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TOP OF THE NEWS

3 main factors in riot: COI

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THREE factors combined to cause the violence in the Little India riot to worsen, said the Committee of Inquiry (COI) in a report that also blamed alcohol. It also gave eight recommendations, most of which were on how to prevent future riots.

'Islamic caliphate' declared

SUNNI jihadists have declared an "Islamic caliphate" on territory they seized in Iraq and Syria in a move that has alarmed regional and world powers. The Islamic State ordered Muslims to pledge allegiance to its chief.

WORLD

HK set for protests

HUNDREDS to thousands of Hong Kongers are likely to "occupy Central" tonight, blocking the main Chater Road in the central business district. Another **group** will also "occupy Tamar", the public space outside the Chief Executive's office, in a bid to step up calls for "real democracy".

Maids put on display?

THE Philippines has voiced concerns over an Al Jazeera report which claims that some maid agencies in Singapore have been "displaying" women as "commodities" in shopping malls. The Philippine Embassy in Singapore may file a police report if the accounts are true, its foreign affairs department spokesman said.

Retired general Xu Caihou was the former vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission. --
PHOTO: REUTERS

Ex-top general sacked

CHINA has sacked retired general Xu Caihou, an ally of retired president Jiang Zemin. He is the highest-ranking official to have fallen from grace over graft charges since President Xi Jinping took charge.

Next up - Down Under

AFTER its controversial reclamation works in the Strait of Johor, **Chinese** developer Country Garden is pressing ahead with its Australian plans.

Besides aiming to **buy** a stake in Australian **property** giant Meriton, it has also launched its 800-**apartment** complex in Sydney.

OPINION

TPP doubters should consider big picture

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is concerned most about blockages in the US to a Pacific trade deal. There are other hurdles, each of which could sink the effort. Time, surely, to see the big picture of all-round benefit. All parties must agree that a deal will serve the common good.

Property market poser

THE **property** market is a pale shadow of itself from a year ago when the boom was in full swing.

Is it time to lift some cooling measures? Reporter Cheryl Ong ponders the burning question in the weekly Eye on the Economy column.

SINGAPORE

New parking scheme

A PAY-PER-MINUTE parking scheme for motorcyclists could help them save hundreds of dollars a year. More than 500 Housing **Board** and Urban Redevelopment Authority car parks are bringing in the system, which will help those who need to use the spaces for only brief periods, such as dispatch riders.

Managing disputes

SINGAPORE hopes the territorial disputes in the South **China** Sea between several countries can be managed to avoid armed conflict, said Foreign Minister K. Shanmugam. It does not matter which countries own which islands as long as the peace can be kept, he said.

MONEY

Surprise rebound

RESALE prices of private homes staged a surprise rebound in May over April, reversing a nine-month decline. Overall resale prices climbed 0.8 per cent from April to May, according to Singapore **Residential** Price Index flash estimates.

Frasers raising \$368m

FRASERS Hospitality Trust (FHT) plans to raise \$367.9 million through the **sale** of stapled securities at 88 cents apiece. FHT is a global **hotel** and serviced residence trust comprising Frasers Hospitality Real **Estate** Investment Trust and Frasers Hospitality Business Trust.

Justin Rose with his trophy after winning the Quicken Loans National in Bethesda, Maryland, on Sunday. -- PHOTO: AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

SPORT

Booster for Rose

BRITISH golfer Justin Rose won his first title since the US Open just over a year ago, parring the first extra hole on Sunday to beat Shawn Stefani for the US\$1.1 million (S\$1.4 million) top prize at the Quicken Loans National in Maryland. It gives the 33-year-old world No. 8 a huge boost for the British Open later this month.

Curators (from left) Anca Rujoiu, Jennifer Teo, Woon Tien Wei and Vera Mey are involved in the collaboration project Post-PopUp. -- ST PHOTO: STEFFI KOH

LIFE!

Partners in arts

INDEPENDENT visual arts institutions here say collaborations among themselves allow them to pool resources, expertise and influences to create the space for them to better pursue their common goals.

Unlike state institutions and **commercial** galleries, independent players offer discursive practice and scholarship that can be esoteric, a little off the wall and hard-hitting.

Tokyu Hands for S'pore

JAPANESE lifestyle store Tokyu Hands Inc, known in Japan as the go-to store for quirky homeware products and do-it-yourself items, is headed to Singapore.

In September, a 7,500 sq ft store will open at Westgate in Jurong East. This is their second overseas store, under the Tokyu Hands label, following the opening of its Shanghai outlet in 2012.

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