

Xi urges all-out efforts to handle aftermath of Zhuhai car ramming

35 killed, 43 injured in 'vicious' case in sports centre

Tony Wong

President Xi Jinping has made an important instruction on a "vicious" case where 35 people were killed and 43 others were injured after a car skidded people exercising in a sports centre in Zhuhai on Monday night, urging all-out efforts to treat the injured, the nation's news agency Xinhua reported last night.

The Xinhua report said that after the incident, Xi, also the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the chairman of the Central Military Commission, has paid close attention to and made an important instruction on the incident, saying that the "extremely vicious" case resulted in significant casualties.

According to the report, Xi has urged all-out efforts to treat the injured and called for the careful handling of the aftermath of the incident by providing comfort and support for the injured and the families of the casualties.

Xi has demanded that the perpetrator be severely punished in accordance with the law, the report said.

According to the Xinhua report, Xi has urged all localities and relevant authorities to draw lessons from the case, and to strengthen their prevention and control of risks at the source.

Xi also emphasised the importance of resolving conflicts and disputes on time, preventing the occurrence of extreme cases, and making every effort to safeguard the safety of people's lives and social stability.

Meanwhile, according to last night's Xinhua report, Premier Li Qiang has called for the appropriate handling of the aftermath of the incident, swift investigation into the case, and severely punishing the perpetrator in accordance with the law.

Li has urged coordinated risk prevention and control efforts to ensure social stability, the report said.

The report also said that following Xi's important instruction, the central authorities have dispatched a team to Zhuhai to oversee the handling of the case.

Unhappy with property division after divorce

The Zhuhai Municipal Public Security Bureau announced details of the case, which occurred at Zhuhai Sports Centre on



A group of men leave flowers outside the Zhuhai Sports Centre last night, a day after a car ploughed through the site killing 35 and injuring 43. — AFP

Monday night, in a statement yesterday.

The statement said that a "serious and vicious attack" occurred at the sports centre at 7:48 p.m. on Monday where a car ploughed into people who were exercising there.

The 62-year-old suspect, a divorced man surnamed Fan, was quickly brought under control by the police as he was fleeing the scene, the statement said.

According to the statement, 35 people died after emergency treatment to save their lives had failed, while 43 others were injured and hospitalised. Yesterday's statement said that the 43 people wounded did not have life-threatening injuries.

A preliminary investigation indicates that Fan's actions stemmed from his dissatisfaction with the property division outcome of his divorce, the police said.

The statement said that Fan drove a small SUV through a gate and forced his way into the city's sports centre, ploughing into people

who were exercising on the internal roads of the sports centre.

The statement said that Fan was "controlled on the spot by the police who rushed to the scene as he attempted to drive away".

The police found Fan in his car cutting himself with a knife, before they stopped him and took him to hospital, according to the statement.

The statement said that Fan was still receiving medical treatment as he was in a coma due to severe injuries to his neck and other areas, because of which he was still unable to be questioned by the police.

Yesterday's statement said that the police have filed a case to investigate Fan on suspicion of endangering public safety by dangerous means and have placed him under criminal detention.

Further investigation into the case and medical treatment for the injured are underway, the Zhuhai police said.

Meanwhile, the Macau Unitary Police Service (SPU) told public broadcaster TDM last night that the Zhuhai authorities were still checking whether any of the casualties of Monday's case in the neighbouring city included Macau residents.

The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) told TDM last night that as of last night it had not received any requests from Macau residents for assistance concerning the incident.

A report by news agency AFP yesterday about the case in Zhuhai said that the Chinese mainland has seen a spate of violent public attacks in recent months.

AFP report noted that a man killed three people and wounded 15 in a knife attack at a supermarket in Shanghai and a Japanese schoolboy was stabbed in Shenzhen and died of his injuries in September.

In July, police said a vehicle crashed into pedestrians Changsha, Hunan Province's capital, killing eight. ■

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'Double 11' shopping festival sees mainland handle record-high parcel volume

The mainland's postal and express delivery companies handled a record-high 701 million parcels on Monday, the peak day of this year's "Double 11" shopping festival, according to data from the State Post Bureau yesterday. — Story on p. 7

Taliban eye aid at their first UN climate talks since 2021 takeover

The first Afghan official to attend UN climate talks since the Taliban came to power told AFP Monday that his country hopes to benefit from a global finance deal under negotiation at COP29 in Baku. — Story on p. 9

Trump shapes cabinet ahead of White House return

Donald Trump shaped his incoming cabinet yesterday - eyeing a mix of seasoned figures and hard-liners - ahead of a meeting with President Joe Biden in what will be his first White House visit since a scandalous exit four years ago. — Story on p. 10

Ho expresses deepest sadness over the passing of Lui Che-woo

Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng has expressed his deepest sadness at the passing of Lui Che-woo, the founder and chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group, and has sent a letter of sincere condolences to Lui's family.

The chief executive praises Lui as a highly-respected entrepreneur and philanthropist, and acknowledges his significant contributions to the appropriate diversification of Macau's economy over the years. The establishment of

the "LUI Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilisation" underscores Lui's steadfast belief in the spirit of universal love. The chief executive deeply mourned the passing of Lui, and extended his condolences to his family. – GCS

4 men nabbed for smuggling 97 used phones & 60 CPUs: customs

Ginnie Liang

The Macau Customs Service (SA) said in a statement yesterday that it recently busted four parallel traders trying to smuggle second-hand mobile phones and Central Processing Units (CPU) from Macau to Zhuhai by walking through the Barrier Gate checkpoint.

The four suspects are from Macau and the mainland and aged between 22 and 46, the statement said.

Customs officers uncovered the cases last Tuesday to Saturday in which four men attempted to smuggle old mobile phones and CPUs out of Macau by tying them around their waists and legs.

Some of the men's gait was unusual and their clothing was unusually bulky, which aroused the

suspicion of Customs officers and prompted their inspection.

Macau customs has prosecuted those involved in accordance with the Foreign Trade Law, the maximum fine of which is 50,000 patacas, and the seized goods will also be confiscated.

Gongbei Customs nab man smuggling 1,400 dried centipedes

A man was caught smuggling 1,400 dried centipedes from Macau to the mainland when he was intercepted by customs officers in Zhuhai last month, according to a Gongbei Customs statement yesterday.

According to the statement, the man entered the mainland through the "nothing to declare" channel

at the Macau-Zhuhai Qingmao pedestrian border checkpoint on November 7.

Customs officers found the X-ray image of the man's luggage was suspicious and intercepted him, and found that the luggage he was carrying contained a packet of dried centipedes hidden in several sealed bags, with a net weight of about 2.65 kilograms, the statement said.

The Gongbei Customs reminded members of the public that according to the regulations, it is prohibited to take or send Chinese herbal medicines of animal origin into the mainland without the approval of the public entities and a quarantine certificate issued by the official organisations of the exporting country or region. ■



This undated photo shows 41 used mobile phones that were wrapped around the waist and legs of a man, trying to smuggle them from Macau to the mainland through the Barrier Gate checkpoint recently. – Photo provided by Macau Customs

Man nabbed for being 'stand in' for friend after accident

Yuki Lei

A 30-year-old local man whose driving licence has been suspended until September next year for drunk driving was allegedly involved in a traffic accident when his car collided with a motorcycle in Zape on Friday night, after which he fled the scene and arranged for a friend to "stand in" for him, according to a regular police press conference yesterday.

Addressing yesterday's press conference at the Public Security Police (PSP) press room in Zape, PSP spokesman Wong Wai Chon said that until the end of yesterday's press conference, the Public Security Police were still unable to contact the driver surnamed Chao, but arrested another 30-year-old local man, surnamed Ng, who was covering for him. Wong added that the former will face offences of driving with a suspended licence, hit-and-run, causing bodily harm by negligence, and abandoning the traffic accident victim.

The accident happened at

about 11:30 p.m. on Friday, when Chao was driving in Rua de Malaca (馬六甲街) in the direction of Avenida Dr Rodrigo Rodrigues (羅理基博士大馬路) he allegedly suddenly switched lanes when entering the tunnel, causing the motorcycle to fall to the ground and the rider sustaining injuries, Wong quoted the PSP investigation as noting, adding that Chao got out of the car to check what had happened and soon got into his car and left.

However, according to Wong, while traffic police officers were handling the accident, Ng arrived at the scene in Chao's car about 20 minutes later and told the police that he was the driver involved in the accident.

The Public Security Police subsequently confirmed that the driver was a different person as a result of a scrutiny of the police forces' citywide CCTV camera system and the road surveillance system.

Ng has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further investigation. ■

1st Café Kitsuné in Macau opens

Rui Pastorin

Macau's first Café Kitsuné in Macau has recently opened at the Treasure Island Shopping Centre.

An extension of the Parisian and Japanese fashion brand Maison Kitsuné, the café has 35 outlets worldwide, including bars in New York and Tokyo, as well as a restaurant and day club in Bali, according to a recent statement by the shopping centre.

The Macau café is located on the shopping centre's L/F floor and offers a 270-degree

view of Nam Van Lake and the Macau Tower Convention & Entertainment Centre, the statement noted. Its menu features over 10 signature beverages such as matcha latte and flat white, along with a dessert menu that includes its signature fox shortbread, Japanese cheesecake and Paris-Brest, as well as fashion items.

The café is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. from Sundays to Thursdays, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and public holidays. ■



This photo taken yesterday shows a sitting out area at Café Kitsuné in the Treasure Island Shopping Centre. – Photo: Rui Pastorin

Young woman cheated out of 273,000 in 'Alipay' phone scam: police

Yuki Lei

A young woman on Monday fell victim to a phone scam purporting to be an Alipay staff member, and was cheated out of 273,000 patacas, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok said during a regular press conference yesterday.

According to Ho, the victim, a non-local resident, received the call at 4 p.m. on Monday, during which the "Alipay staff" asked the victim to log in to a web link to update her identity information on the pretext of "deactivating her Alipay account". Ho added that on the request of the staff who claimed to be "safeguarding the use of her funds", the victim then also transferred all her savings from her mainland bank account to another mainland bank account designated by the staff, resulting in a loss of 245,000 yuan, equivalent to about 273,000 patacas.

The victim only reported the case to the Judiciary Police five hours after the call, Ho noted.

2 elderly victims lose 48,700 patacas in SMS phishing

Meanwhile, the Judiciary Police received two more SMS phishing reports involving a local telecommunications company, with two victims, both elderly, losing a total of 48,700 patacas.

According to the spokesman, two victims – a man and a woman – received fake text messages last Thursday and on Monday respectively, claiming that the bonus points in their local account would soon expire, and requesting them to redeem the bonus points as soon

as possible, or else the bonus points would be cancelled after the expiry date. Ho noted that the victims then followed the instructions and clicked on a website link attached to the SMS to enter their personal credit card information and the verification code provided by their bank, resulting in a loss of 5.53 million won, equivalent to about 32,500 patacas, and 2.8 million won, equivalent to about 16,200 patacas, respectively.

Ho said that the two victims were not aware of the scams until they received a text message from their bank about spending money in Korean Won. ■



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Ho Wai Lok (left) and Public Security Police (PSP) spokesman Wong Wai Chon address yesterday's regular press conference at the PSP press room in Zape. – Photo: Yuki Lei

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1/3 of local elderly intend to spend retirement in mainland: survey

Yuki Lei

The Macau Federation of Trade Unions conducted between May and last month a “Survey on the Preference and Demand for Senior Citizens in the Greater Bay Area for Retired Life”, the findings of which shows about one-third of the respondents indicating their intention to migrate to the mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area after they retire, while the remainder pointed out that the differences in living habits, healthcare facilities, social security, family relationship and living environment had hindered them from thinking of retiring in the mainland.

Jointly conducted by the union (commonly known as Gung Luen in Cantonese) and its social services committee together with the Macao Observatory for Social Development of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), the survey collected 628 valid questionnaires by local residents aged between 60 and 74, of whom more than 60 percent are retired or pre-retired, with over 95 percent saying their usual place of residence is Macau, while only 0.3 percent reside in the mainland.

The findings of the survey were released by respective representatives of the survey conductors, including directly-elected lawmaker-cum-Gung Luen vice president Ella Lei Cheng I,



Representatives of the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (MFTU or FAOM – aka Gung Luen in Cantonese) and its social services committee, as well as the Macao Observatory for Social Development of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), including lawmaker-cum-unionist Ella Lei Cheng I (centre), pose on the sidelines of yesterday's press conference about the findings of a survey regarding senior citizens' preference and their needs after retirement in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, on Gung Luen premises in Toi San district. – Photo: Gung Luen

on Gung Luen premises in Toi San district.

According to the findings, among the respondents who expressed their intention to consider retiring in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area outside Macau and Hong Kong, i.e., the nine mainland cities of Dongguan, Foshan, Guangzhou, Huizhou, Jiangmen, Shenzhen, Zhaoqing, Zhongshan and Zhuhai, more than 80 percent of them preferred Zhuhai as a place retire,

with healthcare level, consumption level and air quality being the three major factors of greatest concern to the respondents. Zhongshan and Jiangmen ranked second and third respectively, the findings noted.

The survey was aimed at systematically looking into the intention and needs of local elderly people to retire in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) of the mainland, providing empirical evidence for relevant policy formulation. Apart from focusing on the respondents'

intention to retire in the mainland, the survey also features respondents' concerns when choosing community or residential care homes for senior citizens, as well as the issues that they are most worried about when retiring in the mainland.

The findings point out that nearly 60 percent of the respondents intend to have aged-care at home, with only less than 10 percent preferring residential care homes. The three major concerns of the respondents

about retiring in the mainland's community or residential care homes are “insufficient healthcare resources”, “inadequate social support” and “high costs”, accounting for about 66 percent, 50 percent, and 39 percent respectively.

According to the findings, more than 60 percent of the respondents had a “relatively low” level of understanding of the local government's measures and legislation on elderly care in the Greater Bay Area. When asked about their needs for cross-border elderly care services, respondents identified medical and health management, daily living and in-home care, as well as social activities and spiritual support, standing at about 64 percent, 43 percent and 29 percent respectively, with nearly half of the respondents supporting the government's promotion the development and application of “smart elderly care”.

In concluding the findings of the survey, Lei suggested that the government should set up new pilot points in areas such as Zhuhai to deepen and expand home-based community care services in the mainland, strengthen community cooperation, perfect the social support system for the elderly in the mainland's Greater Bay Area, ensuring that the elderly have the “right” to choose the place where they spend their twilight years. ■

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Lola Amour performs during Sunday's hush! at Hac Sa Beach. – Photos: Rui Pastorin

LOLA AMOUR LIGHTS UP HAC SA BEACH AT HUSH!

Interview by William Chan, Rui Pastorin

Philippine band Lola Amour performed on Sunday at “hush! Beach Concerts x Urban Yo~ga Wellfest 2024” at Hac Sa Beach in Coloane.

The *Post* published an exclusive interview* with the band on Thursday.

Lola Amour, a group of seven musicians who came together in high school, have turned their hobby into a professional endeavour. Their music, which blends elements of pop/rock with a touch of funk, defies a specific genre. Over the past seven years, the band has garnered popularity with their relatable lyrics and charismatic personalities. Their tracks “Fallen” and “Raining in Manila” have seen significant success, with the latter reaching #1 on digital streaming platforms in the Philippines and making waves internationally.

Jan Gresil Kahambing, a Filipino student currently studying at the University of Macau (UM), expressed his

delight to the *Post* after the performance, highlighting the band’s playlist which included tracks like “Namimiss Ko Na,” “Valerie,” “Saan Kakapit,” “Part II: Bliss,” “If I Ever Come Back,” “Fallen,” and “Raining in Manila.”

He emphasised the emotional depth of “Raining in Manila,” describing it as a poignant reflection on longing, separation, and the challenges of communication depicted through a rainstorm—a metaphor for obstacles. “The lyrics convey a sense of Filipinos abroad pursuing their aspirations while yearning for a connection to their roots.” The song struck a chord with the audience, particularly Filipino nationals present at the beach, evoking tears and overwhelming responses. The performance garnered one of the largest audiences at hush!, with attendees passionately reacting to the band members, visibly moving and surprising them on stage. Lead singer and guitarist Pio Dumayas pledged on stage that Lola Amour would undoubtedly return to Macau in the future.

Post-performance, the *Post* conducted a backstage interview with Lola Amour. They said that this marked the band’s second international appearance, expressing their astonishment at the crowd’s energetic reception, transforming the event into an unforgettable memory.

Dumayas reflected on their Macau experience, praising the city’s culinary offerings and vibrant atmosphere, especially noting the presence of many Filipino nationals. He expressed gratitude that the show proceeded despite the threat of a typhoon. “We will also be visiting the Philippine Consulate-General in Macau on Monday,” he added.

Additionally, Dumayas hinted at forthcoming releases from the band and expressed their eagerness to revisit Macau with new music in the pipeline.

*<https://www.macaupostdaily.com/news/23177>



Lola Amour poses after the concert at the backstage.



Lead singer and guitarist Pio Dumayas performing on stage

SJM Theodore Racing drivers look forward to upcoming MGP

Interview by Rui Pastorin

“A Racing Legacy – SJM x Theodore Racing Press Conference” was held yesterday at Grand Lisboa Macau, with Theodore Racing drivers participating in both the FIA FR World Cup and FIA GT World Cup at this year’s Macau Grand Prix (MGP) introduced.

The Formula Regional (FR) replaces Formula 3 in the MGP from this year onwards.

Racing in the FIA FR World Cup for SJM Theodore PREMA Racing are Sweden’s Dino Beganovic, Freddie Slater from Great Britain and Ireland’s Alex Dunne, each marking their second time on the Guia Circuit. Meanwhile, Swiss-Italian-French Edoardo Mortara, aka “Mr Macau”, and Italy’s Matteo Cairoli will be racing for the SJM VSR (Vincenzo Sospiri Racing) Theodore Racing in the FIA GT World Cup. Each racer also spoke about their experience of and insights into the event.

SJM Managing Director Daisy Ho Chiu Fung said in her speech that: “for over half a century, SJM and its parent company have been a steadfast supporter of the Macau Grand Prix, the most enduring sporting event in our city. And Theodore Racing has been our indispensable partner on every step of this journey”.

After the press conference, Dunne, Slater and Beganovic told the Post that they enjoyed



SJM Theodore PREMA Racing drivers Alex Dunne (from right to left), Freddie Slater, Dino Beganovic, along with SJM VSR (Vincenzo Sospiri Racing) Theodore Racing’s Edoardo Mortara and Matteo Cairoli pose after yesterday’s press conference at Grand Lisboa Macau. – Photo: Rui Pastorin

racing in Macau last year and were happy to be back, each striving to try and win, while highlighting the importance of building up into the weekend.

Moreover, Beganovic said that he thinks the Guia Circuit is “definitely one of the most enjoyable circuits to drive on”, adding that though it is challenging for everyone, that is part of what makes it fun.

Slater added: “I know we’ve got a bit of weather coming in, which could be quite interesting”, while adding that there is “a new car for everybody to learn on this track, which is going to be interesting to see how everybody picks the data from F4 to F3 to have a good starting ground”.

Meanwhile, speaking to the Post about the team’s success, Dunne said: “Prema have been

extremely successful in the past, especially with this car. So, I think for sure we have a really good package”, while the team has a good opportunity to achieve something great.

Cairoli, meanwhile, noted that last year was not easy for him as it was his first time on the circuit, but remarked that not crashing and collecting “maximum experience” were positive points. With more experience this year, though with a different car, he said: “I hope I can still manage to find a good compromise between track and car. It’s not going to be easy, but at least the track is something that I’m fine with now”.

Mortara, who according to Wikipedia has amassed 10 wins, including seven overall victories, in Macau from 2008 to 2017 in F3 in GT races, also highlighted: “You always need to take this race weekend with a lot of humility”, adding that one never knows what to expect.

“It’s such a difficult race weekend... It’s going to be a matter of, firstly, trying to understand if we can be competitive against our competitors. This is not only depending on drivers, but also on the package that you have at your disposal”, including one’s car, team, driver, and balance of performance, Mortara concluded.

The 71st MGP is slated to run from tomorrow through Sunday. ■

Top 3 local medallists in 2 consecutive int’l events to get additional 3,000 patacas monthly

Ginnie Liang

The Sports Bureau (ID) said in a recent statement that the total budget of the five sports subsidies launched by the government this year is about 132 million patacas, with top three local medallists in the Asian Games, Paralympic Games or Hearing Impaired Olympic Games for two consecutive events will receive an additional monthly allowance of 3,000 patacas, the bureau said.

In reply to Lam U Tou’s written interpellation sent to the government in September, the bureau said that it is optimising the funding scheme of the bureau’s Sports Fund (FD) for athletes to participate in sporting events, and collecting the views from various sports associations, hoping to increase the opportunities for athletes to participate in sporting events.

The bureau said that the training subsidy scheme stipulates that the subsidy will be provided according to the athletes’ level. If an athlete wins a gold medal in the Asian Games, the maximum monthly allowance will be raised to more than 29,000 patacas, while winning silver and bronze grants the athlete an increased amount of about 23,000 patacas.

So far this year, 126 athletes have received financial assistance as elite athletes, 31 more than last year, and 132 athletes of local training teams have received financial assistance.

In order to enable local athletes to demonstrate the level of Macau’s competitive sports development on the world competitive sports stage, the government has been promoting local athletes to participate in large-scale international multi-sports games and international sports competitions under the name of “Macao, China” through various measures, and has also actively coordinated with the relevant arrangements made by the General Administration of Sport of the People’s Republic of China (GASC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), so as to continuously develop a wider development platform for Macau’s athletes.

The bureau will continue to provide a broader development platform for local athletes and help strengthen the integration of Macau’s competitive sports with the international community. ■



▲ A J-35A stealth fighter jet takes part in a performance during Airshow China in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, yesterday. The 15th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Airshow China, kicked off in Zhuhai yesterday. Among the highlights, J-20 and J-35A stealth fighter jets, as well as Russia’s Su-57 fighter jet, staged flying shows one after another. This is the first time that the three types of stealth fighters from China and Russia have been exhibited at the same time in Airshow China. – Xinhua

▶ A Russia’s Su-57 fighter jet takes part in a performance during Airshow China in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, yesterday. – Xinhua



Air Force calls for in-depth collaboration in unmanned intelligent technology

GUANGZHOU – The Chinese Air Force has advocated for global collaboration across military and civilian sectors to deepen cooperation in unmanned intelligence.

The revolution in unmanned intelligence has emerged as a pivotal force driving global transformation, said a Chinese Air Force representative at a seminar hosted by the Air Force Monday on the sidelines of the 15th Airshow China.

Unmanned equipment is experiencing explosive growth, with an expanding range of models and applications, said a senior officer with the Air Force.

Low-cost, adaptable and expendable unmanned intelligent technology is driving profound shifts

in the military sector, presenting unprecedented opportunities and challenges, the senior officer said, urging more consensus and cooperation in this field.

The seminar attracted air force leaders, representatives from over 30 countries, and domestic experts in unmanned intelligence.

Attendees engaged in in-depth discussions on innovation, applications, and challenges in unmanned intelligence while sharing insights on swarm control, intelligent sensing, and cost-effective development.

Officially known as the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, the airshow is scheduled for yesterday to Sunday in the southern coastal city of Zhuhai. – Xinhua

STOCK MARKETS

Hang Seng Index closes 2.84 pct lower

HONG KONG – Hong Kong’s stock market ended lower yesterday with the benchmark Hang Seng Index down 2.84 percent to close at 19,846.88 points.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell 3.11 percent to end at 7,127.14 points, and the Hang Seng Tech Index dipped 4.19 percent to 4,456.86 points. – Xinhua