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China fund managers slash ZTE valuation after U.S. sanction

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Chinese funds have slashed valuations of ZTE Corp after the United States banned American companies from selling components to the telecoms equipment maker for seven years, a move ZTE said threatened its very survival.

The U.S. action last week was sparked by ZTE's violation of an agreement reached after it was caught illegally shipping U.S. goods to Iran. American companies are estimated to provide 25-30 percent of the components used in ZTE's equipment

Chinese mutual fund managers cut the value of the stock in their portfolios by 20-30 percent in a spate of announcements over the weekend, a blow to ZTE that suspended trading in its mainland and Hong Kong shares on April 17.

Around 40 Chinese mutual funds have adjusted the valuation of ZTE in their portfolios since it suspended trading. In the latest batch, five fund managers revalued the stock on Saturday.

Huatai-PineBridege and GTJA Allianz cut their valuation of ZTE's mainland shares to 25.05 yuan, 20 percent lower than its last trading price. JT Asset Management - the most pessimistic - slashed the valuation to around 30 percent below ZTE's last close of 31.31 yuan (\$4.98).

Several funds with exposure to ZTE's Hong Kong shares, including HuaAn Fund and Harvest Fund, cut valuations to about 20 percent below the last trading price of HK\$25.60 (\$3.26).

ZTE, which had a market capitalization of about \$20 billion before trading in its shares was suspended, did not respond to a request for comment on Monday. The valuation adjustment by mutual funds could be just preliminary, as the real impact of the U.S. sanctions needs to be assessed continuously as the incident unfolds, said Reagan Li, investment manager at private fund house Shanghai V-Invest.

On Sunday, ZTE said it was "making active communications



ZTE Corp's Chairman Yin Yimin speaks at a news conference at ZTE's headquarters in Shenzhen

with relevant parties and seeking a solution to the U.S. export denial order". Earlier, the U.S. Commerce Department said it would allow ZTE to submit more evidence related to the matter. The threat to ZTE's business has triggered a broad sell-off in technology shares as investors fear the sector could suffer from the fallout, or that other firms could be targeted by the United States amid escalating trade tensions.

Shares in display maker BOE Technology slumped as much as 6 percent on Monday, even after the firm said it had not received any official information regarding U.S. sanctions in response to rumors in the market that it would be targeted. The CSI Information Technology index of Shanghai- and Shenzhen-listed tech firms fell 2 percent. "Investors are asking: who will be next on the U.S. sanction list?" fund manager Li said

Van kills at least two, injures seven, on Toronto sidewalk

TORONTO (Reuters) - A white van killed at least two people and injured seven when its driver plowed through a busy Toronto sidewalk on a sunny Monday afternoon, according to police, hospital officials and a Reuters witness.

The incident occurred just before 1:30 p.m. (1730 GMT) as large crowds of office workers were on lunch breaks. At least one witness described the driver as appearing to deliberately target victims on his roughly mile-long (1.6 km-long) rampage. The driver was in custody, police said.

Police in Canada's largest city initially said eight to 10 people had been injured but later said it was unclear exactly how many had been hurt or the extent of their injuries. A Reuters witness said there were at least two bodies at the site of the incident. At least seven people were brought to nearby Sunnybrook Health Services Centre's trauma center, the hospital said on Twitter. It was not immediately clear if the incident was a deliberate act by the driver or

2938 W Sam Houston Pkwy S Houston, TX 77042 a traffic mishap in a mixed commercial and residential area.

The crash occurred at the corner of Yonge Street and Finch Avenue in the north end of the city, where a van drove onto the sidewalk and hit several people, said Toronto Police spokeswoman Meaghan Gray.

A man who gave his name as Ali told CNN he saw the van and that the driver appeared to have been targeting people.

"This person was intentionally doing this, he was killing everybody," the man said. "He kept going, he kept going. People were getting hit, one after another."

He said a number of the victims were older people and at one point he saw a stroller fly into the air.

The United States and Europe have seen a string of deadly attacks in which vehicles were used to mow down pedestrians, including an Oct. 31 attack in New York that killed eight.

At least one person was struck outside on the sidewalk outside an Anglican church, about 1.5 kilometers (0.9 miles) north of where the van

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Buildings and workplaces in the area where the van struck pedestrians in Toronto were locked down, and a nearby subway station was closed and service suspended. Yonge Street is large, divided boulevard at the point where the incident occurred, its center meridian dotted with planter boxes and sculptures.

Some of the victims were struck in a public square popular with office workers on lunch breaks. Aerial photos of the scene posted on social media showed a food truck parked just a few feet away from where emergency workers busily transferred people onto stretchers.

The incident happened about 30 kms (18 miles) from downtown, where the Group of Seven foreign ministers of industrialized nations, including Canada, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan were meeting on Monday. There was no noticeable change in security around

the Intercontinental Hotel where the ministers gathered.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said officials were investigating.

"We're still gathering information and as soon as we can, we'll share more information with Canadians," Trudeau told reporters about an hour after news of the incident broke.



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LOCAL NEWS

James Harden becomes a Renaissance-era painting,

thanks to Twitter

By William Axford

Rockets star James Harden and the Minnesota Timberwolves crowd are being likened to a painting from the Renaissance after someone on Twitter made the connection.

And, after seeing all of the reactions on social media, it's hard to disagree.

It started with a photo taken by Star Tribune photojournalist Carlos Gonzalez, who covered Game 3 of the Rockets-Timberwolves playoff series on Saturday in Minnesota. The Rockets lost 121-105. Houston Rockets guard James Harden fell into the first row in the fourth quarter of game 3. The Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Houston Rockets 121-105 at Target Center. #Twolves #NBA #Rockets - Twitter is having some fun with this photo, so I thought I would post it on its own.

"This is like a painting from the Renaissance," Pallotta tweeted on Sunday. By Monday morning, the tweet gained more than 58,000 retweets, 195,000 likes and more than 1,000 comments.

The likeness to 14th to 17th century era paintings probably comes from members of the crowd reacting Harden, who appears to be regaining his footing and focusing on the game. Two men are seen pointing at him while a woman behind him has her arms up, as if she's about to be run over by Harden. Others seem unfazed by his presence. One woman in the background has her cup raised, leading some to joke she's giving good cheer in the photo.

The Rockets, who have a 2-1 lead in the series, take on the Timberwolves in Minnesota for Game 4 at 7 p.m. Central time today. Game 5 is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Houston.







Vistra cuts some 300 Houston jobs after Dynegy merger

By L.M. Sixel

The power company Vistra Energy Corp., the parent company of TXU Energy, is cutting more that 300 jobs in Houston after recently completing its merger with Dynegy of Houston.

Vistra, of Irving, notified the state of the layoffs about two days after the deal closed on April 9. The merger, which was initially announced in October, created the state's largest power producer and one of the nation's biggest generators of electricity. Employees who worked in Dynegy's Houston headquarters were offered the opportunity to relocate North Texas, but many declined, said Vistra Energy spokeswoman Meranda Cohn. Departing employees will receive severance pay and help finding new jobs, she added. Dynegy occupies a floor and a half on 601 Travis in downtown Houston. Vistra has not yet decided when it will vacate the building, the company

Stockholders of Vistra and Dynegy approved the all-stock merger in March and regulators approved it. The deal combined Vistra's integrated retail power suppliers in Texas with Dynegy's power plants in Texas, the Midwest and the

Northeast.

The combined company will have more than 40 gigawatts of power production with 60 percent from natural gas-fired plants. The remainder comes from coal, nuclear and solar power. crimes in our neighborhoods," HPD Vice Division Captain James Dale said in the release. The arrests were specifically made between Jan. 1 and March 31. All those arrested are innocent until proven guilty.

As part of the arrest, the Houston Police Deparment announced a new initiate on Thursday to help curb the demand for sex trade-related crimes.

"Today, on our HP Flickr page we've posted the pictures of the buyers, which we labeled the demand side," HPD Vice Captain James Dale said in a news conference. "In the past, it was the supply side that we focused on and we turned a blind eye to what the men were doing. Not anymore."

"They're fueling this crime, and their continued solicitation of these women promotes the victimization of these women," Dale said. "So we decided if you're gonna do that, we're gonna promote you on our HP Flickr page and we're also going to arrest you if you go down there." The photos and names of persons arrested can be seen on HPD's Flickr page.



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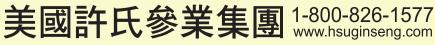
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Editor's Choice Picturs



Britain's Catherine, The Duchess of Cambridge leaves the Lindo Wing at St Mary's Hospital with her newborn son in London



FILE PHOTO: An advertisement for two-family homes is seen outside an oceanside community in the Rockaway area of the Queens borough of New York



People look at the mosaic of St. Andrew at the Archbishop's Palace in Nicosia



An engineer samples water from a new Chinese-built desalination plant inside a duty-free zone in Pakistan's port city of Gwadar, April, 1, 2018. Thomson Reuters Foundation/Rina



Britain's Prince William gestures as he prepares to leave Lindo Wing of St Mary's Hospital with Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge and their new baby boy in London



Li Ran, CIO of Half Sky Capital, presents during the 2018 Sohn Investment Conference in New York



House Speaker Paul Ryan listens during a media availability following a closed House Republicans conference meeting in the during a meeting of the heads of state on 19 April 2018. U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S., January 9, 2018.



law outside the Commonwealth headquarters in London

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French President Emmanuel Macron and Mrs. Macron arrive at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, U.S.



COMMUNITY

Texas Table Tennis Training Center ("TTT"), previously Edgeball Table Tennis Club, is celebrating its10th anniversary and has received Congressional recognition. Recently TTT's establishment in Houston, Texas, was recognized by the Honorable Congressman Al Green's office through his representative Dawn Lin who presented the "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" to TTT Chairman and Founder, James Shu, for its long time service and contribution to the promotion and development of table tennis in the

The Texas Table Tennis Training Center ("TTT") has become one of the largest and finest table tennis clubs in the State of Texas.

greater Houston area.

Since its establishment and especially since moving to its present location over four year ago at 5902 Sovereign Drive, Houston, this center has become an instant hit and favorite playing location for many of the table tennis players in the area and from across the United States.

Most of the top players in U.S. have come and competed at TTT, including the following: Jimmy Butler, Timothy Wang, Kewei Li, Lily Yip, Mark Hazinski, Yijun Feng, Kanak Jha, Fei-ming Tong, Yue Wu, Jiaqi Zheng, Jack Wang, Ruichao Alex Chen, Cory Eider, Allen Wang, Sara Fu Hazinski, Angela Guan, Sharon Alguetti, Gal, Alguetti, Adar Alguetti, Zhirui Zhao, Gaoxiang Zhao, Kaden Xu, Junhan Wu, Sara Fu, Cheng Li, Yichi Zhang, Tong Zhang, Diwei Shi, Michael Tran, Yue Li, Victor Subonj, and other top players in this country.





Receives U.S. Congressional Recognition

Texas Table Tennis Training Center ("TTT") Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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Dawn Lin (left) presents the "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" to TTT Chairman and Founder, James Shu (2nd from left), for the organization's long time service and contribution to the promotion and development of table tennis in the greater Houston area.















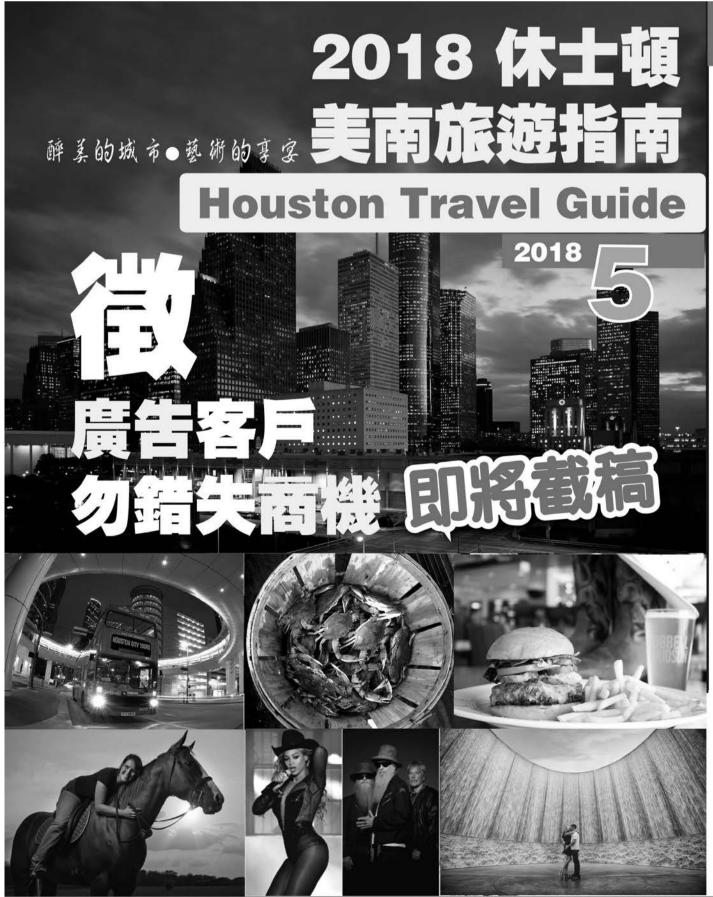






The Center has a total of 12 Butterfly Centerfold Tables and has quickly become the "Top Five Butterfly Clubs" in North America. It has successfully hosted many tournaments, including the 2015 CAP Chinese New Year 2 Star Tournament, 2015 CAP All-Star Table Tennis Team Tournament-Houston, and Huaxia Singles & Team Championships in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

USATT CEO, Gordon Kaye, and USATT Woman Team Coach Lily Yip came to the Center for the presentation of prizes to winners for the All-Star Competition. (Courtesy TTT)



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BUSINESS

China must strengthen its grip on the internet to ensure broader social and economic goals are met, state news agency Xinhua reported last Saturday citing comments from President Xi Jinping, underlining a hardening attitude towards online content.

Under Xi's rule China has increasingly tightened its grip on the internet, concerned about losing influence and control over a younger generation who are driving a diverse and vibrant online culture from livestreaming to blogs.

"Without web security there's no national security, there's no economic and social stability, and it's difficult to ensure the interests of the broader masses," Xinhua



cited Xi as saying.

"We cannot let the internet become a platform for disseminating harmful information and stirring up trouble with rumours," he added in comments made at a cyber security conference in Beijing, Xinhua said.

Chinese regulators have been driving a sweeping crackdown on media content. which has been gaining force since last year, spreading a chill among content makers and distributors.

China is also looking to take a leading role globally in internet regulation and technology more broadly, which has come into sharp focus amid a trade standoff with the United States and an arms race over technology.

The United States banned sales of parts and software to Chinese telecoms equipment maker ZTE earlier this week, which the Chinese firm said on Friday threatened its survival. ZTE uses U.S. chips in many of its smartphones.

The ZTE case had "triggered a heated debate" in China about advanced technology, Xinhua said in a separate report on Saturday, adding mastering high-end technologies such as chips was "key" to becoming a strong nation.

Luo Wen, China's deputy industry minister, said while China had made progress in advance manufacturing in areas like electric vehicles and aviation, it was still facing challenges due to a lack of top talent and global scale, Xinhua said.

Chinese President Stresses Internet Control Key To Stability

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Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks at the closing session of the National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, March 20, 2018. (Photo/ REUTERS)



"Our advanced manufacturing development faces the risk of being boxed in at the low-end," Xinhua reported, citing Luo. (Courtesy Reuters•April 21, 2018)

Related

The U.S. Commerce Department **Revives Export Ban**

The U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry Standards (BIS) has revived a U.S. export ban that prevents

Chinese phone manufacturer ZTE from purchasing anything from the U.S. The ban runs to March 2025. Last year, ZTE was fined \$1.19 billion by the U.S. for supplying goods and services to Iran and North Korea. The Commerce Department suspended a seven-year export ban against ZTE under the condition that it follow certain restrictions on bonus payments and issue letters of reprimand to those involved. ZTE allegedly lied to the U.S. about its compliance with this, and the BIS started the export ban against the company.

ZTE could lose access to Snapdragon chipsets and the Android OS following the implementation of the export ban. In a desperation plea to the U.S., the company says that the ruling and the subsequent ban is "unacceptable" and "unfair." The company says that it has taken steps since 2016 to improve its Export Control

Compliance program, and states that BIS is wrong to impose the harshest penalty against ZTE before an investigation is completed.



ZTE sanctions puts US workers in peril, says China.

Highlights Of The ZTE Issue According To The Company

ZTE self-identified the issues in the correspondence and self-reported by ZTE immediately.

The Company has taken measures against

the employees who might have been responsible for this incident.

Corrective measures have been taken immediately.

A prestigious U.S. law firm has been engaged to conduct independent investiga-

And ZTE even tried to point out that the ban would cause problems for U.S. corporations. "The Denial Order will not only severely impact the survival and development of ZTE, but will also cause damages to all partners of ZTE including a large number of U.S. companies," it said in a press release issued today.

Besides stating its case, ZTE also said that it might take legal action to "to protect the legal rights and interests of our Company, our employees and our shareholders, and to fulfill obligations and take responsibilities to our global customers, end-users, partners and suppliers." (Courtesy https://www.phonearena.com/



Will Inflict Injury On U.S. Business As Well Says China

China's Ministry of Commerce said today that the U.S. actions against China's leading telecom equipment maker ZTE Corp will damage itself.

"The action targets China, however,it will ultimately undermine the United States itself," ministry spokesperson Gao Feng told a press conference. ZTE Corp has been banned by the US

department of Commerce from making purchases from US companies for seven years. Its violations have been called 'egregious." The Hong Kong-listed, Shenzhen based

company said yesterday it will delay its fourth quarter financial results announcement. The company's H shares have been suspended from trading since Tuesday. The United States will lose tens of thou-

sands of job opportunities, while hundreds of related U.S. enterprises will also be affected, he said.

The act has fueled widespread concerns over U.S. investment and business environment, Gao said. "We hope the United States don't fancy itself clever, or it will only reap the bitter fruits from what it has sown." (Courtesy Xinhua/The Standard)



