



NEWSLETTER

Ships companies and ships linked to us:



We are working with 21 shipping companies, and have 756 men and 166 women on ships, a total of 922 crew and staff under management.

We welcome:

Naina Singh Gurung
Arnuphap Thanamai
Alissa Napphasri
Prapatsara Chuntares
Sujan Thapa Magar
Dil Bahadur Pun Magar
Primod Gurung
Bibidh Jung Thapa
Prashant Khadka
Sabin Karki
Suraj KC
Bishnu Kumar Limbu
Bal Bahadur Gurung
Saurav Pun
Shyam Thapa
Shukra Bahadur Lama
Tika Ram Gurung
Lok Nath Sharma Luitel
Man Bahadur Gurung
Sanjay Gurung
Hillman Jung Gurung



We publish this month a photograph of Fred Olsen Cruise.

If you have pictures or postcards of your ship, please send them in to us for future Newsletters.

GI (HK) BUSINESS

We are providing security services for 27 Hong Kong Clients and have 84 security staff employed.



I was on the road again this month, this time to Singapore, to visit Universal Shipmanagement and their ship, the Aegean Paradise. We have been steadily increasing our crew with USM, and now have men and women as crew as Ship Security Guards, Casino Dealers and Inspectors, and in the Hotel Department. I was glad to meet some of you on board the ship and thank you for looking after me. Everyone spoke very highly of the work of our crew; thank you and shryabash!





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WORLD SECURITY

Economics

Problems seem again to be developing in the Eurozone, where the stand off between Italy and the European Commission over the Italian budget is threatening the banks and so perhaps another financial crisis.

Nuclear

There have been no developments, either in the North Korean or Iranian nuclear issues. America has proceeded to apply sanctions to Iran and has forced most of the world to comply due to their control of the Dollar system.



Europe

Brexit debates continue in the European Union. British Prime Minister Theresa May has agreed a withdrawal; agreement which is unlikely to get through the British Parliament, so the outcome is uncertain. Tension between Russia and NATO countries, and between Russia and the Ukraine, remains high. They have accused each other of breaking international law after a Russian border patrol seizure of three Ukrainian ships. In Russia, a woman blew herself up at a police checkpoint in



Source: Ukraine National Security & Defence Council, Ukrainian navy, Ukrayinska Pravda
Kommersant



The Middle East and the Arab World

Conflict continues in Syria, Libya and Yemen. Iraq continues to suffer a large number of terrorist attacks.

The blockade of Qatar by Saudi Arabia and its allies drags on, to no particular end or seeming purpose. Qatar has resisted attempts to force it to toe the Saudi line and has refused the 13 demands made of it by the Saudi coalition.

Saudi Arabia has acknowledged the kidnapping, torture and murder in Istanbul of Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist critical of the Saudi regime. Fingers are now pointed at the Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, who has denied giving the order.

In Egypt, seven Christian Copts were killed and fourteen injured by Islamic State militants when they were travelling by bus from Sohag to St. Samuel's monastery. Five Egyptian soldiers were killed in the Sinai towns of Arish and Sheikh Zuweid by militants of the Islamic State.

Kurdish PKK guerillas in Turkey injured three road construction workers and killed several soldiers.

In the province of Constantine in Algeria, one soldier was killed and another two were wounded in an Islamic attack; one terrorist was also killed.

Palestine

Rockets fired by Hamas landed in a building at the Israeli city of Ashkelon killing one man and injuring twelve others. On a separate occasion, about 400 rockets and mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip into southern Israel, killing one man and injuring dozens. The terrorist group Hamas claimed the attacks. Four Israeli Soldiers were injured when an assailant stabbed them in a police station in Jerusalem; the attacker was shot and wounded. A Palestinian gunman injured 2 people in the city of Beit El.

Afghanistan and Pakistan

Violence remains widespread in Afghanistan, causing many deaths and injuries this month. Violence also continues to occur in the tribal areas of north-west Pakistan, with deaths this month from a series of IEDs and assassinations.

Asia

Tension continues in both the South China Sea around the Spratly and Paracel Islands and in the Sea of Japan around islands held by Japan but claimed by China and South Korea.

A soldier was killed in clashes with communist New People's Army rebels in Quezon, Philippines. Islamic Abu Sayyaf militants wounded an army officer and three soldiers in Patikul Sulu. New People's Army gunmen injured six police officers in Libmanan town, Camarines Sur. Five soldiers were killed and twenty-three wounded while trying to rescue hostages being held by the Abu Sayyaf in Jolo Sulu. A soldier was injured by Islamic Moro militants who detonated an explosive device on a road at Datu Hoffer.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, a suspected militant injured a policeman with a knife and a machete before being shot and overpowered.

Australia

In Melbourne, an Italian man was stabbed to death and two others were injured by a Somali Islamic militant.



A burnt out vehicle is surrounded by police tape on Bourke Street in central Melbourne, Australia, November 9, 2018.

Thailand

Two rangers were killed by Islamic gunmen in South Thailand's Yaring District.

India

Kashmir remains disturbed and terrorist attacks continue in many rural areas of India, almost on a daily basis, causing many casualties.

The Malacca Straits

There is no news this month of piracy in the area.

Somalia

There are no more reports this month of Somali piracy. Fighting continues in the country between the government and its foreign allies and Islamic militant al-Shabaab fighters. Al-Shabaab terrorists continue to attack soldiers and civilians in Kenya.

Africa

Boko Haram Sunni Muslim terrorists continue to attack military and civilian targets in Nigeria, causing many casualties this month. Other Islamic attacks occurred in Mali, Niger, the Central African Republic and Burkino Faso. Civil conflict continues in South Sudan.

In Cameroon, about 80 people including children were kidnapped from a school by anglophone separatist militants in northwest Cameroon's Bamenda region.

The Democratic Republic of Congo remains subject to many outbreaks of communal violence.

In Mozambique, Islamic militants Ansar al Sunna killed 6 villagers in the Palma district and killing one and injuring another in Nagalue village in Macomia District.

The Americas

Three Venezuelan Border guards were killed and ten wounded in an ELN attack in the Venezuelan state of Amazonas. In Colombia, ELN attacks in the Cesar Department injured about six civilians.

NEPAL NEWS

Nepal govt launches Social Security Scheme

Nepal government has launched a Social Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country.

Unveiling the scheme in Kathmandu on Tuesday, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli said, a new era of social security has begun in Nepal.

He said it was very necessary to strengthen the system in which the government is accountable to its people.

Mr. Oli further said that people of all ages and categories would be included in the scheme.

The new social security scheme is contribution based and it will cover health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age.

The scheme will be compulsorily applicable to formal sector workers. The scheme will soon be extended to informal sector workers as well.

Source: [AIR News](#)



China reaching deeper and deeper into Nepal

A planned Himalayan railway connecting China to Nepal will give the landlocked latter nation a vital new trade route but also stir security concerns in neighboring India.

In June this year, China and Nepal signed several agreements, including one to extend the same railroad an additional 270 kilometers from Xigaze to Kathmandu. Construction is expected to start after a survey is conducted and the line completed by 2024.

There are tens of thousands of Nepalese who currently serve as soldiers in the seven Gorkha Rifles of the Indian army and the paramilitary Assam Rifles. Oli and other communist leaders have tried to restrict the recruitment of Gorkhas into the Indian military, but their remittances, pensions and other social welfare benefits for retired soldiers are a significant source of national income.

For better or worse, Nepal is more closely tied to India through economic, cultural and ethnic links that China will find difficult to decisively upset or sever.

U.S.-Nepal Trade and Investment Forum

WASHINGTON — The United States-Nepal Trade and Investment Framework (TIFA) Council held its fourth meeting on 13 November here to promote expanded bilateral trade and investment in both goods and services as well as technical assistance. The meeting was co-chaired by Mark Linscott, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, and Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Government of Nepal.

Nepal and the United States discussed the importance of fully utilising preferential trade benefits for select products from Nepal till 2025 as a result of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The United States took note of Nepal's interest in expanding utilisation of the trade preference program, promoting investment in Nepal, and enhancing trade capacity-building support for stronger economic growth.

Negotiations focused on labour reforms, investment promotion, implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, digital trade and e-commerce, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, as well as greater market access and reform in Nepal's agricultural sector. The United States engaged with Nepal to identify ways to foster innovation and improve the business climate through draft legislation that would increase intellectual property protections and facilitate foreign investment. The United States expressed a willingness to explore further technical assistance to Nepal to increase trade and investment.

[Source: Nepali Times](#)

HONG KONG NEWS

Visitors on Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge tail off after mainland Chinese tourism boards' cooling measures – bringing relief to Tung Chung

Earlier this week, Guangzhou's tourism authority sent an "urgent notice" to mainland Chinese travel agencies to ask them to avoid sending tour groups to Hong Kong via the mega crossing on the weekends while Guangdong authorities also pledged to regulate the province's travel sector.

The efforts came after residents of Tung Chung on Lantau Island complained of being inundated by mainland Chinese visitors following the opening of mega crossing last month, raising concerns the community would become another crowded cross-border town, such as Sheung Shui.

The 55km bridge – which is the world's largest sea crossing – was opened by President Xi Jinping after two years' of delays and budget overruns in the billions of dollars.

Critics have called it a white elephant, doubting whether it was worth the HK\$120 billion (US\$15.4 billion) Hong Kong invested in it.

Source: SCMP

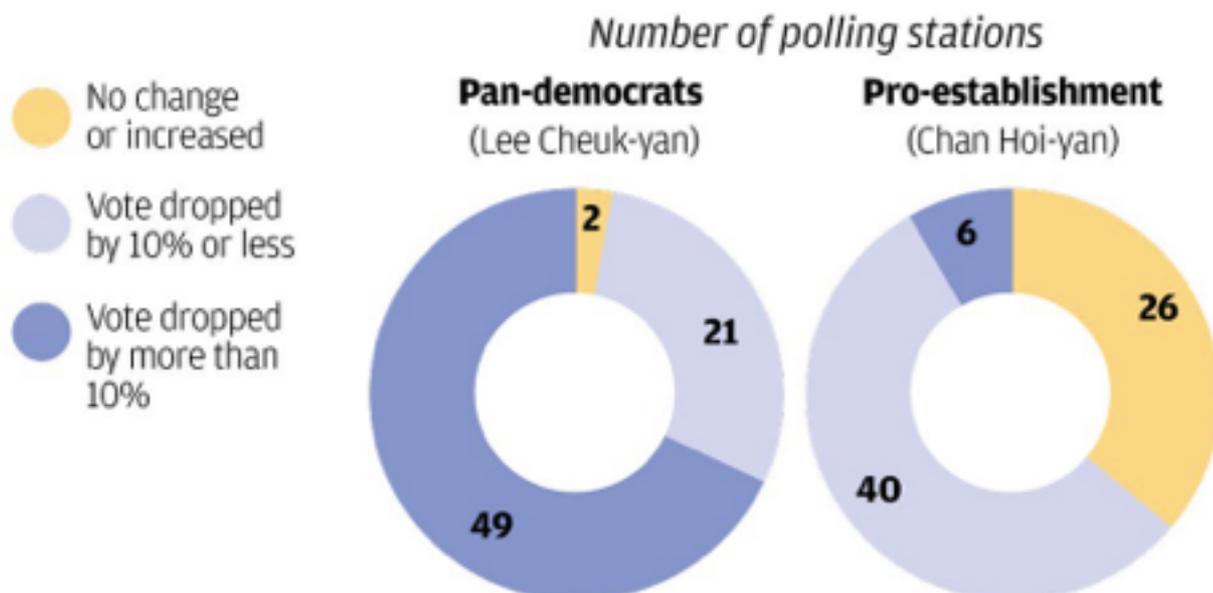


Put livelihood issues ahead of political ideals, Hong Kong's democrats told after bruising by-election defeat

After losing last two polls in supposed opposition stronghold, pro-democracy camp left contemplating destructiveness of disunity

Consecutive defeats in by-elections for Hong Kong's legislature on Sunday and in March have left the city's pro-democracy politicians searching for answers and facing calls to prioritise livelihood issues over political ideals.

What did the vote count by polling station say compared with March's by-election?



Alan Leong Kah-kit, chairman of the Civic Party, said the two poll results clearly showed many voters were tired of partisan politics.

“Voters didn’t care that much about party ideology. Whoever makes suggestions for solving livelihood issues, voters will give that candidate a chance,” he said.

Source: SCMP

Conclusion

As you can see from the ever-growing list of terrorist attacks in an increasing number of countries which we report above, terrorism, especially Islamic terrorism, is on the increase worldwide. The threat against the targets we protect is real. Keep your eyes and ears open and, if you see anything out of the ordinary, act straight away. You will save lives.

All of us here at GIMS and BGOS wish all of you and your families a belated happy Tihar!



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