

QUOTABLE

“Replacing urine with green tea for medical testing was unethical, even it was for a journalistic investigation.”

A spokesman for the Ministry of Health commenting on a recent healthcare case. China Central Television reported on Monday that a journalist replaced his urine with green tea to do a test in a private hospital in Shijiazhuang, capital of Hebei province. The journalist was later diagnosed with several serious diseases based on the test result. The news attracted wide attention.

THE NUMBER

100

MILLION PEOPLE

More than 30 million families, around 100 million people, have benefited from the country's subsidized housing projects, Zhang Xueqin, a senior official with the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, said on Thursday. As of the end of 2011, 26.5 million low-income families had benefited from the low-rental, economical and capped-price housing projects and 4.5 million families had received cash subsidies for their housing rent in the market, Zhang said.

ON THE WEB

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Video: With London's hotels full and even cruise liners on the River Thames being used as temporary accommodations, green spaces are being called into use as campsites.

Hot words: Nimby is used to describe people who oppose a proposal for a new development close to their homes. It stands for "not in my backyard".

Bilingual: It takes more than just practice to become an Olympian. Keri Glassman, founder of Nutritious Life Meals, offers insight into the diets of top athletes.

Culture: Discover the beauty of Xanadu, an area in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region that captured the hearts of Venetian traveler Marco Polo and English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and has officially joined UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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Pictures: A collection of shots give a glimpse into the life of Mai, 94, who has taken care of two mentally ill sons for more than 70 years in Zhongshan, Guangdong province.

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GOOD CATCH

PHOTO BY MENG ZHONGDE / FOR CHINA DAILY

Fishermen return with their catch on Thursday at the Tanmen Port in Qionghai, Hainan province. The annual fishing ban in the northern part of the South China Sea was lifted on Wednesday.

around china

BEIJING
Timely reporting of accidents urged

Work safety authorities have urged departments to regulate their information systems to report work safety accidents in a timely manner.

Noting frequent accidents in the area, the Work Safety Committee of the State Council said in a recent circular that related departments should expand public supervision channels and report on safety-related accidents in a timely manner, including via e-mail and Weibo.

The committee also called for making improvements to the press release system in order to better respond to sudden accidents and increase the credibility of information.

China beefs up regulation

The central government on Thursday introduced tougher measures concerning the production of pharmaceutical excipients following a scandal involving contaminated medicine capsules.

According to a new regulation on the management of pharmacologically inactive substances used to carry the active ingredients of medication, the State Food and Drug Administration and its branches will raise standards for medical capsule cases when approving new medicines.

Capsule cases that are new on the market or contain greater safety risks should be registered and approved and their producers will have to obtain production licenses from authorities, the document says. Other capsule cases and their producers will be monitored, the document says.

No-bribery paper must be signed

Patients and doctors will need to sign a mutual no-bribery agreement before hospitalization, according to a draft guideline released on Wednesday by the Ministry of Health.

The agreement is a commitment between patients and doc-

tors. After signing the agreement, the patients should not bribe the doctors while the doctors should not receive patients' red envelopes with money inside. The agreement will be included in the patients' health record.

The draft guideline aims at guarding against any corruption in public hospitals. It is part of the effort to build clean hospitals in the second half of this year.

LIAONING

9 dead, 4 injured in knife attack

A teenager allegedly killed nine people and injured four in a knife attack on Wednesday night in Liaoning province, local authorities said on Thursday.

The killing spree occurred at about 9 pm on Wednesday in Yongling township in Fushun city, the city's publicity department said in a statement.

The 17-year-old suspect, a native of Xinfu district in downtown Fushun, stabbed to death two of his girlfriend's relatives following a conflict with her, an initial investigation showed. He killed another seven people and injured four while fleeing the scene, it said. The suspect has been held by police.

SHANXI

Rescue under way at flooded colliery

More than 600 rescue workers pumped water out of a flooded coal mine to rescue 12 trapped workers on Thursday in Shanxi province.

Four of the trapped workers have been confirmed alive, and the condition of the other eight remain unknown, according to a spokesman with the accident rescue headquarters of Jianda Coal Mining of the Shanxi Luhe Coal-Chemical Group. The accident occurred at 4:17 am on Wednesday at a pit under construction in Hongtong county of Linfen city.

More than 2,500 cubic meters of water were pumped out of the coal mine from 10 am on Wednesday to 9 am on Thursday, and an estimated 7,700 cubic meters of water still needed to be pumped, said the spokesman. Rescuers are also rush-

ing to dig a well to allow adequate ventilation for those still trapped in the pit.

CHONGQING

Four rail workers killed by fumes

Four railway construction workers suffocated after inhaling toxic fumes in Southwest China's Chongqing municipality, local authorities said on Thursday.

The accident occurred at around 7 am on Wednesday when the victims were working underground to build a section of a high-speed railway linking Chongqing and Chengdu, capital city of Sichuan province, said a spokesman with Chongqing's work safety bureau. The four men passed out suddenly during their work and later died in hospital, he said.

The rail project was undertaken by a subsidiary of China Communications Construction Company, a leading State-owned corporation.

GANSU

Officials punished for bus crash

Sixteen local officials in a Northwest China city have been punished for a deadly school bus crash that killed 19 kindergarten students late last year, authorities announced on Thursday.

The high-ranking officials include Zhang Longjie, the head of Zhengning county in Qingyang city, Lu Huaodong, Qingyang's education chief, and Zhang Yufeng, former head of Qingyang's traffic police, according to a statement from the provincial government of Gansu. It said the punishments ranged from warnings to revocations of Party and government posts, but did not specify the punishments given to each official.

Nineteen preschoolers and two adults died after the school bus — a nine-seat van carrying 64 passengers — collided head-on with a coal truck in Zhengning in November.

Wall collapses at construction site

Four workers were killed and

another two were injured on Thursday afternoon after a wall collapsed at a construction site in the city of Dingxi in Gansu province.

The wall at the city's Anding district collapsed at 3:45 pm on Thursday, burying several workers, the Gansu provincial production safety supervision bureau said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

SHANDONG

Deputy loses seat in local congress

A deputy has lost his seat in the Provincial People's Congress of Shandong over possible corruption.

Zhang Zezhong, 59, deputy secretary-general of Shandong provincial government, lost his seat for being suspected of "gravely violating the law and discipline" — a routine expression for corruption investigation — the report said. No further details were given.

In March 2008 Zhang began working in Shandong provincial government, where he was in charge of the provincial departments' public expenses, including the purchase of government vehicles and the construction of government buildings.

GUANGDONG

Classification of waste to be tested

Shenzhen will introduce waste classification in communities, officials from the city's urban management bureau said at a news conference on Thursday.

According to the bureau's deputy chief Ye Guo, the city in Guangdong province will set up 500 pilot communities this year in which waste classification will be introduced.

The communities are encouraged to purchase small waste treatment facilities and the bureau will subsidize part of the funds. Specific implementation will be carried out by the property management and cleaning companies, Ye said.

Investors poised to score with Inter deal

Italian soccer giant says group to acquire 15 percent stake

By ZHENG YANGPENG and DING QINGFEN

A group of Chinese investors are set to play a key role in one of the world's most famous soccer clubs, according to media reports and a statement from the club.

However, one of the investors linked to the deal has denied any involvement in purchasing shares but said it will be involved in building a new home ground for the club.

The deal will see the investors pay \$67 million for a 15 percent stake in Italy's Inter Milan, a statement from Internazionale Holding said.

The deal, if finalized, will mark the first time that Chinese investors have entered the global sports industry arena, experts said.

"The Moratti family will keep control of the company while the group of Chinese investors will become the second-largest shareholder," Inter Milan's statement, which was released on Thursday, said.

Media reports said on Thursday that "Chinese investors" valued the Italian club at 500 million euros and will acquire a 15 percent stake.

Reports also said the investors include China Railway Construction Corp Ltd, and Hong Kong-based QSL Sports Ltd, a sports investment company.

But China Railway Construction, China's largest engineering contractor, denied on Thursday night it was part of the investment deal.

"Our company has not been involved in negotiations concerning the buying of the club's shares," the statement said.

Yu Xingxi, spokesman for China Railway Construction, confirmed to China Daily that "neither the listed company nor the parent company has been involved in the 15 percent stake purchase."

According to the statement, China Railway Construction will build a new stadium for the club by 2017. "In the upcoming months the parties will jointly select potentially suitable locations, define the project team

and start the filing process to obtain the required authorization," the statement said.

China Railway Construction confirmed in the statement that China Railway 15th Bureau Group Co Ltd, its subsidiary, is discussing building a new stadium with Inter Milan. The company will issue a statement if the contract is signed, it said.

The stadium will have a capacity of 60,000 and construction is scheduled to start next year, Chinese media reports said. Inter currently share a home ground with AC Milan at the 80,065 capacity San Siro stadium.

The investor groups will be involved in the club's construction and cultural projects, and even in team building, China's Caixin Media reported.

"The deal would probably be the first time that Chinese corporations have invested in a foreign sports team," said He Zhenwei, an economist with the China Industrial Overseas Development & Planning Association. As part of its 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-2015), the government is encouraging companies to invest overseas.

Overseas direct investment since the financial crisis has been on the rise. In 2011, China's ODI gained by 1.8 percent from a year earlier to \$60 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Some recent and high-profile cases include construction equipment maker Sany Heavy Industry Co Ltd's announcement to buy a 90-percent stake in Germany's largest concrete pump maker and China's largest entertainment group Dalian Wanda Group's deal to buy the US movie chain AMC Theatres.

But He cautioned that there are risks for the deal, citing the Italian club's current value.

Inter Milan failed to qualify for the financially lucrative UEFA Champions League this season.

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Games: 'Trainers are source of inspiration'

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"His presence is an inspiration for 'young guns' like me and he points out things I never knew," said Zhang, who was Ma's training partner before the 2008 Olympics.

Ma, who was disqualified in the national trial, said his only job is to give his countrymen as much trouble at the table as he can.

In the interest of diversity, China also hired some foreign players.

During the World Team Championships in March, India's top men's player Achant Sharath Kamal — who along with partner Subhajt Saha stunned the Chinese pair of Ma and Zhang in the Asian Championships — was invited to practice with the Chinese players.

"Actually, it was a learning

curve for me, but I tried to put them under as much pressure as I could. Anyway, it's an honor for me to be there," Kamal said.

Men's coach Liu Guoliang said he picked each player for a specific reason.

"Each of them represents a certain threat for us," said Liu. Foreign teams don't have that same deep talent pool from which to draw.

"I think it's a big advantage to have these players in the training group," Germany's Boll said. "They can push each other to the limits."

Leading the European challenge against China by himself, Boll has found it difficult to improve while practicing with his European equals.

He even joined the Chinese Super League last year in the hope of meeting stiffer competition.

Typhoons set to wreak havoc along coast

Authorities take measures to protect people and property

By JIN ZHU in Beijing and WANG ZHENGHUA in Shanghai

Two typhoons, set to hit eastern coastal areas almost simultaneously, caused widespread disruption to daily life.

Damrey made landfall in Jiangsu province late on Thursday night.

The National Meteorological Center said that Saola was expected to make landfall in Fujian and Zhejiang provinces early Friday.

"It is rare to see two

typhoons land on eastern coastal regions at almost the same time," the center said on Thursday.

Transport services are being disrupted.

Shanghai railway authorities said on Thursday they had suspended ticket sales for trains heading to Ningbo and Wenzhou in East China's Zhejiang province on Friday and Saturday.

Passenger boats to the city's Chongming Island suspended services at 1:30 pm on Thursday.

Jinshan City Beach, one of the most popular seaside venues on the outskirts of Shanghai, closed its swimming area from 4 pm on Thursday until Sunday.

Passengers were also stranded after flights were canceled at Shanghai's two airports from 4 pm on Thursday.

Taiwan's major cities were forced to close schools and offices on Thursday in response to Saola's torrential rain and gusts after it made landfall in Hualien county.

"There's a 4-meter-deep hole in the road in Keelung city. Gas supply lines have been cut off. Floods have swept the counties of Pingtung and Kaohsiung in the south

of the island," an emergency worker said on China Central Television on Thursday.

Saola already caused devastation in the Philippines, leaving 26 people dead and affecting more than 300,000, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Emergency services in China were gearing up for the typhoons especially after recent heavy flooding.

Disasters triggered by rain since July 27 have affected more than 9 million people in 23 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions. At least 76 people were killed and another 30 remain unaccounted for, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs on Thursday.

At 1 pm on Thursday, the National Meteorological Center issued this year's first red warning for the two typhoons, the highest warning level in China's four-tier color-coded typhoon warning system.

According to Lu Zhenlin, director of the Jiangsu provincial department of water conservancy, personnel have been sent to closely monitor sea defenses and embankments.

"Because it's the fishing season, 287 boats are still at sea," Lu said on Thursday afternoon. "The provincial department of ocean and fisheries has warned them to return."

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