-lasting issue caused by difficulties in recruiting workers, as the salary offered is very low when compared to the cost of living in Macau.

According to a previous report from the newspaper Tri-



buna de Macau, the consulate currently has a waiting list of about 15,000 people waiting to renew identification documents and particularly travel documents, which have a validity period of just five years.

Santos said to TDM that currently, the consulate is scheduling appointments to renew passports for 2024, with the upcoming almost

seven-month period until the end of the year already being full.

In the same report, she noted that Portuguese who are residents of Macau and Hong Kong are also being discriminated against and treated as "inferior citizens," as the only way to be able to renew any passport is via the so-called urgent method, which requi-

res people to pay 1,390 patacas for the passport renewal, a price that is almost twice the price for the renewal of the same document in Portugal in an urgent procedure (EUR85 = MOP736) and almost three times the price for a normal procedure renewal (EUR65 = MOP562).

The Times also learned that due to this issue, several Portuguese residents in Macau have opted to plan trips to Portugal so they can renew their travel documents, a procedure that can be done easily in five days or less.

On the line is also the fact that most travel destinations in Asia, as well as other parts of the world, do not allow passengers to enter the country if their passports have fewer than six months validity remaining.

Besides being a leisure and tourism document, in Macau, the passport assumes importance as a work and business tool. It is also necessary to have more than six months of validity to apply for a visa to enter the mainland or visit Hengqin, for instance.

## CE EXPRESSES CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RETURN OF SHENZHOU 15 SPACECRAFT

**C**HIEF Executive Ho Iat Seng has expressed his congratulations in a letter to mark the return of the Central People's Government Shenzhou 15 spacecraft to Earth, the government has disclosed in a statement.

Highlighting his happiness, the head of the government expressed his "warm congratulations on the complete success of this manned flight mission." He also conveyed his respect and well wishes to the entire team on this mission, particularly mentioning the three astronauts, whom he described as "heroes."

Ho emphasized that "the crew of Shenzhou 15 completed the last flight mission in the construction stage of our country's manned space station, laying a good foundation for our country's space station to enter the application and development stage, and also marking a new peak for our country's space industry and manned space project."

He recapped that Shenzhou 15 was launched on Nov. 29 last year. It later connected with the Shenzhou 14 spacecraft, completed a shift rotation and started a six-month space mission.

Ho noted that, in addition to the successful completion of 4 out-of-vehicle missions, the crew of Shenzhou 15 also carried out multiple-load out-of-vehicle missions, eight instances of human factors engineering technology research, 28 aerospace medical experiments, as well as 38 space science experiments or tests, covering life ecology, material science, fluid mechanics, and so on.

"Very valuable experimental data were obtained, which once again showed the rapid development of our country's aerospace technology," Ho wrote. **AL**

# ID highlights 2018 sports science forum to illustrate Macau-Portugal collaboration

ANTHONY LAM

**I**N 2018, the Sports Bureau (ID) hosted a forum on sports science that featured experts from Beijing and Lisbon in an example of Macau-Portugal cooperation in the area, the bureau said.

The review was given in response to lawmaker Pereira Coutinho's earlier written inquiry. Coutinho underlined that on Jun. 28, 2001, Macau and Portugal signed an agreement on cooperation in the sport sector. The agreement was then promulgated in Macau on Oct. 8 of the same year.

As a result, he inquired with the bureau about the implementation and progress of the agreement.

In response, the bureau



recapped the aforementioned sports forum. Officially referred to as the China-Portugal Sport Science Forum 2018, the event was co-organized by the Beijing Sport University and the University of Lisbon. It saw

experts in the field from both universities and representatives from the China Anti-Doping Agency (CHINA-NADA) speaking in Macau on sport science and anti-doping, among other related topics.

On the other hand, the bureau also highlighted that it has invited experts in sport science from Portugal to conduct training in Macau on an occasional basis. This has resulted in local sport circle stakeholders coming to grips with the latest trends in sport training, increasing their understanding of sport science, and improving their capabilities.

Meanwhile, Portuguese sport teams conducted pre-match or regular training in Macau on several occasions.

In the summer of 2002, the Portuguese football team was invited to Macau for pre-tournament training for the World Cup 2002 Finals. A key event in the training tour was a friendly match held in Ma-

cau between Portugal and China.

Reciprocally, the bureau highlighted, teams from Macau have also conducted several pre-match training sessions in Portugal for matches held in Europe. At the same time, the bureau emphasized that it is in constant support of the presence of the Olympic Committee of Macau, China in the General Assembly of the Association of the Portuguese Speaking Olympic Committees (ACOLOP).

Further, on sports medicine, the bureau cited the Health Bureau (SSM) stating that the SSM and its counterparts in Portugal had a consistently good relationship. Delegations have regularly been sent to one another for study tours, seminars and meetings, as

well as specialist and expert training.

It was underlined that medical staff from Macau had been sent to the Sports Medicine Centre of Portugal for a year of specialist training. The staff then began working in the public hospital.

The ID pledged that Macau and Portugal would further their cooperation in the future, for example by inviting Portuguese athletes to matches or tournaments in Macau.

In another inquiry, Coutinho's association ally Che Sai Wang asked about the use of parking spaces at the Lin Fong Sports Centre.

In response, the ID pointed out that the spaces can be temporarily occupied by users who have booked to use sports facilities at the center. It added that Lin Fong's neighboring former Canidrome, which will be transformed into a public sports park, would see its regulations promulgated at a later date.

### DSAL RECEIVES OVER 2,000 EMPLOYER SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) has received a total of 2,029 applications for the temporary subsidy plan for eligible employers who hire unemployed local residents. 1,166 have been approved so far, involving 1,892 additional employees. The subsidy scheme allows SMEs to receive MOP19,968 in subsidies for each local hire meeting certain conditions. The subsidy amount is calculated as half of the city's minimum wage for six months.

### DRAGON BOAT RACES TO SEE PARTICIPANTS FROM PHILIPPINES, MAINLAND

The upcoming dragon boat race will see participating teams take part from the Philippines and the mainland, according to Sports Bureau president, Pun Weng Kun. According to Pun, the auditorium will remove the social distancing restrictions necessitating sitting apart. It is believed that the number of people entering the venue will increase. The authorities will implement measures such as crowd control according to the situation and have prepared various plans to deal with it.

### CAM CO-LAUNCHES SPECIAL PILOT'S PROGRAM WITH SHANGHAI COUNTERPART

The chairman of the Macau International Airport Company (CAM), Simon Chan, met last month with the chairman of the Shanghai Airport Authority (SAA), Qin Yun, to explore more opportunities of cooperation. CAM aims to further deepen collaboration with SAA by increasing flight frequency on popular routes, and embarking upon the implementation of "Shanghai - Macau Express Route" pilot scheme. The scheme aims to offer diversified travel options to travelers, at the same time, passengers are allowed to utilize the route networks of both airports reaching to destinations worldwide.



## 14TH IIICF NEAR 40 DEALS CLOSED AT INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM

ANTHONY LAM

**I**N an infrastructure forum and expo held over the weekend, 39 cooperation agreements were signed, double that of last year, the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) disclosed in a statement.

The 14th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum and Expo was held on Jun. 1 and 2. It saw 220 business negotiations that led to the aforementioned 39 deals, which equated to funds of USD6.7 billion.

The IPIM described the result as "further promoting new trends in international cooperation and new opportunities for infrastruc-

ture development."

On the scope of the deals, the IPIM disclosed that they involved Portuguese-speaking countries and regions such as Southeast Asia, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau, covering fields and categories such as transportation, housing construction, electric power engineering, water conservancy construction, new energy, industry-university-research integration development, and talent training.

Fang Qiuchen, president of the China International Contractors Association, a co-organizing body of the event, said that this year's forum drew more than 3,000 guests from over 60 countries and regions. In terms of number of at-

tendees, this year saw the largest forum ever. The quality and capacity of the exhibition area has been comprehensively improved, he added, with professional exhibitions making their debut.

U U Sang, president of the IPIM, pointed out that the event has not only brought about new businesses to Macau's construction, logistics and transportation industries, but also exhibited the multiplier effect achieved by the convention and exhibition platform, bringing business customers, usually with higher spending power, to surrounding industries in town, such as catering, retail and hotels.

During the forum and expo, the China-Lusophone Infrastructure

Cooperation Green Development Forum was held parallel to the main forum on Jun. 2., hosted by the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao) (Forum Macao).

Over 120 people from the mainland Chinese and Macau governments, officials and diplomats from Lusophone countries, as well as representatives from financial institutions, advisory entities and related enterprises in China, Lusophone countries and Macau attended the forum.

Forum Macao Secretary-General Ji Xianzheng pointed out to the forum that infrastructure had always been a key area of cooperation at the Forum Macao, adding that action programs signed at previous ministerial meetings had all covered infrastructure cooperation.

He hoped that through this parallel forum, China and Lusophone countries can mutually share experiences in technology and development, as well as exploring the potential for cooperation. Meanwhile, he hoped that the forum would help both sides achieve more with green cooperation in infrastructure.

Maria Gustava, ambassador of Mozambique to China and head of the Lusophone delegation to the infrastructure forum, said that Lusophone countries considered Macau and the Greater Bay Area as critical to the trades with China and other parts of the world. She hoped that the forum would achieve synergies to improve productivity, energy efficiency and modernization, among other goals.

She added that Lusophone countries are open to Chinese investments and that they welcome Chinese enterprises to "fully explore Lusophone potential."

## Lawmaker calls for gov't to tighten noise controls

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE city should see stricter control over domestic and low-frequency noises amid escalating complaints against noise pollution, lawmaker Ron Lam has said in his latest written enquiry.

Pursuant to the Law on Environmental Noise Prevention and Control, noise pollution in residential buildings is under restrictions only from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.. Pollution in public places is restricted from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Friday, and from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturdays and public holiday eves.

The lawmaker said despite the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA)



noting 90% of noise pollution complaints were received during cordoned hours, residents frequently reported noise pollution outside of these hours.

Complaints against domestic noises, such as the use of chopping cleavers and listening to music with a subwoofer during non-cordoned times are

not unheard of, but there is simply no law to restrict them, the lawmaker explained.

During discussions around the law's 2019 amendment, the government has pledged that the DSPA would investigate any complaints received against noises from entertainment or similar activities held in public spaces.

Nonetheless, the lawmaker said, between 30 and 80 such complaints were received from 2017 to 2022, but no prosecutions were made. Prosecutions on building renovation noises were also low, with only four during the same period.

At the same time, although the General Regu-

lations Governing Public Places restrict noises that annoy others, the regulations' authority is confined only to noises made within parks or leisure areas.

Lam said the noise law, promulgated in 2015, oversees seven types of noise sources, such as building renovation, construction equipment, air-conditioning, pets and entertainment.

This current edition of the law stipulates division of labor between the Public Security Police Force (PSP) and the DSPA. Noises from domestic activities, pets and activities in public spaces are under the authority of the former, while other noises are under the latter.

ENERGY

# With oil prices slumping, OPEC+ producers weigh more production cuts

DAVID MCHUGH, FRANKFURT

**T**HE major oil-producing countries led by Saudi Arabia and Russia are wrestling with whether to make another cut in supply to the global economy as the OPEC+ alliance struggles to prop up sagging oil prices that have been a boon to U.S. drivers and helped ease inflation worldwide.

The 23-member group is meeting today at OPEC headquarters in Vienna after sending mixed signals about possible moves. Saudi Arabia, dominant among the oil cartel's members, has warned speculators that they might get burned by betting on lower prices. Russia, the leader of the non-OPEC allies, has indicated no change to output is expected.

The decision comes amid uncertainty about when the slow-growing global economy will regain its thirst for fuel for travel and industry, and with producers counting on oil profits to bolster their coffers.

Oil prices have fallen even after OPEC+ slashed 2 million barrels per day in October, angering U.S. President Joe Biden by threatening higher gasoline prices a month before the midterm elections. Then, several OPEC members led by the Saudis made a surprise cut of 1.16 million barrels a day in April.

International benchmark Brent crude climbed as high as \$87 per barrel but has given up its post-cut gains and been loitering below \$75 per barrel in recent days.



U.S. crude has dipped below \$70.

Those lower prices have helped U.S. drivers as the summer travel season kicks off, with prices at the pump averaging \$3.55, down \$1.02 from a year ago, according to auto club AAA. Falling energy prices also helped inflation in the 20 European countries that use the euro drop to the lowest level since before Russia invaded Ukraine.

The U.S. recently replenished its Strategic Petroleum Reserve — after Biden announced the largest release from the national reserve in American history last year — in an indicator that U.S. officials may be less worried about OPEC cuts than in months past.

The Saudis, on the other hand, need sustained high oil revenue to fund ambitious development projects aimed at diversifying the country's economy. The International Monetary Fund estimates the kingdom needs \$80.90

per barrel to meet its envisioned spending commitments, which include a planned \$500 billion futuristic desert city project called Neom.

That may have been one motivation behind Energy Minister Abdulaziz bin Salman's warning to speculators that they will be "ouching" if they keep betting on lower oil prices.

Bin Salman's pointed comment isn't necessarily a prelude to a cut at today's meeting [Macau time], said James Swanston, Middle East and North Africa economist at Capital Economics.

"Our expectation is that OPEC+ will stick with current output quotas," he said, adding that "there have been signs that the government may be readying to live with lower oil prices and running budget deficits."

On top of that, Russia may find current prices to its liking because its oil is finding eager new custo-

mers in India, China and Turkey. Western sanctions over the war in Ukraine have forced Russian oil to sell at discounts of around \$53 to \$57 per barrel.

At those prices, Moscow's shipments avoid triggering the \$60 price cap imposed by the Group of Seven major democracies to try to limit oil profits flowing into Russia's war chest. The price ceiling allows the world's No. 3 oil producer to keep supplying non-Western customers to avoid a global shortage that would drive up prices for everyone.

Insurers and shipping companies largely based in Western countries are barred from handling Russian oil if it is priced above the cap. Russia has found ways to evade the limits through "dark fleet" tankers, which tamper with transponders showing their locations or transfer oil from ship to ship to disguise its origin.

An OPEC+ "production cut

could push the price of Russian oil above the G7 price cap of \$60 per barrel, which would make it difficult to transport and thus to sell the oil," commodity analyst Carsten Fritsch at Commerzbank wrote in a research note. "Russia appears to be doing good business at the current price level."

The International Energy Agency said in its April oil market report that Russia has not completely followed through on its announcement to extend a voluntary cut of 500,000 barrels per day through the end of the year.

In fact, Russia's total exports of oil and refined products such as diesel fuel rose in April to a post-invasion high of 8.3 million barrels per day. That is in spite of a near-total boycott from the European Union, formerly Russia's biggest customer.

Analysts say OPEC+ faces conflicting pressures. A cut could support prices or send them higher, with demand expected to pick up later this year.

"The impact of higher oil prices on the global economy will weigh heavily on the ministers' minds," said Jorge Leon, senior vice president of oil market research at Rystad Energy. "High oil prices would fuel inflation in the West right when central banks are starting to see inflation gradually recede."

"This could prompt central banks to continue increasing interest rates, a detrimental move for the global economy and oil demand," Leon wrote in a research note. **MDT/AP**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands attends 'Experience Macau, Unlimited' mega roadshow in Thailand



Organized by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), the "Experience Macau, Unlimited" mega roadshow kicked off on June 2 in Bangkok, Thailand, highlighting Macau as a unique destina-

tion where "East meets West."

During the three-day event, Sands displays a booth inspired by Portuguese-style architecture, as well as replicas of gondolas, the Eiffel Tower

and Big Ben, showing a foretaste of its multiple resorts offering such as The Venetian, The Parisian and The Londoner.

In addition, a series of promotional videos featuring the three integrated resorts are played inside the booth and one of the best-selling hotel packages "Explore teamLab SuperNature Hotel Package," is promoted to visitors during the event.

"Through multiple activities and channels, we aim to raise Macau's profile and arouse customer interest in Macau as a leading travel destination," the assistant vice president of Destination Marketing at Sands China, Steve Zheng, said.

### SJM showcases Grand Lisboa Palace offerings in Thailand roadshow



As part of the "Experience Macau, Unlimited" mega roadshow held on June 2-4 in Bangkok, Thailand, SJM's booth design highlights its latest opened resort, the Grand Lisboa Palace, which links European-architecture

style and Chinoiserie elements and aesthetics.

In addition to the five-star Grand Lisboa Palace Macau, the SJM's booth also emphasizes its world-class hospitality experience through the partnership

with the two leading design houses Palazzo Versace Macau and the Karl Lagerfeld Macau.

During the event, local residents and tourists are also introduced to the Grand Lisboa Hotel, the only one to hold seven Michelin stars, while SJM's mascot "Sam the Rooster" spent time with visitors and distribute souvenirs.

SJM also unveiled two exclusive limited-time travel package during the roadshow, such as the "Rejuvenating Summer Break" package, which offers a stay at the Grand Lisboa Palace Macau, while the "Summer Style-cation" package features an accommodation experience at the Karl Lagerfeld Macau.

SHANGRI-LA DIALOGUE

# China defends buzzing American warship, accuses US of provoking Beijing

DAVID RISING, SINGAPORE

**C**HINA'S defense minister defended sailing a warship across the path of an American destroyer and Canadian frigate transiting the Taiwan Strait, telling a gathering of some of the world's top defense officials in Singapore yesterday that such so-called "freedom of navigation" patrols are a provocation to China.

In his first international public address since becoming defense minister in March, Gen. Li Shangfu told the Shangri-La Dialogue that China doesn't have any problems with "innocent passage" but that "we must prevent attempts that try to use those freedom of navigation (patrols), that innocent passage, to exercise hegemony of navigation."

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told the same forum Saturday that Washington would not "flinch in the face of bullying or coercion" from China and would continue regularly sailing through and flying over the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea "to emphasize they are international wa-

ters," countering Beijing's territorial claims.

That same day, as a U.S. guided-missile destroyer and a Canadian frigate were intercepted by a Chinese warship as they transited the strait between the self-governed island of Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, and mainland China. The Chinese vessel overtook the American ship and then veered across its bow at a distance of about 140 meters in an "unsafe manner," according to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

Additionally, the U.S. has said a Chinese J-16 fighter jet late last month "performed an unnecessarily aggressive maneuver" while intercepting a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance aircraft over the South China Sea, flying directly in front of the plane's nose.

Those and previous incidents have raised concerns of a possible accident occurring that could lead to an escalation between the two nations at a time when tensions are already high.

Li suggested the U.S. and its allies had created the danger, and should instead should focus on taking

"good care of your own territorial airspace and waters."

"The best way is for the countries, especially the naval vessels and fighter jets of countries, not to do closing actions around other countries' territories," he said through an interpreter. "What's the point of going there? In China we always say, 'Mind your own business.'"

In a wide-ranging speech, Li reiterated many of Beijing's well-known positions, including its claim on Taiwan, calling it "the core of our core interests."

He accused the U.S. and others of "meddling in China's internal affairs" by providing Taiwan with defense support and training, and conducting high-level diplomatic visits.

"China stays committed to the path of peaceful development, but we will never hesitate to defend our legitimate rights and interests, let alone sacrifice the nation's core interests," he said.

"As the lyrics of a well-known Chinese song go: 'When friends visit us, we welcome them with fine wine. When jackals or wolves come, we will face them with shotguns.'"

In his speech the previous day, Austin broadly outlined the U.S. vision for a "free, open, and secure Indo-Pacific within a world of rules and rights."

In the pursuit of such, Austin said the U.S. was stepping up planning, coordination and training with "friends from the East China Sea to the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean" with shared goals "to deter aggression and to deepen the rules and norms that promote prosperity and prevent conflict."

Li scoffed at the notion, saying "some country takes a selective approach to rules and international laws."

"It likes forcing its own rules on others," he said. "Its so-called 'rules-based international order' never tells you what the rules are and who made these rules."

By contrast, he said, "we practice multilateralism and pursue win-win cooperation."

Li is under American sanctions that are part of a broad package of measures against Russia — but predate its invasion of Ukraine — that were imposed in 2018 over Li's involvement in China's purchase of

combat aircraft and anti-aircraft missiles from Moscow.

The sanctions, which broadly prevent Li from doing business in the United States, do not prevent him from holding official talks, American defense officials have said.

Still, he refused Austin's invitation to talk on the sidelines of the conference, though the two did shake hands before sitting down at opposite sides of the same table together as the forum opened Friday.

Austin said that was not enough. "A cordial handshake over dinner is no substitute for a substantive engagement," Austin said.

The U.S. has noted that since 2021 — well before Li became defense minister — China has declined or failed to respond to more than a dozen requests from the U.S. Defense Department to talk with senior leaders, as well as multiple requests for standing dialogues and working-level engagements.

Li said that "China is open to communications between our two countries and also between our two militaries," but without mentioning the sanctions, said exchanges had

DIPLOMACY

# US, allies clash with Russia, China over North Korea's failed spy satellite launch

**T**HE United States and its allies clashed with Russia and China over North Korea's failed launch of a military spy satellite this week in violation of multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions, which Moscow and Beijing refused to condemn.

The confrontation this weekend was the latest over the North's escalating nuclear, ballistic missile and military programs, which U.S. deputy ambassador Robert Wood warned are threatening international peace and security. The failed launch "not only disrupted maritime and air traffic in the region, but it also caused alarm for its neighbors in Japan and the Republic of Korea," he said.

Pyongyang is threatening another launch soon.

The Security Council imposed sanctions after North Korea's first nuclear

test explosion in 2006 and tightened them over the years in a total of 10 resolutions seeking — so far unsuccessfully — to rein in its nuclear and ballistic missile programs and cut off funding. In the last sanctions resolution adopted by the council in December 2017, members committed to further restricting petroleum exports to North Korea if it conducted a ballistic missile launch capable of reaching intercontinental ranges.

China and Russia vetoed a U.S.-sponsored resolution in May 2022 that would have imposed new sanctions, including on petroleum exports, over a spate of intercontinental ballistic missile launches. Since then, they have blocked any council action including press statements.

U.N. political chief Rosemary DiCarlo told the coun-

cil the last time North Korea conducted a similar satellite launch to Wednesday's failed attempt was on Feb. 7, 2016 and it was condemned by the Security Council.

"The lack of unity and action in the Security Council does little to slow the negative trajectory on the Korean Peninsula," she said, and North Korea "is unconstrained, and other parties are compelled to focus on military deterrence."

But North Korea's neighbor and ally China and Russia, which has drawn closer to Pyongyang since the war in Ukraine, blamed the West and especially the United States for the current tensions.

China's deputy U.N. ambassador Geng Shuang said the situation on the Korean Peninsula is a remnant of the Cold War. He accused the United States of failing

to respond to North Korea's attempts at dialogue over the years and instead resorting to sanctions and pressure on Pyongyang, missing an opportunity to resolve the nuclear issue.

"By incorporating the (Korean) Peninsula into its Indo-Pacific strategy, the U.S. has continued its military activities and significantly increased its military presence both on the peninsula and in its surrounding areas, seriously undermining the strategic security interests of the peninsula and its neighboring countries," Geng said.

He also pointed to the recent U.S.-South Korea Washington Declaration, including plans to send strategic nuclear submarines to the peninsula.

Geng claimed U.S. policies are "driven by geopolitical self-interest" and told



the council that blaming one party "will only exacerbate conflicts, provocations and inject new uncertainties into the already tense situation on the peninsula."

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He urged the council to adopt a resolution circulated by China and Russia in November 2021 that would end a host of sanctions on the North, saying this would be a starting point "to promote de-escalation, mutual trust and unity" among the 15 members.

Russia's deputy ambassador Anna Evstigneeva blamed increased pressure on North Korea by the U.S.

and its allies for "the spiral of tension we're witnessing now." And she criticized growing military activity by the U.S., Japan and South Korea, especially recent large-scale U.S.-South Korean military exercises, saying they are destabilizing not only for northeast Asia but for the Asia-Pacific region as a whole.

As for diplomacy, Wood, the U.S. envoy, said the United States on many occasions has stated it is prepared to have an unconditional dialogue, but North Korea "has rejected our interventions on many occasions." MDT/AP

AP PHOTO



Defense Minister Li Shangfu salutes before delivering his speech at the 20th IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, in Singapore, yesterday

INTELLIGENCE

# CIA Director Burns met Chinese officials in Beijing as Washington tries to thaw tensions

CIA Director William Burns went to Beijing in May to meet with Chinese counterparts, a U.S. official said last week, in what is the highest level visit by a Biden administration official since a suspected Chinese spy balloon was shot down by American forces.

Burns' visit, first reported by The Financial Times, comes as Washington tries to cool tensions with Beijing over the balloon and other recent conflicts between the world's two largest economies and geopolitical rivals.

U.S. officials have long warned that China rejects their efforts at outreach. That raises the possibility of miscommunication spiraling into conflict, they say.

"Last month, Director Burns traveled to Beijing where he met with Chinese

counterparts and emphasized the importance of maintaining open lines of communication in intelligence channels," said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss Burns' schedule, which is classified.

Burns only met with intelligence officials and not any of Beijing's political or foreign policy leadership, according to a second person familiar with the visit who also spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the trip.

President Joe Biden has often sent Burns on sensitive trips to meet U.S. adversaries. Burns went to Moscow in late 2021 to confront Russian President Vladimir Putin about indications that Russia was gearing up to launch a new invasion of Ukraine.

The U.S. is still trying to

reschedule Secretary of State Antony Blinken's trip to China after it was canceled as the Chinese balloon was flying over American territory.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin also spoke "briefly" on Friday with Li Shangfu, China's minister of national defense, at the opening dinner of a security forum in Singapore. China had earlier rejected Austin's request for a meeting on the sidelines of the forum.

Also on Friday, a top Treasury official, Undersecretary for International Affairs Jay Shambaugh, met with Xie Feng, China's ambassador in Washington.

According to the Treasury Department, Shambaugh spoke to Xie about the importance of "closely communicating on global macroeconomic and financial issues." MDT/AP

to be "based on mutual respect."

"That is a very fundamental principle," he said. "If we do not even have mutual respect, than our communications will not be productive."

He said that he recognized that any "severe conflict or confrontation between China and the U.S. will be an unbearable disaster for the world," and that the two countries need to find ways to improve relations, saying they were "at a record low."

"History has proven time and again that both China and the United States will benefit from cooperation and lose from confrontation," he said.

"China seeks to develop a new type of major-country relationship with the United States. As for the U.S. side, it needs to act with sincerity, match its words with deeds, and take concrete actions together with China to stabilize the relations and prevent further deterioration," Li said. MDT/AP

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2. Any other subjects.

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

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USA

# Haley says US forces 'need to align' with Russia; campaign says she misspoke

**R**EPUBLICAN presidential hopeful Nikki Haley suggested in an interview that United States forces "need to align" with non-European countries including Russia to enhance global security, a remark her campaign characterized as a gaffe.

Asked by WMUR-TV for a segment Wednesday on regions of the world to which she felt the U.S. could pay more attention, Haley — who served the Trump administration as United Nations ambassador, first said "the Arab world," saying the U.S. needs Arab countries "to kind of join with us" on opposing Iran.

"You see Saudi Arabia making deals with China, that's not good for us. We need them to be with us, and then we need to align with others, Russia, Australia, Japan, Israel," Haley added.

"We need to start focusing on the allies that we have besides the Europeans and make sure that we have more friends — one, for our needs, so that we're not dependent on an enemy for energy or medicines or anything else, and then two, to make sure that we build those alliances so that the world is more safe."

Yesterday [Macau time], Haley's campaign said the candidate misspoke when she included Russia with the other countries.

"This is completely ridiculous, she obviously misspoke," spokesman Ken Farnaso told The Associated Press. "No one one has been tougher on Russia than Nikki Haley."

Asked to comment on the interview, Haley in a statement to AP called the country an "enemy" and referred to President Vladimir Putin as a "thug."

"I fought them at the U.N. and I will continue to fight them," Haley said. "They want to destroy us and our allies and they are not to be trusted."

During her tenure as U.N. ambassador during



Candidate to the gaffe of the year: Nikki Haley

the Trump administration, Haley was critical of Russia, denouncing its invasion of Crimea, condemning the country for "holding the hands" of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as the countries sparred over sanctions. She also referred to Russian corruption as a "virus" which is "impeding our ability to achieve complete denuclearization in North Korea."

A divide has emerged within the Republican field on how the U.S. should handle Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In response to a query earlier this year from then-Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Haley said U.S. support for Ukraine was critical against an anti-American regime that is "attempting to brutally expand by force into a neighboring pro-American country," saying a Russian victory would only make countries like China and Iran "more aggressive."

At the time, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has since entered the GOP primary race, argued that stopping the aggression wasn't a vital U.S. strategic interest, characterizing the situation as a "territorial dispute."

A number of fellow Republicans were critical of DeSantis' initial remarks. Trump, who had called on European countries to share more of the financial burden of defending Ukraine, said DeSantis' answers were "following what I am saying." A day later, Haley said she agreed with Trump that "DeSantis is copying him," writing in an op-ed that the characterization of the war as a "territorial dispute" represented "weakness."

Following those critiques, DeSantis said his earlier comments referenced ongoing fighting in the eastern Donbas region, as well as Russia's 2014 seizure of Crimea. Ukraine's borders are internationally recognized, including by the United Nations.

For months, Stand for America, a super PAC supportive of Haley, has been aiming to draw a contrast between the former South Carolina governor and DeSantis.

"While DeSantis changes his policy positions based on the mood of his donors and television hosts, Haley never backs down," SFA Lead Strategist Mark Harris said in a release last

month.

Yesterday, a spokesman for Never Back Down, the super PAC supporting DeSantis, called Haley's remark to WMUR "almost as bizarre as her aligning with woke Disney," a reference to the former South Carolina governor's critiques of DeSantis' ongoing dispute with the entertainment giant, whose jobs she has said her home state "will happily accept" should it choose to leave Florida.

The U.S. has been upping its military aid to Ukraine as Russia's invasion enters its 16th month. In late May, President Joe Biden approved a new aid package that totals up to \$300 million and includes additional munitions for drones and an array of other weapons.

To date, the U.S. has committed more than \$37.6 billion in weapons and other equipment to Ukraine since Russia attacked on Feb. 24, 2022. This latest package will be done under presidential drawdown authority, which allows the Pentagon to take weapons from its own stocks and quickly ship them to Ukraine, officials said. **MDT/AP**

## this day in history

### 1980 SAS RESCUE ENDS IRAN EMBASSY SIEGE



The siege of the Iranian embassy in London has ended after a dramatic raid by SAS commandos.

Five Iranian gunmen were killed and one was arrested. Nineteen hostages were set free but one died and two were injured in the cross-fire.

Millions of people watched the rescue live on television as bank holiday entertainment on all three channels was interrupted to show the real-life drama unfold.

More than 30 masked troops stormed the embassy building from the balcony and front and back doors throwing grenades through the windows.

Screams were heard from inside the building and some 15 minutes later the hostages emerged and were escorted by Scotland Yard police to waiting ambulances.

The siege began five days ago when six gunmen took over the Iranian embassy in Kensington.

Most of their hostages were Iranians but also included embassy police guard PC Trevor Lock, BBC sound man Sim Harris, BBC news organiser Chris Cramer and tourists who had stopped by to collect visas.

Four of the captives - including Mr Cramer - were released over the last week for medical reasons.

The gunmen belonged to a dissident Iranian group opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini, the religious leader who came to power last year.

They wanted the release of 91 political prisoners held in Iran as well as an aircraft to take them and the hostages out of the UK.

The Home Secretary William Whitelaw ordered the attack on the sixth day of the siege after the gunmen shot dead Iranian press attaché Abbas Lavasani and dumped his body outside the building.

Speaking through PC Lock who relayed the demands from an embassy window to police officers on the ground, they then threatened to kill the rest of the hostages and blow up the embassy if their demands were not met.

The Iranian government approved the use of force and President Bani-Sadr announced the SAS raid as a victory. In a broadcast he said "We did not surrender, we became victorious."

The Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has visited the SAS barracks in Kensington to congratulate the troops on a successful mission, codenamed Operation Nimrod.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

It later emerged that during the SAS raid PC Trevor Lock had tackled the leader of the gunmen known as Salim and saved the life of an SAS soldier. He was awarded the George Medal for his actions.

The excellent publicity provided by unprecedented live TV coverage of the event ensured the future of the SAS regiment was guaranteed. It had previously been under threat of disbandment.

The one surviving gunman, Fowzi Nejad, was sentenced to life imprisonment nine months later.

His fellow hostage-takers had opposed Ayatollah Khomeini and demanded freedom for the southern Iranian province of Khuzestan. But their cause was soon forgotten when war broke out between Iran and Iraq in late 1980 - a conflict that was to last eight years.

Although Iran had supported the SAS raid, it took about 13 years for a mutual compensation package to be agreed whereby the British government paid for the damage done to the Iranian embassy and Iran repaired the British embassy in Tehran damaged during the 1979 revolution.

Chris Cramer went on to become managing editor of CNN International.



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 Partnerships will be favorable and contracts can be signed. Entertain those who can provide you with valuable information and knowledge. Children may cause limitations.

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 Be prepared to jump quickly if you wish to stay in the forefront of your industry today. Problems with appliances or electrical gadgets will drive you crazy.

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**LIBRA**  
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 Get proper medical attention and confront your situation decisively. Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. Show what a dedicated person you can be.

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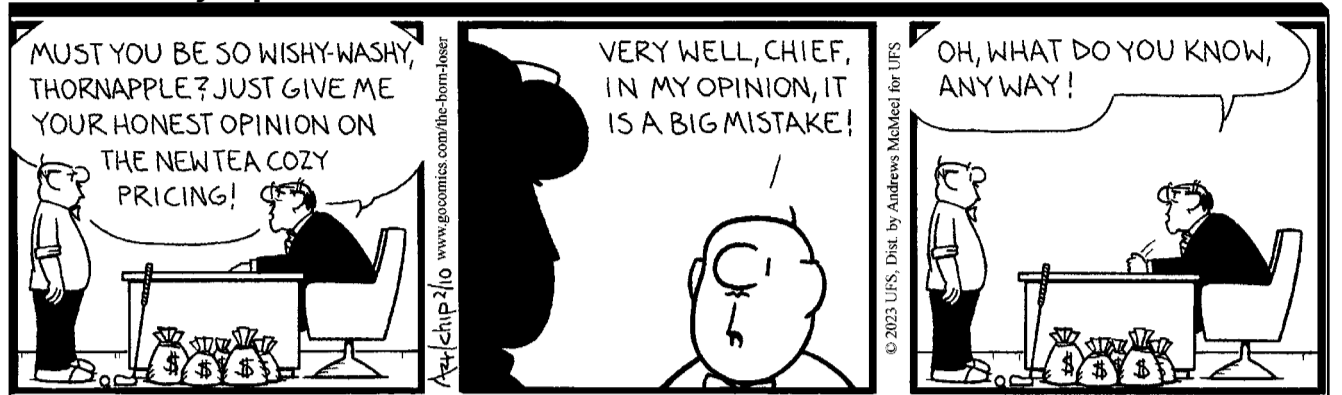
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 You can write beautiful love letters today. Put your efforts into your work or money making ventures rather than your emotional life. You have a lot to offer.

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 Try to spend time with those having similar interests. Go with the flow and don't let the unsettled atmosphere get on your nerves. You will be emotional about your personal life.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
 Minor health problems may flare up if you haven't been taking care of yourself or have been burning the candle at both ends. Don't get involved in other people's private doings.

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Chengdu	19	29	cloudy
Chongqing	19	26	rain
Fuzhou	25	37	cloudy
Guangzhou	26	36	thunderstorms
Guiyang	18	22	rain
Haikou	27	32	thunderstorms
Hangzhou	20	26	rain
Harbin	12	26	thunderstorms
Hefei	17	21	rain
Nanjing	18	22	rain
Shanghai	20	25	rain
Taipei	24	28	cloudy
Wuhan	21	22	rain
Hong Kong	27	30	rain
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	6	15	overcast
Frankfurt	13	27	cloudy
Paris	13	27	fine
London	9	17	overcast
New York	17	25	overcast

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS** 1- Strike breaker; 5- Put off, as an agenda item; 10- Drop; 14- Auditorium; 15- Spring sign; 16- Edible corn; 17- Writer Bombeck; 18- Charged; 19- \_\_\_ uproar; 20- Final course; 22- Give another abode; 24- Stab; 25- Brillo rival; 26- Defense covering; 29- Operated; 32- Approaches; 36- Fall faller; 37- English nobleman; 39- Back muscle, briefly; 40- Make a trade?; 43- Laugh syllable; 44- Governess; 45- Shakespeare's river; 46- Licorice-like flavoring; 48- Legal matter; 49- Diciembre follower; 50- Large flightless bird; 52- Excavate; 53- Let loose; 57- Sincere; 61- Crux; 62- Confine; 64- To \_\_\_ (perfectly); 65- Ritzy; 66- Ludwig and Jannings; 67- Female child; 68- Dagger of yore; 69- Lunar valley; 70- Terminates;


**DOWN** 1- Get rid of; 2- Minister to; 3- Material charity; 4- Launching of a rocket; 5- Loiter; 6- I smell \_\_\_; 7- Coal container; 8- Regan's dad; 9- Adlai's running mate; 10- Lazy; 11- Hindu lawgiver; 12- Some nest eggs; 13- Sound quality; 21- Be mistaken; 23- Accord maker; 26- Omega's opposite; 27- Aired again; 28- New Zealand aboriginal; 29- Stair part; 30- Dress style; 31- High times?; 33- Still in the game; 34- Sharp-edged instrument; 35- Pad user; 37- East Lansing sch.; 38- Genetic material; 41- Plant problem; 42- Tongue; 47- Boil; 49- German article; 51- Member of the wedding; 52- Compact; 53- Strike callers; 54- Dodge model; 55- Emit coherent light; 56- Half; Pref.; 57- Fish feature; 58- Pack \_\_\_ (quit); 59- Square; 60- Electric fish; 63- Wire measure;

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# City beats United in final to complete second leg of treble bid

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**T**HE second leg of Manchester City's treble mission is secure. Add the FA Cup, after a 2-1 win over great rival Manchester United yesterday [Macau time], to its latest Premier League title.

Now only a first ever Champions League title stands between City and immortality in English soccer.

"We're in a position," City manager Pep Guardiola said, "that we'll probably never be in again."

Ilkay Gundogan scored two goals — the first inside 13 seconds, for the quickest in 142 years of FA Cup finals — to lead City to a 16th trophy since 2011 in what is looking like the crowning season in the tenure of Abu Dhabi's ruling family.

If the Germany midfielder's opener, a perfectly executed



volley from the edge of area, was probably his best goal of his seven years at City, his 51st-minute winner at Wembley Stadium might be one of his scrappiest.

This time it was a volley with his left foot after being picked out by Kevin De Bruyne's free kick from the right wing. The ball bo-

bbled between two United defenders and squirmed past goalkeeper David De Gea, who might have been slightly unsighted but should have done better.

United was looking to protect its proud status as the only team to win the league-FA Cup-European Cup treble, in 1999, and

equalized against the run of play through a penalty by Bruno Fernandes in the 33rd minute.

Late pressure saw United hit the crossbar through Raphael Varane. The team needs a favor from Inter Milan in the Champions League final in Istanbul next Saturday to thwart City's treble bid.

"What a privilege — we are one game away," Guardiola said.

City's class of 2023 became the 13th team in English soccer history to clinch a league-and-FA Cup double. It has happened twice under Guardiola, who has won 13 trophies in his seven years at the club and 34 in his managerial career.

The latest haul of titles has come in the same season the club was charged by the Premier League with more than 100 breaches of financial rules.

Right at the heart of the celebrations was Gundogan, who — as it stands — will be leaving City after the Champions League final because he is out of contract. He

would depart as a club great and a FA Cup record-breaker.

The opening goal was timed by British broadcaster BBC at 12.91 seconds and came after Gundogan, City's captain, took the kickoff himself.

"We aimed for that, to aim for Erling and to try to get the second ball quick," Gundogan said.

The goal jolted United, which was outplayed until a controversial decision to award a penalty against Jack Grealish for handball as he raised his arms while jumping to block a header into the box by United defender Aaron Wan-Bissaka. Play continued and there were few on-field appeals by United's players, but the incident was reviewed by VAR and a penalty was awarded after the referee looked at the pitchside monitor.

Fernandes sauntered up to the ball and sent Ortega the wrong way.

Gundogan ultimately had the final say.

The 142nd FA Cup final — the first between the two Manchester clubs — was largely one-sided, though, and Ten Hag conceded his team was beaten by "the best team in the world."

United's players stayed on the field and watched as City walked up the steps to collect their winners' medals from Prince William. **MDT/AP**



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**OPINION**

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**US-CHINA TIES NEED PRINCIPLED 'GUARDRAILS'**

The US-China relationship, the most consequential bilateral relationship in the world, stands at a delicate juncture. After two years of false starts under the Joe Biden administration, including due to a wayward balloon that blew ties off course, the two countries are finally in sight of an opportunity to begin stabilizing their rocky relationship.

Washington and Beijing must not pass up this opportunity. They must begin erecting the "guardrails" that President Joe Biden and President Xi Jinping had envisaged at their meeting in Bali, Indonesia, on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in November 2022. For these guardrails to be durable and long-lasting though, they must abide by certain broad common understandings.

First, US-China relations must be built on the basis of equality and mutual respect. Beneficial engagement cannot, as a matter of principle, coexist with sanctions, coercion and suppression. The broad thrust of policy must be to reassure the other and seek to minimize differences. The practice of individual self-restraint rather than the pursuit of behavior modification of the opponent must become the order of the day.

And while both sides remain at liberty to introduce sanctions on designated individuals and entities deemed to be a threat to national security or public interest, neither side should harbor the illusion that business-as-usual lines of communication can be maintained with parties they have unilaterally sanctioned. Sanctioning incumbent Cabinet-level officials is particularly disrespectful and should be eschewed. If the Biden administration wishes to restart the defense ministers' dialogue, it must first drop Chinese State Councilor and Minister of National Defense Li Shangfu from its "specially designated nationals and blocked persons" list.

Second, US-China relations must be framed with a forward-looking and constructive perspective, without losing sight of the grave underlying challenges. In Bali, Xi had proffered "three noes" — China does not seek to change the existing international order; does not interfere in the US' internal affairs; and has no intention of challenging or displacing the United States.

For his part, Biden tendered "five noes" — the US does not seek a new Cold War; does not seek to change China's system; the revitalization of its alliances is not directed at China; does not support the independence of the Chinese island of Taiwan; and does not seek conflict with China.

Third, there must be an observable symmetry between words and deeds in the conduct of US-China relations. Contrary to its assertions, the Biden administration's numerous technology denial measures against China are not grounded only in national security and supply chain resilience considerations. They are also intended to furnish an unfair economic competitive edge as well as selectively decouple the two economies in areas of commercial exchange that reach well beyond the perimeter of national security.

The inclination to say one thing and do another that is diametrically opposite must be discouraged.

Finally, Sino-US relations must be based on respect for each other's core interests, starting with the respect for territorial integrity. Washington says it "acknowledges" but does not necessarily "recognize" or "admit" that Taiwan is a part of China.

This challenge must stop, and the US must credibly signal that its "one-China policy" is not being hollowed out beyond recognition.

Beijing, on its part, must credibly signal that peaceful reunification remains on the table. Also, violations of sovereignty, like the balloon incident, must be avoided at all costs.

Democratic Party presidents in the post-Cold War era, from Bill Clinton to Barack Obama, have managed to author successful relationships with their counterparts in Beijing during their second terms.

And as improbable as this might seem in the post-Donald Trump "new normal" in Sino-US ties, a new window of opportunity could yet open up if Biden — a statesman steeped in the politics of US-China normalization — is re-elected to office. Much hinges therefore on getting the guardrails done right at the present time. [Abridged]

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**APPLE IS EXPECTED TO UNVEIL A SLEEK, PRICED HEADSET OR, THE DEVICE VR HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR? THE BUZZ**

Apple appears poised to unveil a long-rumored headset that will place its users between the virtual and real world, while also testing the technology trendsetter's ability to popularize new-fangled devices after others failed to capture the public's imagination.

After years of speculation, the stage is set for the widely anticipated announcement to be made today at Apple's annual developers conference in a Cupertino, California, theater named after the company's late co-founder Steve Jobs.

Apple is also likely to use the event to show off its latest Mac com-

puter, preview the next operating system for the iPhone and discuss its strategy for artificial intelligence.

But the star of the show is expected to be a pair of goggles — perhaps called "Reality Pro," according to media leaks — that could become another milestone in Apple's lore of releasing game-changing technology.

But with a hefty price tag that could be in the \$3,000 range, Apple's new headset may also be greeted with a lukewarm reception from all but affluent technophiles.



Rescuers carry the body of a victim at the site of passenger trains that derailed in Balasore district, in the eastern Indian state of Orissa

300 KILLED

**INDIAN RAILWAYS OFFICIAL SAYS ERROR IN SIGNALING SYSTEM LED TO CRASH**

**T**HE derailment in eastern India that killed more than 300 people and injured hundreds was caused by an error in the electronic signaling system that led a train to wrongly change tracks and crash into a freight train, officials said yesterday.

Authorities worked to clear the mangled wreckage of the two passenger trains that derailed Friday night in Balasore district in Odisha state in one of the country's deadliest rail disasters in decades.

Jaya Verma Sinha, a senior railway official, said the preliminary investigations revealed that a signal was given to the high-speed Coromandel Express to run on the main track line, but the signal later changed, and the train instead entered an adjacent loop line where it rammed into a freight loaded with iron ore. The collision flipped Coromandel Express's coaches onto another track, causing the incoming Yesvantpur-Howrah Express from the opposite side also to derail, she said.

The passenger trains, carrying 2,296 people, were not overspeeding, she said. Trains that carry goods are often parked on an adjacent loop line on the side so the main line is clear for a passing train.

Verma said the root cause of the crash was related to an error in the electronic signaling system. She said a detailed investigation will reveal whether the error was human or technical.

The electronic interlocking system is a safety mechanism designed to prevent conflicting movements between trains. It also monitors the status of signals that tell drivers how close they are to a next train, how fast they can go and the presence of stationary trains on the track.

"The system is 99.9% error free. But 0.1% chances are always there for an error," Verma said. To a question whether the crash could be a case of sabotage, she said "nothing is ruled out."

Yesterday, a few shattered carriages, mangled and overturned, were the only remnants of the tragedy. Railway workers toiled under the sun's glare to lay down blocks of cement to fix the broken tracks. A crew with excavators was removing mud and the debris to clear the crash site.

Fifteen bodies were recovered on Saturday evening and efforts continued overnight with heavy cranes being used to remove an engine that settled on top of a rail car. No bodies

were found in the engine and the work was completed yesterday morning, said Sudhanshu Sarangi, director-general of fire and emergency services in Odisha.

The crash occurred at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi is focusing on the modernization of the British colonial-era railroad network in India, which has become the world's most populous country with 1.42 billion people. Despite government efforts to improve safety, several hundred accidents occur every year on India's railways, the largest train network under one management in the world.

Modi visited the crash site on Saturday and talked to rescue officials. He also visited a hospital to inquire about the injured, and spoke to some of them.

Modi told reporters he felt the pain of the crash victims. He said the government would do its utmost to help them and strictly punish anyone found responsible.

Most such accidents in India are blamed on human error or outdated signaling equipment.

About 22 million people ride 14,000 trains across India every day, traveling on 64,000 kilometers of track. **MDT/AP**

**Ukraine** Concerns around civilian safety spiked in Ukraine, as officials announced that an inspection had found nearly a quarter of the country's air-raid shelters locked or unusable, just days after a woman in Kyiv allegedly died waiting outside a shuttered shelter during a Russian missile barrage. The Ukrainian interior ministry said that of the "over 4,800" shelters it had inspected, 252 were locked and a further 893 "unfit for use."



**Peru** The chief suspect in the unsolved 2005 disappearance of American student Natalee Holloway is being transferred to a prison near Lima ahead of his pending extradition to the United States to face charges linked to her vanishing, officials said yesterday [Macau time]. The government of Peru, where Dutch citizen Joran van der Sloot (pictured) was serving a 28-year sentence for the murder of a Peruvian woman, authorized his extradition to the U.S. in May.



**Vatican** Pope Francis is traveling to Mongolia at the end of the summer, a visit that will be a first for a pontiff and one rich in geopolitical significance given its proximity to Russia and China. The Vatican this weekend confirmed the Aug. 31-Sept. 4 trip to the landlocked U.S.-allied country sandwiched between Russia and China, two countries popes have never visited. The visit comes as Francis is trying to toe a diplomatic line in his relations with both countries:

**Guinea-Bissau** An highly anticipated election to fill the national legislature was underway yesterday, more than a year after the West African nation's president dissolved parliament. Nearly one million voters were registered to elect more than 100 lawmakers from six parties with active seats in the National People's Assembly, according to the Centre for Democracy and Development, an African human rights organization. Tiny Guinea-Bissau gained independence from Portugal nearly five decades ago, enduring continued political turmoil since then.