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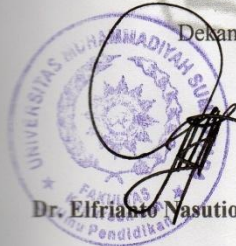
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This research was about the analysis of lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. The objectives of this research were (1) to find out the types of lexical metaphor; (2) to explain the way of using lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*; and (3) to reason the use of lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. This research was conducted by using descriptive qualitative research design. The data of headline of the *The Jakarta Post* were obtained randomly were 20 headlines from eleven editions which were published in January 2018. The findings revealed that the total numbers of lexical metaphor in headline of *The Jakarta Post* namely: (noun-noun 4 occurrences), (noun-verb 12 occurrences), (adjective-noun 4 occurrences), based on the amount of each type lexical metaphor about, it can be concluded that noun-verb becomes the most dominant of lexical metaphor. The way of using lexical metaphor in the headlines of *The Jakarta Post*: noun-noun the headline maker described those news refers to a person or animal, noun-verb means that the headline maker described that the headline used to compare between verb of action or alive and having certain process, and adjective-noun was used describe the nature of object, human, and animal or the unusual state of affairs experienced by noun. The reason of lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* to appeal the readers' eyes on one unique headline that brief, precise and clear.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

Every day, society is buffeted with various information. The flow of information coming from the various forms of media, ranging from print to electronic media. One of print media that we often encounter everyday is newspaper. Newspaper plays an essential part in most human lives. It is one of the means of communication that is reasonably priced whereby status is not an obstacle for people to reach out each morning, to get hold of the daily paper to obtain current events of the day worldwide. In this digital era, people are easier to get information around the world by using their gadget freely. People not only rely on printed newspaper but also on online newspaper. In Indonesia, much newspaper can be accessed by both in printed and also online. One of them is the daily of *The Jakarta Post*.

The newspaper media has a mission to participate to educate the nation through information that educate, true, and useful. Content of newspapers are various, one of them is headline. The headlines are important, the reader's eyes go to them first. The headlines initially attract the readers, not only in printed newspaper but in online newspaper as well. Newspaper headlines look different from regular English sentences because headline writers or the editors do not want to use too many word. The headlines often leave out grammatical structure like articles and auxiliary verbs. They use simple forms of verbs to describe something

that has happened. They use infinitive forms to describe something that is going to happen. Headlines also use abbreviations, idioms and metaphors.

Metaphor is embodied in the structural organization as an increase in the layers of meaning and wording (Halliday 2010:626). According to Saragih (2001 in FentyTriartha 2012), lexical metaphor is classified into five concepts namely; noun-noun, noun-verb, adjective-noun, comparing two social concepts, and sound concept. Metaphor not just enriches the headline but also extend the meaning of a textual message, creating a lot of interpretation. This study investigated lexical metaphor used in *The Jakarta Post*.

For example:

Economy can**weather** shocks: Sri Mulyani.
(*The Jakarta Post: Jakarta, Saturday 4th November 2017*).

If the readers read the sentence, they will try to understand the real meaning of *weather*, the word *weather* is lexical metaphor. *Weather* means the state of the atmosphere describing for example the degree to which it is hot or cold, wet or dry, calm or stormy, clear or cloudy. Weather refers to day to day temperature and precipitation activity. Of course it is not related with the economy problem. It means that the *weather* can change, it is same with the economic condition in a country that sometimes economic condition improve and worsen in extreme.

Other example:

Setya's **sflight** ends in hospital bed.
 (*The Jakarta Post: Jakarta, Friday 17th November 2017*)

Flight is the action on process of flying through the air. Setya at the time was not by the plane but by car. Here the *flight* is lexical metaphor, which means her trip to the KPK building almost endless death.

Another example: He is **crocodile**.

The word *crocodile* is metaphorically used. Such as the sentence above, an image will describe in our mind that there is someone whose attitude resembles like a crocodile. It can be seen that the word *crocodile* is used to describe the attitude. Crocodile is known as an animal which has a characteristic that has no dignity, greedy, shameless and wild or cruel. Therefore that a man and a crocodile are compared based on the crocodile's characteristic.

The reality, readers of mass media were still confused about metaphor especially lexical metaphor and its use in the newspaper. There was always comparison inside the headline maker's mind. So, it is not easy to understand the composition if the readers do not know what lexical metaphor is. In relation with background, it was interested in analyzing metaphor used in newspaper. It was expected that by applying these theories, it might enable us to obtain a practical way of understanding lexical metaphor in headlines of the Jakarta Post. Therefore, this study is focused on analyzing lexical metaphor used in the headline of *The Jakarta Post* and the formulating of the problem is made.

1.2 The Identification of the Study

Based on the background of the study above, the problems were identified as follows:

1. Some readers were difficult to understand the meaning of words used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.
2. Some readers did not know what types of lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.

1.3 The Scope of the Study

The study focused on Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) suggested by Halliday (2010) and it limited on the analysis of lexical metaphor used in the headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. Lexical metaphor was divided into five; noun-noun, noun-verb, adjective-noun, comparing two social concepts and sound concept.

1.4 The Formulation of the Study

The problem of the study were formulated as the followings:

1. What types of Lexical Metaphor were used in Headline of *The Jakarta Post*?
2. How were the Lexical Metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*?
3. Why were Lexical Metaphor used in the ways in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*?

1.5 The Objectives of the Study

Dealing with the problem of the study, the objectives of the study were:

1. To describe the types of Lexical Metaphor used in Headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.
2. To elaborate the way of Lexical Metaphor in Headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.
3. To reason why lexical metaphor used in headline of the *The Jakarta Post*.

1.6 The Significant of the Study

It is expected that the findings of this study were significant theoretically and practically. Theoretically, the research findings were useful for:

1. The readers or language learners to understand more about metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.
2. The others researchers as references for further studies related to the study.

Practically, this study was expected to be useful for:

1. The readers can understand about metaphor, especially in identifying the types of lexical metaphor.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

2.1 Theoretical Framework

This chapter reviews the underlying theories of the present study as well as research findings dealing with metaphor. These concepts will lead to a better analysis of the variables chosen because it helps the researcher to limit the scope of the problems. Some references were explained in order to keep the coherence. To avoid misunderstanding and misperception, some terms are clarified.

2.1.1 Metaphor

The functional view of metaphor as ways of controlling our social and natural environment to the more recent cognitive theories that see metaphor as processes. “metaphors as linguistic expressions are possible precisely because there are metaphors in a person’s conceptual system” (Lackoff & Johnson, 1980 in Tina Krennmayr, 2012:12). Metaphor is defined as representing meaning in or interpreting meaning from two sides or perspectives. The term metaphor is constituted by *meta-* which means ‘half’ or ‘partly’ as in *metaphysics* meaning ‘half physical’ or ‘partially physical’ and *phora* or *phoric* meaning ‘referring to’ or ‘pointing to’ as in *anaphora*, *cataphora*, and *exophora* respectively meaning ‘pointing to the back’, ‘pointing to the front’, and ‘pointing to the side’.

Metaphor leads to an expansion of the meaning potential: by creating new patterns of structural realization, it opens new systemic domains of meaning

(Halliday 2010:626). According to Brown and Low (2003;2008 in Metaphor in Conversation 2012:21) metaphor is not only studied in fiction or poetry, but has become an important topic in, for example, business communication, organizational management, science, and education. Saragih (2006)elaborate that metaphor inherently implies two points: comparison and uncommon representation. Firstly, a metaphorical coding involves a comparison with an emphasis on similarity, such as the expression of *the door of his heart* were his heart is viewed as having similar feature to that of a house in that a house has a door and his heart also has one.

Secondly, a metaphor implies an uncommon way of coding experience. In Systemic Functional Linguistic (SFL) theory where language were viewed as a social semiotics, there were two poles of coding experience: the unmarked or congruent and marked or incongruent coding. The congruent coding was also known as a common, usual or literal representation whereas the incongruent one was called uncommon, unusual or metaphorical representation.

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She acts as if she coiled other persons by her words as a snake does to its preys. She also speaks as if her words were poisonous like a snake venomously bites its preys. As there are some similarities in terms of characteristics between a snake and *Dianne*, Dianne is (called) a *snake*.

Lexical metaphor can be formed with various realizations to clarify a phenomenon from two perspectives. (Matthiessen & Halliday 1997 in Wael Abdulrahman Almurashi 2016), Halliday believed that linguistic should describe actual sentences with many functions and without a deep structure. In addition, he was concerned with the function of the sentence, or in other words, the writer's purpose in writing the sentence. Halliday elaborates that a word is said to be used with a transferred meaning. Then, we are looking at it from the other end, asking not 'how is this word used?' but 'how is this meaning expressed?'. A meaning may be realized by a selection of words that is different from that which is in some sense typical or unmarked.

Further, Saragih (2006) classified lexical metaphor into five types namely; noun-noun, noun-verb, adjective-noun, social concepts and sound concept.

a) Noun-noun

This concept is to view a feature of one noun being applied to another noun. This concept is often found in social communication.

For example:

(1) We don't find the **root** of the **problem**.

Source : Plants have roots, which is the main core in the growth of a plant.

Target : A problem must have a cause.

(2) Try to open the **door** of his **hearts**.

Source : A room has a door, the way to go in or out.

Target : A heart could like or reject something.

(3) He lives at the **foot** of the **mountain**.

Source : Foot is the part of human's body, to walk and stand.

Target : The lowest part of the mountain or the bottom.

(4) Looking at **the pages of my life**.

Source : Page related to book that has sheet.

Target : life has pages everyday.

(5) **She's a mystery**

Source : Unpredictable and make curious.

Target : She is unpredictable and make curious.

b) Noun – Verb

The concept is to compare the verb that still relates to noun. For example:

(1) He **throws** his **opinion** in the meeting.

Source : The word throw is usually used for stone or hard things that can be thrown.

Target : To be said or to be told to everybody.

(2) Deni**breaks** the **silence** by coughing.

Source : Something that can be broke made from glass or solid things.

Target : Interrupt something so that it ends suddenly.

(3) They **arrived** on their **agreement**.

Source : To get to a place or the end of a jouney.

Target : The agreement is achieved or they finally get to the goal.

(4) My **dreams move on**.

Source : Leaving what's left and go on.

Target : Change the dream to be the better one.

(5) She is trying to **capture the moment**.

Source : Catch a person or animal and keep them at prisoner.

Target : To keep and remember the moment.

c) Adjective - Noun

To compare noun and adjective that still relates to the noun. For example:

(1) Linda always has **bright ideas**.

Source : Bright is related to weather or the characteristic of the sun.

Target : The idea is clever.

(2) He and his wife had a **hot argument** last night.

Source : Hot is related to temperature.

Target : The argument feels so strong and rude.

(3) The party of the **golden age** of a movie.

Source : Related to the shine of a gold, made of gold.

Target : Celebrating the movie's year of success.

(4) We can pack up our **old dreams**.

Source : Related to particular age

Target : The latter dreams.

(5) **Blind love** is true.

Source : Can't see everything.

Target : Love is accept everything without exception.

d) **Comparing Two Social Concepts**

Lexical metaphor could be realized by comparing two social concepts or ideology into two communities. For example, during the reign of President of the United States the 37th, R. Nixon was alleged for the scandal of corruption that popular as *watergate* scandal. Another corruption scandal comes from Bill Clinton, called *freshwatergate*. Since then, the morpheme *gate* was used for any corruption scandals, including Indonesia.

For example, in President Abdurrahman Wahid scandals, the metaphor *gate* is used in some corruption cases like buloggate, bruneigate, borobudurgate. It means that the metaphorical from of the word *gate* refers to the corruption scandal in America and in Indonesia.

Comparison:

America

Indonesia

Watergate

Buloggate

Freshwatergate

Borobudurgate

e) Sound Concept

Lexical metaphor could be realized only from sound. The sound “hus..huss” is usually used for animals, like chicken, dog, or cat to make them go away. When a number of children interrupt someone and he/she will say “hus..hus.. go away kids!” means that the “hus..” is a metaphoric from referring to ask the children to go away and not interrupt him/her. So the children are considered as animals.

Comparisons:

Children

Animal

Hus..hus!

Hus! Hus!

(To tell them to leave)

2.1.2 Newspaper

Newspapers are one of the printed media beside magazine. According to Webster’s Dictionary (inAisyah Henri:2009), newspaper was one of printed mass media that publish in daily or weekly. They contain local, regional or international news, opinion, job vacancy, small advertisement and other general interest such as music, art, sport, etc. the news is up to date issues. Based on KamusKomunikata, newspaper are: “the printed sheet of paper that contain the report which happened in a society, the sign is: publish as periodic, general, actual about whatever and

wherever in the word that valuable one to be known by the readers”. Most newspaper now publish online as well as in print, in Indonesia there are some online newspapers which is published in English, one of them is *The Jakarta Post*.

2.1.3 Headlines

According to Reah (in HladkaKaterina 2010:4) the headline is a unique type of text with a range of functions that dictate its shape, content and structure. There is a range of restrictions that limit the freedom of the writer. The headlines should sum up the story in a minimum of words, attract the reader to the story and, if on the front page, attract the reader to the paper. Crystal adds (1997:174) that the function of headlines is complex, i.e. they should contain a clear, concise and intriguing message that would be interesting for the potential reader, who is a person whose eye move down a page and stops when something catches his attention. This is done by graphitic contrasts which will be mentioned later in the text. In general, newspapers are texts that deliver the daily news to the readers and take in account the fact that readers have different needs, e.g. that some readers may read the newspapers thoroughly and some readers choose sections, e.g. News, Finance, Sport, and read them in more detail.

2.1.4 The Jakarta Post

The Jakarta Post was one of national newspaper published in English from Indonesia. The language option is related to the share its readers are upper middle class and expatriates with problems Indonesian. Expatriates are foreign

nationals living in Indonesia. This daily reviews both national and international news political, economic, social, cultural and sports fields. Information provided up to date. *The Jakarta Post* was founded in 1983 by Ali Moertopo who was then Minister of Information and Jusuf Wanandi who represented Golkar's *Suara Karya* newspaper. Then stand PT. Bina Media Tenggara supported by daily *Suara Karya*, *Kompas*, *Suara Pembaharuan*, *Tempo*, and *Pos Kota*. The company is the official owner of English-language media which was later named *The Jakarta Post* with SIT license no. 179 / SK / Menpen / SIUPP/A.6/1986adj.No.545 /DG PPG / K / 19922 dated 21 May 1986 (*editor of The Jakarta Post*). *The Jakarta Post* first published on April 25, 1983 contains eight pages.

At that time it sold up to 25,000 copies and circulated in Singapura and Malaysia. Since then *The Jakarta Post* comes with news mainly related to culture, environment and politics. Then this daily becomes 24 pages for six business days with rubricasi *Headlines*, *City*, *Opinion*, *Archipelago*, *National*, *East Asia*, *World*, *Business*, *Classifieds*, *Environment*, *Entertainment Guide*, *Poutpourri*, *Sci-Tech*, *Health*, *Sports*, and *People* whose contents can be known in the name of the rubric. Sunday comes with 20 pages whose sections contain *News*, *Current Issues*, *Face to Face*, *On the Town*, *Lifestyle*, *Home and Family*, *Arts*, *Music*, *Campusbuzz*, *Sports*, *Supplement*, *Travel*, *Bookmark*, *Screen*, and *Images*. The newspaper which is located at Jl. Palmerah Selatan 15, Jakarta 10270 is able to reach 40,000 circulation copies.

While the authors are not only from within the country but much written by foreign journalists, both correspondents and under the auspices of institutions such as news agencies *Agence Free-Press*, *Reuters* and *Associated Press*. The authors use the word *byline* for their writing. *Byline* is the mechanism of writing the name of the journalist writer under the heading. With this system journalists are forced to write well because if there is a mistake or misdirected their name can be immediately public but the positive side of journalists can build their reputation. To face the challenges of this newspaper era also opened a website called *thejakartapost.com*. This site contains news printed that day (there is *breaking news*) that is *up to date* information and analysis, deep and accurate.

This site aspires to be the only ever reference stop (a one-stop reference point) about Indonesia serving the reader local and international. The missions carried by this daily are: (1) Professional, (2) Information processor about Indonesia, (3) Society more humane civility. While the vision to be achieved is driven by a credible professional, *The Jakarta Post* is information processor about Indonesia, which seeks to mobilize the development of a more humane citizenship society in the country which is very diverse (editor of *The Jakarta Post*). This daily appears 32 full pages divided into 3 separate sections, the first part of pages 1 through 12, the second part of pages 13 to 24, the third part of pages 25 to 32.

2.2 The Relevant Study

There have been many studies related with metaphor. Some are quoted as in the following:

1. *Grammatical Metaphor and Lexical Metaphor: Different Perspectives on Semantic Variation* (Taverniers, 2006. Journal). This study focusses on concept of ‘grammatical metaphor’ as it was conceived of in the framework of systemic functional linguistic. An illustration of major subtypes of grammatical metaphor, the concept was explained in relation to lexical metaphor using onomasiological and semasiological perspectives as two complementary viewpoints on metaphorical meaning in general. The notion of grammatical metaphor as a general mode of expression a construction type in grammar of English. The metaphorical nature of this construction type has been illustrated across the major types, ideational and interpersonal metaphor, an in relation to the more familiar, traditional type of metaphor, which in the present framework, is to be further specified as lexical metaphor.

2. *Metaphor as A Means to Write A Good English Written Text* (Noor Rosa and Suprakisno, 2014. Journal). Noor Rosa and Suprakisno written text should be different from a spoken text for their different characteristic. The complexity of grammar in clause constructions of written texts may serve as the core distinguishing factor between the two kinds of texts. However, the question arises about how complex or how complicated the written text grammar is. This study was aimed at applying the concept of systemic functional linguistics based metaphor to distinguish a written text from a spoken text.

The application of the metaphor concept is related to the lexical density of a clause through which a characteristic of a written text is generated. The realization of lexical density should give a credit to nominalization as a technique of reducing the number of clauses in a written text. Furthermore, a written text is closely related to a scientific text taking academicians including students, teachers, and lecturers as the readers. This study also demonstrates the way of reformulating spoken text into written text. This concept is particularly helpful for those in the writing process of their final projects at universities.

3. *Lexical Metaphor in Bon Jovi's Selected Songs* (Pasaribu, 2013. Thesis). Pasaribu selected ten songs to be analyzed. She analyzed that lexical metaphor formed by comparing Noun with Verb was the most dominantly in Bon Jovi's Selected Songs. Because Bon Jovi described the meaning and represented his feelings. The songs are usually about someone having a hard time but rising above it. The author not said unable to express anything in the normal ways, but there is purpose of the usage of metaphor to why he chose to present them in metaphorical way. There is something to be pictured in the kind of metaphor that is to add the taste of being able to figure out the songs with real meaning and closer to experiences of life.

4. *An Analysis of Metaphor in People Magazine's Advertisements* (Triatha, 2012. Thesis). The study took fifty advertisements taken randomly from People magazines which were published in March until December 2011. Triatha found Noun–Verb concept was dominant because it proves the theory that the copywriters want to make advertisement as an events that happen in life and

considered as a thing that move or alive. Furthermore, the advertisement's taglines designed to be interesting and creative to create the rhetorical effects in readers' minds, and persuaded them to buy the product.

5. *Metaphor and Metonymy in Apple Daily's Headlines* (Chuang, 2012. Thesis). Chuang analyzed it under Lakoff and Johnson's theory and the study took headlines in news articles in *Apple Daily* from May 21st to May 27st 2012. She concluded that *Apple Daily* often uses metaphors related to "fighting" namely business and stocks column, entertainment column, and sports column. In business and stocks column they use words like *attack*, *seize chance*, or war which is related as fighting. In entertainment column, they use words like *rob*, *fight and bite*. Here is how the artists compete each other, the fictitious fighting is represented by words that are related to physical fighting. In sports column, with no exception, involved fighting, as well. Since sports are related to competition, the words related to fighting are expected in sports column. Therefore, "fighting" may be the most important usage of metaphors in *Apple Daily* to attract readers's attention.

These studies above show how the use of lexical metaphor in different objects. Taveniers took Different Perspectives, Noor Rosa and Suprakisno took English Written Text, Pasaribu took Bon Jovi's Songs, Triartha took advertisement and Chuang took Headlines. Pasaribu and Triartha use the same theory with this study which is conducted by Halliday. This study took the same objects with Chuang' but in different theory, where Chuang used Lakoff and Johnson' theory and this study used Halliday' theory. This study gave the detailed

analyzing about the types of lexical metaphor in headlines of The Jakarta Post and also explained in what context is lexical metaphor used in those headlines.

2.3 Conceptual Framework

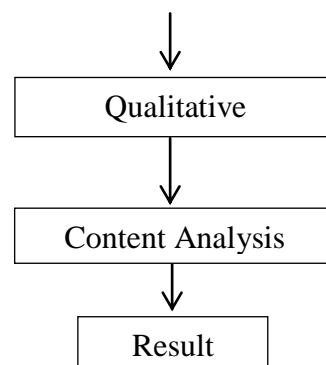
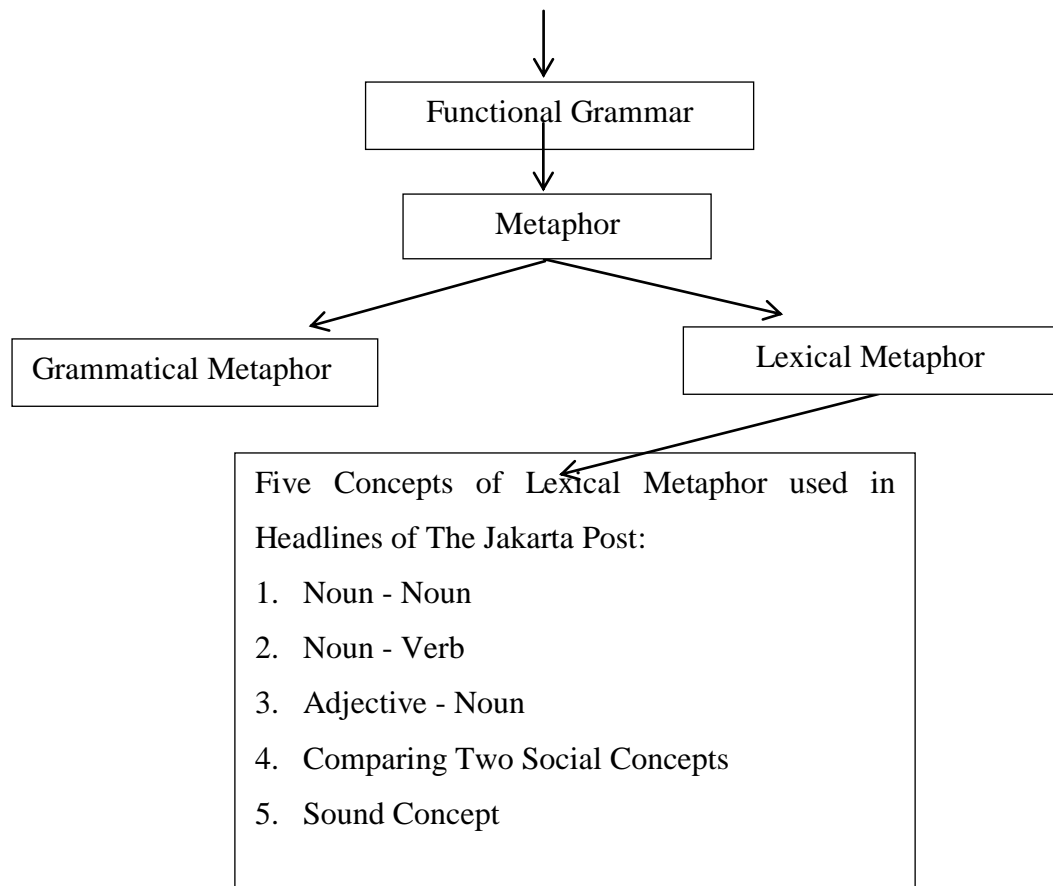
This conceptual framework emerges here as a basic principle of action done in this research. It is concerned with the realization between language and context. Language is used to share opinion or to convey the information about something that happened in human surroundings. In communicating with others, information could not be separated from the user of the language. Information can be given explicitly or implicitly. One of the information can be given implicitly by lexical metaphor. Lexical metaphor shows lexical meaning is partly referred to understand another meaning. Lexical metaphor divided into five; noun-noun, noun-verb, noun-adjective, comparing two social concepts and sound concept.

Lexical metaphor was inherent in the use of language which commonly found in the daily life, as well as in newspaper. Newspaper was a way to spread information, such as the English daily newspaper, *The Jakarta Post*. There a lot of comparison in headline make's mind, so they need to put lexical metaphor in it to make it wider. The readers need to understand what lexical metaphor is, so that they will not misunderstand what the messages that delivered in those headlines.

This study investigated the used of lexical metaphor in headlines and gave the clear explanation about it. The analysis was done through some steps namely find out the types of lexical metaphor used and elaborating the context of occurrence of lexical metaphor based on the theory

Figure 2.3 Conceptual Framework

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CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

This study will use descriptive qualitative research design. The researcher chose qualitative research design because the researcher wants to describe and elaborate social phenomena in a non-invasive way. Qualitative research involves analysis of data such as words, examples from text headlines. Descriptive qualitative research design focuses on describing and understanding a phenomenon. The goals of the study were to describe and elaborate the types of metaphors found in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.

3.2 Source of Data

The data of this research were the text of the headlines of *The Jakarta Post*, which were collected from the headlines of *The Jakarta Post* by accessing the website which were published on January 2018, and will be taken the issues every three days.

3.3 Technique of Data Collection

The data were collected by applying the documentary technique. The data of this study were collected by following steps:

1. Downloading the headlines of *The Jakarta Post* in www.thejakartapost.com.

2. Sorting the headlines of *The Jakarta post*. Read the entire headlines and choose some that contain more meaning, which contains ambiguous meanings.
3. Selecting the headlines that will be analyzed. After sorting the headlines was classified into five concepts namely; noun-noun, noun-verb, noun-adjective, comparing two social concepts, and sound concept.

3.4 Technique of Data Analysis

The technique employed in this research will use content analysis. Content analysis generally follows a logical and relatively straightforward procedure:

1. Choosing an appropriate sample. This step involves scanning material, that is choose the headlines in which there are lexical metaphor concepts in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.
2. Breaking the text down into smaller component units. At this stage, writing special notes or general ideas about the data of headlines obtained.
3. Developing relevant categories for analysing the data. Analyzing more the material or information into segments of writing before know the meaning.
4. Coding the units in line with the categories. Creating coding technique that is line with the metaphor concepts. Implementing the coding process to describe *settings*, people, categories, and themes to be analyzed.
5. Counting the frequency with which these units occur. Counting the frequency of the types of lexical metaphor which is most dominant in the headlines of *The Jakarta Post* in January to February 2018.

6. Analyzing the text in terms of the frequency of the units and their relationship with other units that occur in the text. Analyzing the headlines a in terms of the validating the accuracy of this research result that found in *The Jakarta Post*.

CHAPTER IV

DATA ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FINDINGS

4.1 The Data and Data Analysis

4.1.1 The Data

As stated in the previous chapter, the data of the study were analyzed based on the use of lexical metaphor in Systemic Functional Linguistics theory. There are five types of lexical metaphor namely lexical metaphor by comparing noun with noun, noun with verb, adjective with noun, two social concepts and sound concepts. The data of the study were collected and selected from the headlines in *The Jakarta Post* which were published on January 2018. Then there were 20 issues from 11 edition which taken randomly were used as the object for the research and the data were all the headlines which have lexical metaphor.

Table 4.1.1 The list of the headlines of *The Jakarta Post*:

| No. | Date | Title |
|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. | January, 4 th 2018 | Suicide victim video by YouTube star sparks anger in Japan |
| 2. | January, 4 th 2018 | WHO's labeling of gaming addiction as a disorder sparks in Korea |
| 3. | January, 7 th 2018 | Merkel seeks to break Germany's political deadlock |
| 4. | January, 7 th 2018 | Koi story: priceless Japanese fish make a splash |
| 5. | January, 7 th 2018 | Five golden moment: shocking behavior at the globes |
| 6. | January, 10 th 2018 | Nose spray tested to kick gambling habit |
| 7. | January, 10 th 2018 | Jakarta 'angkot' rejuvenation to start next month |
| 8. | January, 10 th 2018 | KPK grills minister, SetyaNovanto's children in e-ID graft case |

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| 9. | January, 16 th 2018 | Editorial: Costly Democracy |
| 10. | January, 16 th 2018 | Immigration office hunts two foreigners at protest in Batam |
| 11. | January, 22 nd 2018 | ‘Jumanji’ continues to stomp N. American box office competition |
| 12. | January, 22 nd 2018 | Facebook says social media not always health for democracy |
| 13. | January, 25 th 2018 | Elton John to ‘go out with a bang’ on final tour |
| 14. | January, 25 th 2018 | Brawl breaks out during demonstration in Bekasi |
| 15. | January, 28 th 2018 | NBA: Anthony cracks 25.000 points as thunder beat pistons |
| 16. | January, 31 st 2018 | Govt deploys artificial intelligence to combat internet hoaxes |
| 17. | January, 31 st 2018 | BMKG advises best spots to new rare lunar event, warns of king tide |
| 18. | January, 31 st 2018 | Nine Social Media, Messaging apps agree to combat fake news |
| 19. | January, 31 st 2018 | French Suoermarket boss hauled in over Nutella Frenzy |
| 20. | January, 31 st 2018 | Lapan holds viewings of rare lunar phenomenon for public, research |

The representative data based on the types of lexical metaphor:

1. Noun – Noun

There are 5 noun – noun types occur in 20 headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.

The samples of noun –noun types are represented below:

(1) WHO’s labeling of gaming addiction as **adisorder sparks** in Korea.

(January, 4th 2018)

Source : A small fiery particle thrown off from a fire, alight inashes, or produces by striking together two hard surface such as stone or metal.

Target: The disruption caused by gambling addiction resulted in an international controversy.

(2) Koi story: Priceless **Japanese fish make a splash**. (January, 7th 2018)

Source : A small made by something striking or falling into liquid.

Target : Making a fuss so it becomes discussion and concern.

(3) Jakarta '**angkot**' **rejuvenation** to start next month. (January, 10th 2018)

Source : A process of greening.

Target : Renewal efforts to improve angkot transportation so that it is more utilized.

(4) BMKG advises best spots to new rare lunar event, warns of **king tide**.

(January, 31st 2018)

Source : The male ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.

Target : Unprecedented tidal phenomenon due to a rare lunar eclipse.

2. Noun – Verb

There are 12 noun – verb types occur in 20 headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. The samples of noun – verb concept are presented below:

(5) Merkel seeks to **break Germany's political** deadlock. (January, 7th 2018)

Source: Separate or cause to separate into pieces as a result of a blow, shock, or strain.

Target: Overcome the state of undeveloped thinking to find solutions about Germany's politics.

(6) Nose spray tested to **kick gambling habit**. (January, 10th 2018)

Source : Strike or propel forcibly with the foot.

Target : The nose spray aims to eliminate or remove gambling habits.

(7) KPK **grills minister**, Setya Novanto's children in e-ID graft case. (January, 10th 2018)

Source : Cook (something) using a grill.

Target : Examine or investigate ministers closely and seek information about e-ID graft case.

(8) Immigration office **hunts two foreigners** at protest in Batam. (January, 16th 2018)

Source : Pursue and kill (a wild animal) for sport or food, usually in forest.

Target : Locate and track the whereabouts of two foreigners for safekeeping.

(9) 'Jumanji' **continues to stomp** N. American box office **competition**. (January, 22nd 2018)

Source : Tread heavily and noisily typically in order to show anger.

Target : Return to work and win top ranking in N. America box office movie competition.

(10) Elton John to **'go out with a bang'** on final tour. (January, 25th 2018)

Source : A loud explosion and shocking voice.

Target : Echoing with excitement and cheers.

(11) **Brawl breaks out** during demonstration in Bekasi. (January, 25th 2018)

Source : Break or cause to break without a compare separation of the parts.

Target : A very loud voice (about the sound) so there is a disturbance.

(12) NBA: Anthony **cracks** 25.000 **points** as thunder beat pistons. (January, 28th 2018)

Source : Ruining things to break.

Target : Capable and superior in achievements achieved in defeating the opponent.

(13) Govt deploys artificial intelligence **to combat internet hoaxes**. (January, 31st 2018)

Source : Take action to fight, war, or destroy something undesirable.

Target : Eradicate the false news circulating on the internet.

(14) Nine Social Media, Messaging apps agree **to combat fake news**. (January, 31st 2018)

Source : Take action to fight, war, or destroy something undesirable.

Target : The social media agree to prevent and reduce fake news.

(15) French Supermarket boss **hailed in over Nutella Frenzy**. (January, 31st 2018)

Source : Pull or drag with effort or force.

Target : Discharge out from his position.

(16) Lapan **holds viewings** of rare lunar phenomenon for public, reseach.

(January, 31st 2018)

Source : Grasp, carry, or support with one's arms or hands.

Target: A procurement action to see the rare lunar phenomenon for public.

3. Adjective - Noun

There are 3 noun – adjective types occur in 20 headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. The samples of noun – adjectives types are represented below:

(17) Suicide victim video by **YouTube star sparks anger** in Japan. (January, 4th 2018)

Source : A small fragment of a burning substance thrown out by burning material or by friction.

Target : Trigger anger in Japan over the circulation of videos that should not be on youtube.

(18) Five **golden moment**: Shocking behaviour at the globes. (January, 7th 2018)

Source : A yellow precious metal, the chemical element of atomic number 79, valued especially for use in jewelry and decoration, and to guarantee the value of currencies.

Target : A valuable moments that attracts the world attention.

(19) Editorial: **Costly Democracy**. (January, 16th 2018)

Source: Costing alot or expensive.

Target : Democracy is important or has a high honor.

(20) Facebook says **social media not always health** for democracy. (January, 22nd 2018)

Source : The state of being free from illness or goodcondition.

Target : The process of action, circumstance, or common sense to demonstrate a particular purposes.

4. Comparing Two Social Concept

There was not found comparing two social concept types occur in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.

5. Sound Concept

There was not found sound concept types occur in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*.

4.1.2 Data Analysis

1. The types of Lexical Metaphor use in headline of *The Jakarta Post*:

There were five types of lexical metaphor which were applied, there were:

a. Lexical Metaphor Noun – Noun (4), b. Lexical Metaphor Noun –Verb (12), c. Lexical Metaphor Adjective - Noun (4), d. Lexical Metaphor Comparing Two Social Concept (0), and e. Lexical Metaphor Sound Concept (0). The dominant type of lexical metaphor that was found in twenty (20) headlines of *The Jakarta Post* was noun - verb.

Table 4.1.2 The percentage of lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*:

| No. | Lexical Metaphor | Frequency | Percentage |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Noun – Noun | 4 | 20% |
| 2 | Noun – Verb | 12 | 60% |
| 3 | Noun – Adjective | 4 | 20% |
| 4 | Comparing Two Social Concepts | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Sound Concept | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 20 | 100% |

2. The ways Lexical Metaphor use in headline of *The Jakarta Post*:

The use **noun – noun** the headline maker described those news refers to a person or animal, for example: *WHO's* labeling of gaming addiction as a disorder sparks in Korea, here the headlines maker assume that WHO's labeling that of gaming addiction can be a bad problem in Korea; Koi story: Priceless Japanese fish make a splash. Here the headlines maker assume that Japanese fish Making a fuss so it becomes discussion and concern; place or thing, for example: Jakarta 'angkot' rejuvenation to start next month. Here the headlines maker assume that Renewal efforts to improve angkot transportation so that it is more utilized; BMKG

advises best spots to new rare lunar event, warns of king tide. The headline maker assume that unprecedented tidal phenomenon due to a rare lunar eclipse.

The headline maker use **noun-verb** was tend to express event move or alive and having certain process. For example: *KPK grills minister, SetyaNovanto's children in e-ID graft case*, here the headline maker assume that KPK examine or investigate ministers closely and seek information about e-ID graft case; Merkel seeks to break Germany's political deadlock. The headlines maker assume that overcome the state of undeveloped thinking to find solutions about German's politic; Nose spray tested to kick gambling habit. The headlines maker assume that The nose spray aims to eliminate or remove gambling habits; Immigration office hunts two foreigners at protest in Batam. Here the headlines maker assume that Locate and track the whereabouts of two foreigners for safekeeping; 'Jumanji' continues to stomp N. American box office competition. The headlines maker assume that Return to work and win top ranking in N. America box office movie competition; Elton John to 'go out with a bang' on final tour. The headline maker assume that Elton echoing with excitement and cheers.

Other types occur was **adjective-noun**, *facebook says social media not always healty for democracy*, healthy is refers to human or animal, but here the headline maker compare it to social media, that explain the process of action, circumstance, or common sense to demonstrate a particular purposes. Here the adjective explain more about the noun; Five golden moment: Shocking behaviour at the globes, golden refers to a thing have a value of currencies, so in

here the headlines maker assume that golden is a valuable moments that attracts the worls attention; Editorial: Costly Democracy, costly is relevant with payment, but in here the headlines maker assume that costly democracy is the important democracy that has a high value that want to discussed; Suicide victim video by YouTube star sparks anger in Japan. Here the headlines maker assume that YouTube star trigger anger in japan over the circulation of videos thatshould not be on youtube.

From another other type **comparison two social concepts** and **sound concept** there was not found in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* because the most important thing delivered by the headline maker was the information and then they have to avoid misunderstanding by using communicative language so that the readers will receive the information appropriately. By using lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*, the headline maker hopes those headlines more attractive and creating a lot of interpretation so that it attracts the reader's curiosities to comprehend the messages delivered.

3. The reason why Lexical Metaphor use in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*:

There were two reasons why lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*:

1. A headline was the gist of the whole news. Lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* is important because it helps the reader to identify the nature of the news so that they do not have to go through the whole news to understand what it was about. The headlines that used

lexical metaphor appeal to the readers eyes and they read the news below if they found the interesting headline and most of newspaper readers do have the habit of running their eyes for looking the most interesting news.

2. The use of word or group of word was not by real meaning, but rather as a painting based on similarity or comparison without having to use excessive words to explain the news content but on target, The aim was to attract the reader's eyes to focus on interesting headline news and to appeal the readers eyes so they are fixed on one unique headline that brief, compact and explicitly.

4.2 Research Findings

After analyzing data and identifying the types of Lexical metaphor use in headlines of The Jakarta Post, the findings were presented as follows:

1. That there were 20 issues from 11 edition that use types of lexical metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. From the research above, it can be seen that there were three from five types of lexical metaphor used in headlines of The Jakarta Post, namely Noun –Noun (20%), Noun – Verb (60%), Adjective - Noun (20%), while Comparing Two Social Concepts and Sound Concept did not found there. The dominant types use was Noun – Verb with percentage (60%). Noun – verb the dominant types of lexical metaphor that used in headlines than others.
2. The headline maker use noun – noun to described those news refers to a person or animal, noun – verb lexical metaphor to express tend to express

event more or alive and having certain process, and noun – adjective to describe the nature of objects, humans, animals or the unusual state of affairs experienced by nouns. There are no comparing two social concepts and sound concept found in headline of *The Jakarta Post* because the headline maker have to avoid misunderstanding by using communicative language. So the readers understand the information appropriately.

3. Lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* was important because it helps the reader to identify the nature of the news so that they do not have to go through the whole news to understand what it was about and to appeal the readers eyes so they are fixed on one unique headline that brief, compact and explicitly.

4.3 Discussion

After collecting and analysis the data, *Lexical Metaphor in Headlines of The Jakarta Post* were analyzed by Halliday theory. This study focusses on Lexical Metaphor in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* as it was conceived of in the framework of systemic functional linguistic. The concept were explained in relation to lexical metaphor use in headlines of *The Jakarta Post*. The data were collected from January 2018 every three day as much as eleven editions and there were twenty (20) headlines choosen randomly. There are five (5) types of lexical metaphor used in this research. They are Noun – Noun, Noun – Verb, Adjective – Noun, Comparing Two Social Concepts, and Sound Concept. The dominant was Noun – Verb.

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researcher understand that lexical metaphor were used in daily language were very unique and interesting but not so difficult to understand five types of lexical metaphor and the meaning of the sentence lexical metaphor itself.

In contrast to the findings of Taverniers (2006) An illustration of major subtypes of grammatical metaphor, the concept was explained in relation to lexical metaphor using onomasiological and semasiological perspectives as two complementary viewpoints on metaphorical meaning in general. The notion of grammatical metaphor as a general mode of expression a construction type in grammar of English. The metaphorical nature of this construction type has been illustrated across the major types, ideational and interpersonal metaphor, an in relation to the more familiar, traditional type of metaphor, which in the present framework, is to be further specified as lexical metaphor, but Taverniers have the same focusses on concept of 'grammatical metaphor' as it is conceived of in the framework of systemic functional linguistic.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing the lexical metaphor in headlines of The Jakarta Post, the conclusions were drawn as follows:

1. There were three types of lexical metaphors used in headlines of The Jakarta Post, namely Noun – Noun (20%), Noun – Verb (60%), Adjective - Noun (20%), while Comparing Two Social Concepts and Sound Concept did not found there. The dominant types used are Noun – Verb with percentage (60%).
2. The headline maker used noun – noun to describe those news refers to a person or animal, noun – verb lexical metaphor to express tend to express event more or alive and having certain process. And noun – adjective to describe the nature of objects, humans, animals or the unusual state of affairs experienced by nouns. There are no comparing two social concepts and sound concept found in headline of *The Jakarta Post* because the headline maker have to avoid misunderstanding by using communicative language. So the readers understand the information appropriately.
3. Lexical metaphor used in headlines of *The Jakarta Post* was important because it helps the reader to identify the nature of the news so that they do not have to go through the whole news to understand what it was about and to appeal the readers eyes so they are fixed on one unique headline

that brief, compact and explicitly. The headlines maker expresses a direct expression of analogical comparison. The used of word or group of word was not by real meaning, but rather as a painting based on similarity or comparison without having to use excessive words to explain the news content but on target.

5.2 Suggestion

With refference to the conclusion, the suggestions were:

1. It is suggested that the students or language learners have a good knowledge about lexical metaphor especially in identifying the types of lexical metaphor.
2. It is suggested that other researchers conduct further researchers about the use of lexical metaphor especially to explore other excluded in the current study.
3. The findings of this research can be used by the readers for better understanding about lexical metaphor used in headline.

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APPENDIX 1

The use of Lexical Metaphor in Headlines of The Jakarta Post

| No. | Date | Title | Metaphor | Types of Metaphor | Interpretation | |
|-----|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | Source | Target |
| 1. | Jan , 4 th | Suicide victim video by YouTube star sparks anger in Japan | YouTube Star sparks anger | N-Adj | A small fragment of a burning substance thrown out by burning material or by friction. | Trigger anger in japan over the circulation of videos that should not be on youtube. |
| 2. | Jan , 4 th | WHO's labeling of gaming addiction as a disorder sparks in Korea | As a disorder sparks | N-N | A small fiery particle thrown off from a fire, alight in ashes, or produces by striking together two hard surfaces such as stone or metal. | The disruption caused by gambling addiction resulted in an international controversy. |
| 3. | Jan , 7 th | Merkel seeks to break Germany's political deadlock | To break Germany's political deadlock | N-V | Separate or cause to separate into pieces as a result of a blow, shock, or strain | Overcome the state of undeveloped thinking to find solutions about German's politics. |
| 4. | Jan , 7 th | Koi Story: Priceless Japanese | Japanese fish make a splash | N-N | A small made by something | Making a fuss so it becomes |

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|----|------------------------|---|---|-----|---|--|
| | | fish make a splash | | | striking or falling into liquid. | discussion and concern. |
| 5. | Jan , 7 th | Five golden moments: Shocking behaviour at the Globes | Five golden moments | N-N | A yellow precious metal, the chemical element of atomic number 79, valued especially for use in jewelry and decoration, and to guarantee the value of currencies. | A valuable moments that attracts the works attention. |
| 6. | Jan , 10 th | Nose spray tested to kick gambling habit | To kick gambling habit | N-V | Strike or propel forcibly with the foot. | The nose spray aims to eliminate or remove gambling bits. |
| 7. | Jan , 10 th | Jakarta 'angkot' rejuvenation to start next month | Jakarta ' angkot ' rejuvenation | N-N | A process of greening | Renewal efforts to improve angkot transportation so that it's more utilized. |
| 8. | Jan | KPK grills | KPK grill | N-V | Cook | Examine or |

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|-----|----------------------------------|--|--|-------|---|---|
| | , 10 ^t h | minister, SetyaNova nto's children in e-ID graft case | minister | | (something) using a grill. | investigate ministers closely and seek information about e-ID graft case. |
| 9. | Jan , 16 ^t h | Editorial: Costly Democracy | Costly Democracy | N-Adj | Costing alot or expensive. | Democracy is important or has a high honor. |
| 10. | Jan , 16 ^t h | Immigratio n office hunts two foreigners at protest in Batam | Hunts two foreigners in Batam | N-V | Persue and kill (a wild animal) for sport or food, usually In forest. | Locate and track the whereabout s of two foreigners for safekeeping . |
| 11. | Jan , 22 ⁿ d | 'Jumanji' continues to stomp N.America box office competitio n | Continues to stomp | N-V | Tread heavily and noisily typically in order to show anger | Return to work and win top ranking in N.America box office movie competitio n |
| 12. | Jan , 22 ⁿ d | Facebook says social media not always healthy for democracy | Not always healthy for democracy | N-Adj | The state of being free from illness or injuri or good condition. | The process of action, circumstanc e, or common sense to demonstrate a particular purposes. |
| 13. | Jan , 25 ^t h | Elton John to 'go out with a bang' on final tour | To ' go out with a bang ' | N-V | A loud explosions and shocking voice | Echoing with excitement and cheers |

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|-----|------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|---|
| 14. | Jan , 25 th | Brawl breaks out during demonstration in Bekasi | Break out during demonstration | N-V | Break or cause to break without a complete separation of the parts. | A very loud voice (about the sound) so there is a disturbance. |
| 15. | Jan , 28 th | NBA: Anthony cracks 25.000 points as Thunder beat Pistons | Anthony crack 25.000 points | N-V | Ruining things to break. | Capable and superior in achievements achieved in defeating the opponent. |
| 16. | Jan , 31 st | Govt deploys artificial intelligence to combat internet hoaxes | To combat internet hoaxes | N-V | Take action to fight, war, or destroy something undesirable. | Eradicate the false news circulating on the internet. |
| 17. | Jan , 31 st | BMKG advises best spots to new rare lunar events, warns of King Tide | Warns of King Tide | N-N | The male ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth | Unprecedented tidal phenomenon due to a rare lunar eclipse. |
| 18. | Jan , 31 st | Nine social media, messaging apps agree to combat fake news | To combat fake news | N-V | Take action to fight, war, or destroy something undesirable | The social media agree to prevent and reduce fake news |

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| 19. | Jan , 31 st | French Supermark et boss hauled in over Nutella frenzy | Supermarke r boss Hauled in Nutella frenzy | N-V | Pull or drag with effort or force | Discharge out from his position |
| 20. | Jan , 31 st | Lapan holds viewings of rare lunar phenomen on for public | Lapanholds viewings of rare lunar | N-V | Grasp, carry, or support with one's arms or hands. | A procuremen t action to see the rare lunar phenomeno n or public. |

APPENDIX 2

Suicide victim video by YouTube star sparks anger in Japan

- New Desk
- Agence France-Presse

Tokyo | thurs, Jan 04,2018 | 01:09 PM
Headlines News

Japanese socialmedia reacted with a storm of outrage to a video by YouTube star Logan Paul showing a suicide victim in a forest near Mount Fuji, as anger spread over the now-deleted video on Wednesday.

Angry comments flooded Twitter after Paul, who gained notoriety on social media and has a popular video blog or "vlog", apologized for the footage, which was reportedly viewed six million times.

The video shows the 23-year-old discovering a body in Aokigahara, a dense woodland at the foot of Mount Fuji known as "the Japanese Suicide Forest", in a country that has long struggled with some of the highest suicide rates in the developed world.

As news of the video and apology was reported in Japan Wednesday, social media erupted with indignation over the film, which showed a man who had hanged himself.

"It is insane to show to the world the body of someone who died after being depressed. Shame on you," said one Twitter user *@j_rivoluzione*.

Others objected to Paul's appearance in a novelty hat, while outtakes showing the US internet celebrity laughing and joking about the incident also stirred anger.

"It's good to raise awareness but you can do it without filming a person who committed suicide," *@spiffymiffy1* said.

"It looks like he did it for self-satisfaction. Suicide and depression are serious issues. There's nothing funny about them."

Others said Paul's actions were irresponsible, with teenagers and tweens making up his subscriber base of 15 million.

In his apology, Paul said he had posted the video in a mistaken effort to draw attention to the problem of depression and suicide.

"It's easy to get caught up in the moment without fully weighing the possible ramifications," he said in his statement.

"I thought I could make a positive ripple on the internet, not cause a monsoon of negativity", he said, in comments that sparked derision and anger.

Actress Anna Akana was among many in the US and elsewhere to hit out at Paul.

"When my brother found my sister's body, he screamed with horror & confusion & grief & tried to save her," she tweeted.

"You do not walk into a suicide forest with a camera and claim mental health awareness."

Japan has the highest suicide rate of any Group of Seven industrialised nation, with more than 20,000 people taking their own lives each year.

Aokigahara, located 100 kilometers (63 miles) west of Tokyo, has become so notorious as a spot for desperate people to kill themselves that authorities have put up signs among the trees urging people with self-destructive thoughts to contact a suicide prevention group.

"Life is a precious thing... Think again about your parents, siblings and children," the signs say.

Local officials have also organized daily patrols to prevent suicides from taking place.

The suicide rate in Yamanashi prefecture, where the forest is located, was the worst in Japan for eight years until 2014.

Suicides in Japan have fallen since their peak of 34,427 in 2003, with 21,897 taking their own lives in 2016.

Google-owned YouTube indicated the video was removed because it violated the video-sharing platform's terms of service.

"Our hearts go out to the family of the person featured in the video," a Google statement said.

The statement added that YouTube prohibits "violent or gory content posted in a shocking, sensational or disrespectful manner" and that such content is allowed only "when supported by appropriate educational or documentary information.

WHO's labeling of gaming addiction as a disorder sparks in Korea

- SohnJi-Young
- The Korea Herald / Asia News Network

Thurs, Jan 04, 2018 | 02:01 PM
Headlines News

The World Health Organization's latest decision to classify gaming addiction as an official mental health disorder this year has ignited an international controversy.

The issue is gaining particular attention in South Korea -- home to a strong gaming industry and an avid gaming population -- which has long been caught between the responsibility to fight adolescent game addiction and the need to promote the country's thriving gaming sector.

Last week, the WHO revealed plans to recognize "gaming disorder" as a mental health condition in its next revision of the International Classification of Diseases to be finalized in May this year.

As a result, it will place addiction to video games -- both online and offline games -- in the same category as substance abuse and gambling addiction.

A beta draft of the WHO's 11th ICD describes gaming disorder as a pattern of persistent or recurrent gaming behavior that is so severe that gaming takes precedence over other life interests and daily activities.

It also stipulates that the condition involves a "continuation or escalation of gaming despite the occurrence of negative consequences" and results in "significant impairment in personal, family, social, educational, occupational or other important areas of functioning".

For a diagnosis to be assigned, the behaviors and features of gaming addiction are normally evident for a period of at least 12 months, though the required duration may be shortened if the symptoms are severe, it said.

This is not the first time that gaming addiction has been identified as a major public health issue and governments around the world have made formal and informal moves to address it.

In the case of Korea, the government has placed a law that bans children under the age of 16 from accessing online games between midnight and 6 a.m., though its effectiveness has been challenged.

Initiated in November 2011, the so-called "shutdown law" mandates online game companies to program their games to automatically shut out minors during the designated six-hour timeframe.

Its proponents argue that the law protects minors from an environment that is more likely to lead to game addiction, while critics say the law breaches the freedom of choice, unjustly vilifies games as a whole, and brings more losses than gains.

The law has caused economic damages as well. According to a 2015 report from the Korea Economic Research Institute, the “shutdown law” led the Korean gaming market to shrink by roughly 1.16 trillion won (US\$1.09 billion).

And although the KERI report concluded that the law would save 37 billion won in societal costs, it estimated that these savings would be five times larger if a selective approach was used — meaning the shutdown is not applied unilaterally, but enforced only when a parent requests it.

While recognizing the problems of gaming addiction and the need for solutions, the Korean gaming sector cited concerns over a medical labeling of the condition and its potential to cast all video games in a negative light.

“It’s worrisome that the WHO is pushing to medicalize game addiction as a formal mental disorder while the medical community believes there is still a lack of objective evidence to define and diagnose gaming addiction,” an official from the Korea Association of Game Industry told *The Korea Herald*.

“If the WHO decides to incorporate gaming addiction (into its ICD revisions), it will bolster negative perceptions toward online video games,” he said. “It’s particularly concerning as games are part of a cultural content business that is sensitive to public opinion.”

An official from a local gaming company, who declined to be named, said that the change “has the potential to blur the line between enthusiastic gamers and gaming addicts, particularly in the view of concerned parents.”

If gaming addiction does get included in the revised ICD in May, the change is most likely to be reflected in the disease categorization systems of countries worldwide including Korea.

Right now, the medical community does not recognize gaming addiction as a formal disorder. The latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published in 2013 and referred to by many psychiatrists, lists internet gaming disorder as “a condition for further study.”

Merkel seeks to break Germany's political deadlock

- Hui Min Neo
- Agence France-Presse

Berlin, Germany | Sun, Jan 07, 2018 | 01:30 PM
Headline News

Chancellor Angela Merkel opens talks Sunday with Germany's second biggest party on renewing their alliance, in a new attempt at shaking Europe's biggest economy out of paralysis after September's inconclusive elections.

The week of meetings between Merkel's conservative alliance and the Social Democrats (SPD) will examine whether both sides have enough common ground to begin formal coalition negotiations towards a new government by March or April.

After initial discussions on Wednesday, the parties issued a joint statement saying "trust has grown, we are optimistic about the start of negotiations".

But the talks are not without pitfalls -- including tricky questions surrounding the more than a million asylum seekers who have arrived in Germany since 2015.

The far-right anti-immigration AfD had capitalized on growing misgivings in Germany over the new arrivals, winning more than 90 parliamentary seats in the watershed election.

Merkel was left without a majority, while the center-left SPD found itself with its worst post-war score.

Anxious to stem the haemorrhage to the far right, the conservative wing of Merkel's party as well as her Bavarian allies CSU are championing a tougher stance on immigration -- including demands that are unpalatable for the SPD.

But with an eye on a regional election in Bavaria later this year, where current polls show that the CSU could lose its absolute majority, party chief Horst Seehofer said it was clear that "things can't go on as before".

The CSU wants financial handouts to asylum seekers reduced and medical tests to determine if migrants are lying about their age in the hope of winning refugee status.

But SPD chief Martin Schulz signaled that the conservatives would have to compromise not only on immigration issues, but also on the centre-left's social welfare demands such as higher taxes for top earners.

"We will see if Madame Merkel and MrSeehofer want to form a stable government with the SPD or not," he told *Bild* daily.

The SPD had initially vowed to go into opposition, but the collapse of coalition talks between Merkel and smaller parties pushed the Social Democrats to reconsider.

Schulz told *Bild* the talks "will be difficult. We will stay firm".

As both sides square up for a battle at the negotiating table, the parties have agreed on a gag on media interviews, with publicity limited to joint statements.

The decision is aimed at preventing a rerun of Merkel's previous failed attempt at forging a coalition late last year, when interviews given by negotiators soured the atmosphere.

Koi story: priceless Japanese fish make a splash

- Etienne Balmer
- Agence France-Presse

Kazo, Japan | Sun 07, 2018 | 03:12 PM
Headline News

Hand-reared for their color and beauty, koi carp have become an iconic symbol of Japan that can sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars and even participate in fishy beauty contests.

The nation's koi carp were brought to the world's attention when visiting US President Donald Trump was snapped unceremoniously dumping the last of a box of feed into a palace pond in Tokyo.

But the fish have for decades been popular in Japan, where top breeders take their most prized specimens (known as "nishikigoi") to highly competitive "beauty parades."

At one such competition in Tokyo, judges in sharp suits, notebooks in hand, stride around tanks lined up along a pedestrian street where the valuable koi strut their stuff.

They come in all the colors of the rainbow: pearly white, bright red, cloudy-grey, dark blue, gleaming golden yellow.

But it is the curvature of the fish that accounts for 60 percent of the final score, explained competition organizer Isamu Hattori, who runs Japan's main association for breeders of koi carp.

Colour and contrast make up another 30 percent, he told AFP.

And the final 10 percent? "Hinkaku" -- a concept that is tricky to define and even harder to judge, best translated as the "presence" or "aura" of the fish.

'Everything matters'

"Hinkaku'. It's either there in the genes at birth, or it's not," mused Mikinori Kurikara, a koi breeder in Saitama, north of Tokyo, who says he can spot it in fish when they reach eight or nine months old.

"Put it this way, it's like looking after your own children every day. You care for your kids and want them to grow healthy. In the same way, you take care of these fish, appreciate them and adore them," he told AFP.

At his farm, thousands of tiny "nishikigoi" (colored carp) dart around deep basins of carefully purified water, meticulously divided by age and color.

A less glorious fate awaits the other koi who have not been fortunate enough to catch the eye of the breeder: they are sold off as feed for tropical fish.

"It's a really delicate job, really difficult. Everything matters: the ground, the water quality, the food," explained the 48-year-old, who took over the farm from his father and is training his son, half his age, in the subtle arts of koi breeding.

"We have many secrets," he adds mischievously. "But even if we let them slip, it wouldn't work. You have to be able to feel it."

'Social ladder'

These days, any self-respecting traditional Japanese garden has plenty of colorful koi gracing its ponds, but it is a relatively recent tradition.

Around 200 years ago, villagers in the mountainous region around Niigata (in the north-west of Japan) started to practice genetic engineering without knowing what they were doing.

For the first time, they began to cross-breed rare colorful carp, not for food but for pure aesthetical value.

The craze for nishikigoi gradually took over the whole of Japan and then spread into other parts of Asia.

They are especially popular in China, where carp swimming against the tide symbolizes the idea of perseverance leading to riches -- rather like people climbing the social ladder, said Yutaka Suga, professor at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at Tokyo University.

Today, koi is big business and Japanese exports are booming -- 90 percent of domestic production is exported and sold at auction.

In 2016, Japan exported a record 295 tonnes of koi carp, generating turnover of 3.5 billion yen (\$31 million), an increase of almost 50 percent from 2007, according to Japan's agriculture ministry.

As for individual carp, "the prices have become insane," said carp association boss Hattori.

"Today, a two-year-old carp can sell for 30 million yen each (\$265,000) whereas 10 years ago, two million yen was already a very good price," he told AFP.

Like racehorse owners, many foreign owners leave their prized possessions in their home Japanese farms so they can compete in the most prestigious fishy pageants, which are only open to domestic rearers.

One such owner, Chinese koi collector Yuan Jiandong, was in Tokyo to cheer on some of his own carp.

"It's not a way of making money. It's a way of spending it for fun," laughed the pharmaceutical boss from Shanghai.

But owning koi is so much more than a vulgar display of wealth, he said.

"When you see these beautiful fish gliding around in your pond, you forget the stresses of daily life and you find peace of mind."

And you can't put a price on that.

Five Golden Moments: shocking behaviour at the globe

- New Desk
- Agence France-Presse

Los Angeles, United States | Sun, Jan 07, 2018 | 07:03 PM
Headline News

The Golden Globes is the most lively, attention-grabbing and just plain fun gala ceremony in Hollywood's awards merry-go-round -- primarily because it's the only one where alcohol is served.

Tinseltown's elite are allowed to kick back in relaxed seating with a glass of champagne -- or seven -- and reflect on a year's achievements, and tongues can loosen as the rich and famous get tired and emotional.

Ahead of Sunday's bash, here are five memorable moments from past ceremonies -- when adrenaline, various other hormones or the open bar have brought out the best and worst in the stars.

Jeremy Renner on J-Lo's 'globes'

"Hurt Locker" actor Jeremy Renner found himself at the center of a Twitterstorm after an off-color joke as he gave out the award for best actor in a mini-series or TV movie alongside Jennifer Lopez in 2015.

After the nominees were announced, the "Let's Get Loud" singer asked her co-presenter if she should open the envelope, telling him: "I have the nails."

"You've got the globes, too," he retorted, prompting a wave of complaints on social media that he had sexually harassed her on live TV.

Jack Nicholson high on Valium

When he accepted his 2003 best actor in a drama award for "About Schmidt," everyone's favorite Tinseltown charmer readily admitted during a meandering speech that he had popped a Valium before the show.

He poked fun at his co-stars and presenter Nicole Kidman -- "Doesn't Nicole look lovely with her old nose?" -- before expressing shock at winning since he thought the film was, in fact, a comedy.

Emma Thompson ditches her shoes

Who needs footwear to present an award? Certainly not Emma Thompson, who sauntered up to the podium, Christian Louboutins and a stiff martini in hand, to present the Globe for best screenplay in 2014.

After paying lip service to the craft of script-writing, the two-time Oscar winner launched into a one-woman campaign against the cruelty of high heels.

"I just want you to know, this red, it's my blood," she said, gesturing to her crimson-soled heels before lobbing the offending footwear over her shoulder.

Jodie Foster comes out... sort of

Nothing to do with bad behavior, but actress and director Jodie Foster's moving soliloquy in 2013 remains one of the highlights.

At the time, the notoriously private Foster was still in what Out magazine witheringly called a "glass closet" -- hiding deliberately in plain sight -- as she prepared to accept a lifetime achievement award.

It sounded like she was finally going to put the issue of her sexuality to rest when she spluttered: "I guess I have a sudden urge to say something that I've never really been able to air in public... But I'm just going to put it out there, right? Loud and proud, right? So I'm going to need your support on this."

In the end, she stops short, merely declaring, "I am single. Yes I am. I am single," to laughter and applause, before offering a sweet tribute to former long-time partner Cydney Bernard.

The biggest shock of all

It's one thing to behave badly at a party but it's a worse offense to spoil everyone's fun by canceling the event in its entirety.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association shelved the Golden Globes during the Writers Guild of America strike in 2008 after the Screen Actors Guild said its members wouldn't cross picket lines outside the ceremony.

With the threat of an empty red carpet, the awards were replaced with a dull televised press conference announcing the winners.

Nose spray tested to kick gambling habit

- New Desk
- AgenceFrance- Presse

Helsinki | Wed, Jan 10, 2018 | 10:02 AM
Headline News

Finnish researchers on Monday said they were to launch a study to see if gambling addiction can be treated with a fast-working nasal spray.

The spray contains naloxone, an emergency treatment for opiate overdoses (heroin, opium, morphine) that blocks the production of dopamine, a neurotransmitter linked to pleasure with a central role in addictions.

"The spray goes to the brain in a few minutes so it's very useful for a gambler... if you crave gambling, just take the spray," Hannu Alho, professor of addiction medicine at the Helsinki-based National Institute for Health and Welfare, told AFP.

Up to 130 volunteers will take part in the experiment, which is "the first of its kind globally to use nasal spray," Alho said. Half will use the treatment for three months, and the other half will get a placebo.

Alho said a previous attempt to beat gambling addiction with a pill containing a substance similar to naloxone had benefits, but wasn't efficient enough as the pill takes at least one hour before it is absorbed.

"Gambling is a very impulsive behavior...the need to gamble starts right away," Alho said.

"For this reason we are seeking a medication with a quick effect...the nasal spray acts in just a few minutes."

The experiment is to be launched next week and is expected to last for a year.

Jakarta 'angkot' rejuvenation to start next month

- New Desk
- Jakarta | Wed, Jan 10, 2018 | 01:02 PM

Headline News

Jakarta's *angkots* (public minivans) will be rejuvenated next month in accordance with the minimum standards of service (SPM) set by the Transportation Ministry in 2015.

The fleets will get air conditioners and will be equipped with, among other things, safety hammers, fire extinguishers and first-aid kits.

Operators are also required to place non-smoking and complaint line stickers in the vehicles.

Jakarta Organization of Land Transportation Owners (Organda Jakarta) head ShafruhanSinungan said the rejuvenation would be conducted in stages.

"The *angkots* that will be rejuvenated will be at least 10 years old. Some *angkots* are still new so the rejuvenation will be conducted in stages," Shafruhan said as quoted by kompas.com on Wednesday.

According to the Jakarta Transportation Agency's website, it is set to act firmly against old fleets that are found to have not complied with the SPM by not renewing their operational permits.

"In the third year, we won't issue permits for old fleets as all have to be rejuvenated," agency head AndriYansyah said.

KPK grills minister, SetyaNovantor's child in e-ID graft case

- KharisharKahfi
- Jakarta | Wed, Jan 10, 2018 | 03:00 PM

Headline News

The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) continues to move forward with its investigation into the e-ID graft case, with investigators questioning a Cabinet minister on Wednesday.

Law and Human Rights Minister Yasonna H. Laoly showed up at the antigraft body's office on Wednesday to attend a questioning session as a witness for suspect AnangSugianaSudihardjo, the president director of IT consulting firm PT Quadra Solution, which has been implicated in the graft case that has reportedly caused Rp 2.3 trillion (US\$161 million) in state losses.

Apart from Yasonna, investigators also summoned Dwina Michaela and RhezaHerwindo, the children of former House of Representatives speaker and graft defendant SetyaNovanto.

Yasonna served as a member of House Commission II overseeing home affairs during the deliberation of the project between 2011 and 2012. A senior member of President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's supporting party, the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), Yasonna has been accused of accepting \$84,000 from the graft-ridden project.

Meanwhile, Dwina and Rheza have been questioned as former commissioners of security printing company PT Murakabi Sejahtera, which is accused of having played a role in the reportedly rigged project tender.

Anang is accused of bribing a number of lawmakers through businessman AndiAgustinus, aka AndiNarogong, who was convicted for his role in the case and sentenced to eight years in prison last month.

Editorial: costly democracy

- Editorial | Jakarta | Tue, Jan 16, 2018 | 08:04 Am

Headline News

The dramatic revelation by East Java gubernatorial aspirant La NyallaMattalitti of the alleged political dowry that cost him the coveted ticket last week was relatively unsurprising, except that he attacked Gerindra Party chairman PrabowoSubianto, billed as the strongest contender for incumbent President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo in the 2019 race.

Venting his anger, businessman La Nyalla told reporters that Prabowo had asked him for Rp 40 billion (US\$2.8 million) to cover the needs of witnesses, who would have to attend more than 60,000 polling stations across East Java during the June 27 election. La Nyalla said he refused the demand, as he had already poured a lot of money into Gerindra, only to see Prabowo cancel his endorsement.

Later, Gerindra opted to support the incumbent Deputy Governor Syaifulah Yusuf and his running mate Puti Guntur Soekarnoputri, the niece of Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle chairwoman Megawati Soekarnoputri.

While one could question the timing of La Nyalla's move, which came over three weeks after he found out he had lost his bid to stand in the gubernatorial election, there is no doubt about the existence of rampant transactional politics. Reality bites: money talks in the democratic process to select leaders who are supposed to fight for people's welfare.

La Nyalla was only one of a few aspirants who disclosed the practice out of their disappointment with failing to secure the political support needed to join the race. Also last week, retired police officer Brig. Gen. (ret) Siswandi said the Prosperous Justice Party (PKS) dropped its decision to nominate him as candidate for Cirebon mayor at the last minute after he refused to pay a "dowry" to the Islamic party, which has been building its image as an anticorruption force.

In 2007, former Jakarta military commander Maj. Gen. (ret) SlametKirbiyantoro demanded that the PDI-P return Rp 1.5 billion in cash that he had given as a "lubricant" for his nomination as the running mate of the party's gubernatorial candidate FauziBowo.

All parties implicated naturally deny demanding money from candidates in exchange for their nomination, although some party officials admit that politics in Indonesia is costly. In his speech in East Java last July, Prabowo estimated that a gubernatorial candidate would need at least Rp 300 billion, which is why Gerindra has proposed revising the Regional Election Law to revive the indirect gubernatorial election by the provincial legislature.

That, however, will not solve the entrenched problem plaguing our electoral system. As General Elections Commission (KPU) member PramonoUbaidTanthowi wrote in this newspaper on Monday, transactional politics is widespread but difficult to prove. The claims of La Nyalla and others look set to go nowhere.

Since 2016, regional elections have been held simultaneously and this year, the government has multiplied financial assistance to political parties by nearly 10 times to Rp 1,000 per vote from previously Rp 108, to minimize money politics. But at the end of the day, public oversight, as Pramono has suggested, is key to ensuring the legitimacy of elections.

Immigration office hunts two foreigners at protest in Batam

- Fadli | Batam | Tue, Jan 16, 2018 | 04: 09 PM

Headline News

Personnel from Batam Immigration Office in Riau Islands province are looking for two foreign nationals who allegedly joined a protest by ride-hailing application drivers in front of the Batam mayor's office and the Batam Council (DPRD) in the city on Tuesday.

The two men were seen taking part the protest by hundreds of drivers from online-based transportation services and took photos along with other protestors, Batam Immigration Office head Lucky AgungBinarto said.

A team had started to look for the two foreigners, believed to be from the United States, as they appeared to have violated their visit permits.

Lucky said the immigration personnel made the move after noticing their presence from local media reporting on the protest. The news reported that the two men

gave their support to the drivers saying that they too used the application. Their photos taking part in the protest and wearing GoJek jackets were also shown on local news outlets.

They then left the vicinity while hundreds of drivers continued their protest.

Lucky said the two men allegedly violated the 2011 Immigration Law that restricts foreigners from conducting activities outside their permits, especially taking part in protests.

The online transportation drivers staged the protest demanding the Batam administration and DPRD guarantee their right to work without being intimidated by conventional public transportation operators. Protests against online transportation have been going on in the city for the past year where conventional drivers such as *ojek* (motorcycle taxi), public minivan and taxi drivers have complained about their reduced income since the emergence of the online services. (rin)

'Jumanji' continues to stomp N. America box office competition

- New Desk
- Agence France-Prese

Los Angeles, United States | Mon, Jan 22, 2018 | 09:45 AM
Headline News

Sony's family film "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" continued to stomp the competition at the North American box office, taking the top spot for the third straight week, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Jumanji," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson along with funnymen Jack Black and Kevin Hart, netted just over \$20 million for the three-day weekend, bringing its total to \$317 million in its fifth week out, industry tracker Exhibitor Relations reported.

The film follows four teens who find themselves transported inside the video game world of Jumanji.

Debating in second place was "12 Strong" from Warner Bros., starring Chris Hemsworth, about US Special Forces deployed to Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attacks. It had a take of \$16.5 million.

Gritty heist thriller "Den of Thieves" from STX Films was third on the list in its debut weekend, with \$15.3 million. The movie, starring Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson and Gerard Butler, follows the intersecting lives of the major crimes unit of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and an elite band of robbers.

Fox's "The Post" dropped to fourth place from second, after pulling in \$12.2 million over the weekend for a total take of \$45.2 million in four weeks.

The political thriller recounts the nail-biting behind-the-scenes story of the 1971 publication by the Washington Post of the Pentagon Papers, which exposed the lies behind US involvement in the Vietnam War.

"The Greatest Showman," a Fox film about larger-than-life circus impresario P.T. Barnum, netted \$11 million to take the fifth spot. It has taken in \$113.5 million in five weeks.

Rounding out the top 10 were:

"Paddington 2" (\$8.2 million)

"The Commuter" (\$6.7 million)

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (\$6.6 million)

"Insidious: The Last Key" (\$5.9 million)

"Forever My Girl" (\$4.7 million)

Facebook says social media not always healthy for democracy

- Sarah Frier
- Bloomberg

San Francisco, United States | Mon, Jan 22, 2018 | 08:49 PM
Headline News

Facebook acknowledged today that social media can have a negative impact on democracies, and that the company has more work to do in order to ensure that the good outweighs the bad.

“From the Arab Spring to robust elections around the globe, social media seemed like a positive,” Katie Harbath, who runs the Facebook team that builds relationships with governments around the world, wrote in a blog post. “The last US presidential campaign changed that, with foreign interference that Facebook should have been quicker to identify, to the rise of ‘fake news’ and echo chambers.”

Following the November 2016 election, Menlo Park, California-based Facebook has frequently promised to work harder and devote more resources to fixing such issues. But it also usually emphasized that bad actors made up a small percentage of activity and that, overall, the company was doing something good for society. Facebook's post today is the most self-critical assessment of the company's impact to date, complete with an admission that its efforts may not be successful.

In the battle against fake news, for example, Facebook has tried several different strategies, such as working with third-party fact-checkers to mark dubious articles as "disputed," then deciding to offer up "related article" suggestions instead. The company will also start polling users about the trustworthiness of sources, with the goal of using that data to guide rankings in the news-feed algorithm.

"Even with all these countermeasures, the battle will never end," Samidh Chakrabarti, Facebook's product manager for civic engagement, wrote in a separate blog post. "Misinformation campaigns are not amateur operations. They are professionalized and constantly try to game the system. We will always have more work to do."

Facebook also talked openly about the challenge of working with government leaders who harass their own citizens -- the subject of recent Bloomberg investigations. Chakrabarti wrote about a citizen in one country who told Facebook that after he posted a video critical of the government, the police visited him to inspect his tax compliance.

There are also officials in "more open societies" who "write hateful posts that make enforcing our Community Standards challenging," Chakrabarti said. "So far, we've kept such posts up on our platform since we view them as newsworthy information that citizens deserve to know." That's similar to the reasoning used by Twitter Inc. for keeping up tweets by President Donald Trump that may violate its policies.

Facebook's admission that social media may not be good for democracy comes about a month after another reflective report from Facebook, which said "passively" consuming social media can be bad for mental health.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg has been trying to evaluate the company's blind spots with regard to its role in the world, adjusting Facebook's goals to make sure the site has a positive impact. Earlier this year, for example, he said he would shift the news feed to focus more on posts from friends and family, as opposed to brands and news organizations.

Elton John to 'go tour with a bang' on final tour

- Shaun Tandon
- AgenceFrance-Presse

New York, United States | Thurs, Jan 25, 2018 | 01:12 PM
Headline News

Elton John announced Wednesday that he is retiring from touring, with the consummate showman saying he wants to devote himself to his children -- but after a final, massive swing around the world.

The 70-year-old British entertainer, revealing his plans at a gala New York event, said he planned to "go out with a bang" with a global tour that will open on September 8 and last through 2021.

"It's the last time that I will be touring and traveling the world, because my priorities have changed in my life," John told several hundred journalists and guests after a mini-concert and virtual reality presentation of his career.

"I've had an amazing life, I've had an amazing career," he said, adding: "My priorities now are my children and my husband and my family."

John, who in the 1980s became one of the first openly gay major celebrities, has two children with his husband, Canadian filmmaker and former advertising executive David Furnish.

The original "Rocket Man" said he had no health concerns, despite a scare with a bacterial infection that caused him to cancel South American dates last year. He said he would stay active, hoping to record more albums and write further musicals.

"I will be creative, hopefully, until the day I die," he said.

Don't let the sun go down on me

Sporting a floral coattail jacket with sequined lapels, John promised an extravagant affair for the "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" tour which will open in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Anticipating 300 shows around the world, the "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" tour could easily become one of the most profitable in music history.

"It's a way of going out with a bang. I don't want to go out with a whimper," he said.

John's theatrics have made him a top attraction in Las Vegas. His second residency, the technically lavish "The Million Dollar Piano," will close in May after more than 200 concerts.

The artist said he still relished pleasing crowds -- but, as a septuagenarian, he was more interested in taking his children to soccer practice than in traveling.

"I never thought that I could love anything as much as I love my sons. There's not a word in the English dictionary that describes the love you have for a child," he said.

John made the announcement under the Roman-inspired dome and columns of Gotham Hall, a former bank turned event space in Midtown Manhattan, where guests were offered champagne and shrimp tempura hors d'oeuvres.

The self-described Luddite -- "I've never downloaded anything, not even porn," he quipped to laughs -- offered a virtual reality retrospective of his career on headsets offered to the audience.

The mini-biography starts in 1970 at West Hollywood's Troubadour club, where the little-known pianist, born Reginald Dwight, electrified the crowd. It then takes the viewer on stage with him at his legendary 1975 blowouts at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

Still standing

John, often known as Sir Elton after a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II, has generated decades of hits such as "I'm Still Standing," "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

His style brought together the old-school rhythm-and-blues piano of early rock 'n' roll with Gospel influences as well as a solid grounding in classical music.

The artist has also earned a fortune as a composer for musicals including blockbuster "The Lion King," "Billy Elliot" and the upcoming adaptation of "The Devil Wears Prada."

Forbes magazine in 2017 ranked him as the 26th highest-earning celebrity, earning \$60 million over the previous year.

After struggles in the past with addiction and depression, John's last studio album, "Wonderful Crazy Night," carried a palpable sense of joy. Last year he put out a greatest hits collection dubbed "Diamonds."

John said he was open to one-off concerts after his tour but that they would likely only be in Britain.

But he has one firm red-line. He said he had instructed his eldest son Zachary, "When Daddy dies, promise me -- there won't be a hologram of me going around the world

Brawl breaks out during demonstration in Bekasi

- New Desk | Jakarta | Thurs, Jan 25, 2018 | 05:26 PM

Headline News

Dozens of people were injured and vehicles were damaged after a brawl involving several mass organizations broke out in front of the office of the Bekasi city administration in West Java on Thursday morning.

The Bekasi Police said the incident occurred while the Indonesian General Society Movement was protesting over alleged parking levy corruption in front of the office.

At around 10 a.m., the brawl broke out after other organizations, such as the Betawi Brotherhood Forum and PemudaPancasila, came to the scene, Bekasi Police chief Sr. Comr. Indarto said on Thursday according to wartakota.tribunnews.com.

Indarto said 250 police officers dispersed the crowd.

“Dozens of people suffered light injuries while two members of the groups were seriously injured from rocks that were thrown,” he said.

Three cars parked at the scene were also damaged during the brawl, he said.

Indarto said the police would track down those who instigated the brawl. (cal)

NBA: anthony cracks 25.000 points as Thunder beat Pistons

- AFP | Washington | Sun, Jan 28, 2018 | 09: 35 AM

Headline News

Carmelo Anthony became the 21st player in NBA history to reach the 25,000 career-point mark by scoring 21 points Saturday in Oklahoma City's 121-108 win over Detroit.

Russell Westbrook had a triple double -- scoring a game-high 31 points with 11 rebounds and 13 assists -- while Paul George added 26 as the Thunder improved to 29-20 on Anthony's breakthrough night.

The 33-year-old forward, in his 15th NBA campaign, was 17 points shy of the milestone entering the contest. He matched and passed the 25,000 mark with two free throws 3:30 into the third quarter.

The only other active players above 25,000 points are German star Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks and Cleveland Cavaliers playmaker LeBron James -- who congratulated his long-time USA national teammate.

"25K large!!!! Congrats my brother @carmeloanthony," James tweeted.

Govt deploys artificial intelligence to combat internet hoaxes

- Safrin La Batu | Jakarta | Wed, Jan 31, 2018 | 03:28 PM

Headline News

Communications and Information Minister Rudiantara said on Wednesday that the government would use an artificial intelligence tool to crack down on websites containing fake news.

The government hopes the sophisticated software will help it curb the spread of hoaxes and false information ahead of regional elections to be held simultaneously in 171 provinces, regencies and cities on June 27.

Rudiantara said the tool would “crawl” websites, and once it detected a site with targeted content, it would notify the Association of Indonesian Internet Providers (APJI) to demand a closure.

“The AI tool works [by searching websites] based on keywords,” Rudiantara said.

The government says the measure aims to prevent damage caused by unverified news and misleading information that may hamper the implementation of the regional elections.

Elections conducted in 101 regions, including Jakarta, in February last year were marred with fake news spread on the internet, prompting the government to take extra precautions for this year’s elections, including by stepping up efforts to combat hoaxes.

Rudiantara said the tool would only track down websites, not social media and messaging app platforms.

“With regard to [hoaxes found in] social media and messaging apps, we will ask the platforms to block [such content].”

Earlier this year, the Communications and Information Ministry launched a web crawler software also equipped with artificial intelligence. The ministry said the machine, reportedly purchased for Rp 194 billion (US\$14.5 million), would be used to find and block porn websites only. (ebf)

BMKG advises best spots to view rare lunar event, warns of king tide

- New Desk
- Jakarta | Wed, 31, 2018 | 04:05 PM

Headline News

Coastal areas and the roofs of skyscrapers are among the best spots to view tonight's combined astronomical phenomena of a lunar eclipse, a supermoon and a blue moon, the Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency (BMKG) has advised, even though a cloudy evening has been forecast.

A supermoon describes the moon when it is at its closest point to the Earth, while a blue moon is the second full moon to occur in a single month. When these happen together, it is known as a super blue blood moon.

Tonight's lunar event is an extraordinary one that happens only once every 100 years, with the lunar eclipse occurring at the same time as a super blue blood moon.

BMKG spokesperson HaryDjatmiko said those who sought the best view of the lunar eclipse could head to Central Jakarta's Taman Ismail Marzuki Planetarium, which was preparing several telescopes for public use.

Fatahillah Square in Kota Tua, West Jakarta, will also provide a large 8-by-5 meter screen and binoculars for people to watch the total lunar eclipse.

"The naked eye can only see the eclipse when the sky is clear," Hary said on Tuesday as quoted by tempo.co.

Hary also said the eclipse would be visible from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Meanwhile, the super blue blood moon would be visible until dawn.

Hary also warned the public to be aware of the effects of the lunar eclipse, which causes especially strong tides known as king tides.

“Especially along the northern coastal areas and MuaraKarang [North Jakarta] and the surrounding area,” he said, adding that the last lunar eclipse on Dec. 3-4, 2017 caused a flood around SundaKelapa Port and MuaraKarang, although there was no rain at the time. (gis)

Nine social media, messaging apps agree to combat fake news

- Safrin La Batu
- Jakarta | Wed, Jan 31, 2018 | 04:19 PM

Headline News

Nine social media and messaging app companies signed an agreement on Wednesday initiated by the government to combat fake news and hate speech on their platforms.

Jointly initiated by the Communications and Information Ministry, the Elections Supervisory Agency (Bawaslu) and the General Elections Commission (KPU), the agreement aims to protect the country's people from unverified and misleading content that may spring up during the upcoming 2018 simultaneous regional elections and the concurrent presidential and legislative elections in 2019.

“This is our commitment. We are ready to put forth our maximum effort and capabilities to combat hoaxes and misleading information, which can result in hostility based on religion and ethnicity during the local elections,” said Blackberry Messenger (BBM) Indonesia general manager Anondo Wicaksono, who read out the declaration signed by the platforms.

The nine platforms signing the agreement include: Google, Facebook, Twitter, Telegram, BBM, LINE, BIGO LIVE, Live.me Indonesia and meTube.

Representatives of Google, Facebook and Twitter did not attend the declaration, but Communications and Information Minister Rudiantara said the three platforms had agreed to join the declaration.

The elections of regional heads will be held simultaneously in 171 provinces, regencies and cities across Indonesia in June.

Local elections in 101 regions, including Jakarta, were marred with the spread of fake news via the internet earlier in February last year, prompting the government to take extra security precautions for this year's elections, including stepping up efforts to combat hoaxes.

“If the Bawaslu orders them to take down an account, they must do it. No more excuses,” Rudiantara said. (ebf)

French supermarket boss hauled in over nutella frenzy

- AgenceFrance-Presse

Paris | Wed, Jan 31, 2018 | 09:06 PM
Headline News

The French government has implored supermarkets to refrain from the kind of promotion deals that have led to in-store scuffles over cut-price jars of Nutella, a minister said Wednesday.

[Videos](#) of French shoppers jostling as they tried to grab heavily discounted tubs of the chocolate spread in Intermarche stores have [gone viral](#) over the past week.

"I met with the director of Intermarche yesterday," Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire said, as his government prepared to unveil a bill later Wednesday that will tighten rules on supermarket promotions.

"I told him that this must be stopped -- we can't have scenes like this every few days in France," Le Maire told RTL radio.

Intermarche sparked the shopping frenzy last Thursday when it slashed the price of a 950-gram (2-pound) pot of Nutella -- a favoured breakfast spread in France -- from 4.50 euros (\$5.60) to 1.41 euros.

The three-day promotion prompted shoving and even full-blown fights in several stores, with one worker likening the scenes to "an orgy".

Intermarche apologized to customers, but it has since continued with aggressive discounts on coffee and nappies.

The DGCCRF consumer agency on Monday announced it was launching an investigation into the discounts.

Le Maire urged Intermarche to "stop this kind of promotion", saying that the pushing and shoving seen as customers clamoured to get their hands on the Nutella tubs must not become "normalised".

He reminded Intermarche's management that like other supermarket chains, it had already "signed a deal to no longer carry out these kind of promotions. They must keep their word."

Videos of the shopping frenzy have been shared thousands of times on social media, with comedian Anthony Joubert racking up 700,000 plays on a song featuring the lyrics, "A euro for Nutella, I'd kill a mother or father for that."

Ferrero, the Italian company that makes Nutella, said the discount decision was taken "unilaterally" by Intermarche and risked creating "confusion and disappointment" for consumers.

Lapan holds viewing of rare lunar phenomenon for public, research

- AryaDipa | Bandung, West Java | Wed, Jan 31, 2018 | 09:12 PM

Headline News

The National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (Lapan) will hold viewings of the supermoon, expected to occur together with the total lunar eclipse on Wednesday, at its observation stations open to the public and for research purposes.

An astronomy and astrophysics expert at the institute, Muhammad ZamzamNurzaman, said public viewings would only be held in Lapan's headquarters in Bandung, West Java.

"We will hold direct viewings as well as explanations to public, while they wait to peek at the Moon through the telescope," he said in Bandung on Wednesday.

Residents have been eager to witness the rare lunar phenomenon, which combines a blue moon, a supermoon and a total eclipse, which NASA has called a "super blue blood moon." Should the weather clear, the Moon will turn as red as blood, Zamzam said, explaining that the reddish color is from the Sun's rays spread by dust and molecules in the earth's atmosphere, which reflect off the moon.

Lapan also holds observations in its other stations, which are closed to public and are only for research. Other observation posts are the Space and Atmosphere Observation Centers in Sumedang and Garut, West Java, and Pontianak, West Kalimantan; the Aerospace Observation Station in Watukosek, East Java; and the Earth Station in Biak, Papua.

For scientists, the phenomenon can be used to measure the temperature on the Moon's surface.

"The observations can also help with research on types of rocks on the Moon. For established space institutes such as NASA, it could also serve as reference for Moon landings," Zamzam added.

APPENDIX 3

The headlines were published on *The Jakarta Post* on January 2018, that taken every three days, and there were eleven editions.

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6. Rolling Stone Indonesia officially shuts down
7. Dubai rings in New Year with laser spectacular
8. Android phone makers assure customers : “We don’t slow down our smart phones”
9. Chinese ban on ivory sales goes into effect
10. Latest “Star Wars” passes \$1 billion mark in third week : Disney
11. Jakarta Police arrest Japanese over alleged pedophile act

12. Eating healthy in 2018 : Take a close look at the labels
13. David Bowie's son Duncan Jones launches book club via Twitter in memory of father
14. Lion Air runs charter flights from Batam to Busan Incheon
15. Pertamina takes over Mahakam from total Inpex
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17. How to switch to a plant based diet in 2018
18. Sarinah launches online store platform
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The Jakarta Post Edition 4th January 2018:

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2. Philippines tightens criteria for 2018 Asian Games hopefuls
3. UN chief says further vidence must be avoided in Iran
4. No more “Western” names for children in Karanganyar : Councillors
5. 3 candidate pairs ready to register for S.Sulawesi gubernatorial election
6. Najib election battle seen as key for Malaysia as economy booms
7. Beijing records best air quality in five years in 2017
8. EDITORIAL : Expediting customs checks
9. OJK Issues special regulation for Karangasem businesses
10. How facebook could stop a disease aout break
11. IntanParamitha : can't be silenced
12. Destroying disability stigma
13. Street sculpture project takes over Yogyakarta's Kota baru
14. Game up for workers accused of assault
15. Baekhyun of exo apologizes for comment on depression
16. Trump slams Bannon, says exaide has 'lost his mind'
17. Indonesia to strive for poverty rate below 10 percent
18. Apple battery replacement may mean 16 million fewer phones sold
19. Migrant worker evictions tear at Beijing's backbone
20. Riding the Soekarno-Hatta airport train : A guide
21. Bulog to adopt new approach for better absoption of farmers' rice
22. Blackberry, Baidu announce autonomous vehicle
23. Children killed in latest Mumbai blaze
24. Women gives birth to a baby boy in police car
25. Ousted South Korea's President Park 'took money from spy agency'
26. Suicide victim video by You Tube star sparks anger in Japan
27. Backpackers critically ill mistaking travel sickness drug for cocaine.
28. Court rejects setya's demurrer
29. WHO'S labeling of gaming addiction as disorder sparks concern in Korea

30. LBH Jakarta files petition over 2016 BuleitDuri assault
31. Commuter line to operate move train cats to boost number of passengers
32. Meghan Narkle and Prince Harry are breaking royal tradition once again
33. W. Jakarta Police fail attempt to smuggle 1,3 tons of marijuana
34. SM Entertainment to hold K-pop auditions in 10 countries
35. Busway violator arrested for marijuana possession
36. KPK operations net officials alleyed corruption
37. No funds prepared for now capital city land acguisition minister
38. Jokowi receives capital city relocation concept plan
39. KPK question melchiasmekeng in e-10 graft case
40. Yesrend survey names Indonesia most optimistic country
41. Autralians questioned after attempting to climb mount Agung
42. Indonesia's largest botanical garden to reopen this year
43. Jakarta administration postpones Christmas celebration
44. Dems say candidates treated unfairly in lead-up to elections
45. Taeyang, MinHyo-rin to wed Feb 3
46. Indonesia to stop using state budget for clean anergy projects
47. Irael opens probe into death of whedchair-bound Palstinian activist
48. Berkarya meets central level verification requirements : KPU
49. Jokowi talks to 88 rules about cultural heritage
50. Thai penis whitening fad drives social media nuts
51. Oil palm farmer mauled to death by tiger in Riau
52. Kontras demands solution on perceived persecution of civilians
53. Bekasi builds hospital dedicated to patients with lung disease
54. Tired of waiting, Ryan air passenger gets cut and sits on wing
55. Police investigate rict at Aceh prison
56. Indonesia to start trade talks to boost exports
57. Malaysian businessman wanted for alleged embezzlement
58. Indonesia to distribute Rp. 1200 to small, micro businesses
59. Golkar, Dems to declarate candidates on Jan 9

The Jakarta Post Edition 7th January 2018:

1. The highest jobs in Indonesia revealed
2. Eight tallest buildings in Jakarta : Skyscraper center
3. Massage indeed could help reduce muscle serenses stress
4. Study finds reason why roosters crow in the morning
5. Seven tips for taking great photos using only your smartphone
6. Macron persuesambiticus agenda on first official china visit
7. Barcelona sign 160-million-euro Coutinho in 3 rd richest deal
8. Oscar – winner Haggis accused of abusing four women

9. Wozniacki senses 'great' Aussie open despite Auckland loss
10. Row erupts over revered French novelist's Anti-Semitic Pamphlets
11. Rohingya rebels claim ambush at Myanmar security forces
12. Former president of Japan's Toyota dies at 88
13. Merkel seeks to break Germany's political deadlock
14. Thousands of Mexicans polish off massive King cake
15. Tanker a blaze, 32 missing after collision of china
16. Indonesia practices to be included in Philippine's curriculum
17. Koi story : priceless Japanese fish make a splash
18. Saudi clerk held for months without charge HRW
19. World's ugliest pig' spotted in Indonesia
20. Hollywood gets party season started at glitzy Golden Globes
21. Baby found dead on aircraft at Soekarno-Hatta airport
22. Soekarno-Hatta airport served 63 m passengers in 2017
23. Money in circulation up 12 % in 2018
24. Sleep : Less than 8 hours a night increases risk of depression
25. Hundreds evacuated as Papua New Guinea volcano erupts
26. Piece of Chinese solar panel road stolen 5 days after opening
27. Five Golden moments : Shocking behavior at the Globes
28. Bogor police get Rp. 25 b to safeguard elections
29. France marks three year since Charlie Hebdo attack
30. Mahathir named opposition PM candidate
31. One dead, one hurt in blast outside Stockholm area metro
32. Ngawi-Kertosono toll road section to begin operation
33. Chinese firm to build plastic plant in Batam

The Jakarta Post Edition 10th January 2018:

1. California mudslides demolish homes, eight deaths
2. Mexico closes 2017 with highest inflation in 16 years
3. Tambora National park to provide four-wheel driver off-road bike facilities
4. Atletico, Valencia breeze into Copa del Rey quarters
5. Trump on Oprah : she won't run in 2020 but I'd win anyway
6. North Korea to attend Olympics in rival South
7. Agency head questioned in Jakarta reclamation
8. Malang students develop glasses with money sensor to help the blind
9. Editorial : High tax revenue target
10. Scores of migrants missing in Mediterranean : Libyan Navy
11. World Bank upgrades global growth forecasts as recovery strengthens
12. Transgenic cows produce 'safe' trial therapy for MERS

13. Trump embraces role as negotiator in chief on immigration
14. Mapala UI student conquers Antarctica's Vinson Massif
15. Tiarna Dame Ruth Sirait : Combining art and fashion
16. Nose spray tested to kick gambling habit
17. KPK requests travel ban for stya'slawyear, former journalist
18. Line said to explore cryptocurrencies for payment services
19. DejaVu : professor's adorable son crashes live TV interview
20. Weapons producer eyes Rp. 2,9 trillion in revenue for 2018
21. Us customs heightens searches on electronic device : Report
22. Air force twitter admin sparks LGBT debate
23. Opposition mounts on vietnam's plan to impose tax on sweet drinks
24. Aircraft maker hands over 5 helicopters, one aircraft to defense ministry
25. Indonesian hosts welcome over 900.000 travelers in 2017 : Air bnb
26. Car free day planned on South Jakarta everpass
27. Smoking iphone battery forces evacuation at zurich store
28. Australia swelters through one of hottest years on record
29. Harry and Meghan feel the love in Brixton
30. Cigarette consumption second largest contributor to poverty : Bappenas
31. Magnitude 7.6 earthquake strike of Honduras coast
32. Fantasy film the shape of water leads bafta nominations
33. Jakarta angkot rejuvenation to start next month
34. Air Asia Uber partnership allow travels to schedule rides
35. One dead, 800 injured in Philippine Catholic parade
36. Susi insists on continuing her ship-sinking policy
37. Ernest Prakasa to hold free writing workshop in five cities
38. Jakarta police propose add-even policy to replace motorcycle ban
39. Kineforum presents coming of age-themed film's in January line-up
40. Roseanne returning to TV as Trump supporter
41. KPK grills minister setyanovanto's children in e-ID graft case
42. Foreo launches UFO for easy beauty face masks
43. Motorcycle ban signs taken down
44. Siak Palace in Riau reopens to public
45. Indonesia sets sights on \$ 17 o4b oil and gas investment in 2018
46. Indonesia to review Jakarta-Bandung railway project
47. Airbus's whale of a plane will take to the skies this summer
48. China lodges protest against Australian White elephant remarks
49. Space X says rocket worked fine as spy satellite reported lost
50. Japan's new crypto-currency crooners sing the bit coin beats
51. Jakarta, SOE ministry team up to improve slum areas
52. Surakarta customs office fails crystal meth smuggling attempt
53. High speed rail now rivals air travel on key Asia Europe routes
54. Air Asia connects Manila and Jakarta and soon Bali

55. Sales of Vinyl, cassettes reach all-time high in 2017
56. Firm to receive up to \$ 70 mn if MH370 found in new hunt
57. One killed after landslide hits Lombok tourist area
58. PDIP Backs Soekarno's granddaughter for East Java election
59. Chinese dating apps down for using robots to act as women
60. Domestic violence suspect faces up to 20 years in prison
61. Meghan Markle deletes all her social Media accounts
62. Ministry blames traders for rice price increase
63. Indonesia, Turkey begin CEPA talks
64. Science says sniffing your partner's shirt helps reduce stress
65. Agency refuses to cancel building permits on reclaimed islets
66. Logan Paul may face further consequences says YouTube
67. NTB Police foils attempts to smuggle Rp. 396 m worth of lobster seeds
68. KPK names Setya's Lawyer, doctor suspects in obstruction of justice case
69. Travis the translator aims to make people understood
70. Take it or leave it SKK migas tells industry ministry
71. Russian werewolf policeman on trial for 59 murders
72. Police delay detention of Bandung Child porn suspect
73. Baby girl kidnapped in Makassar found

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1. Plants in workspace can reduce stress level, sick days
2. Germans have world's most powerful passports one again
3. Yogyakarta to attract tourists to Kulon Progo tea hamlets
4. Indonesia Heritage museum showcase archipelago's past
5. Top 10 destinations on the rise revealed
6. Doors open to Indonesians, Marvel comics says
7. Study indicates correlation between regular ibuprofen use, male infertility
8. Jakpost guide to boutique fitness studios
9. Teacher suspected of molesting students in East Jakarta
10. Mary J. Blige gets star on Hollywood walk of fame
11. With headbands, sensor socks, wearable tech seeks medical inroads
12. KPK arrests Setya's no-slow lawyer
13. Tangerang police release 33 people allegedly held captive in a house
14. Man's best friend goes high tech at gadget fest
15. Two killed in Train-car collision in Pondok Ranji
16. Syahrini becomes superhero in hands of Marvel comics illustrator
17. 101, KPK cooperate to investigate Bimanes's possible ethics violation
18. Macron wants French baguette to get UNESCO heritage status
19. Sandiaga eyes turning thousand Islands into Maldives

20. Most Americans don't want Oprah to run for president
21. Saudi women football fans able to grandstand at last
22. Nobody move ! cow causes chaos at Indian Airport
23. Man behind Medan family murder sentenced to death
24. North Kalimantan eyes N219 airplanes to reach remote areas
25. British crown jewels buried in biscuit tin during WWII

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1. LG Electronics chief orders revision of G7 smartphone from scratch : source
2. Cherry blossom lures visitors to cibodas Botanical Garden
3. Don quijote discount shop unveils ferris wheel in Osaka tourist spot
4. The cranberries singer Dolores O'riordan dies aged 46
5. Editorial : costly democracy
6. Japan sewers clean up their act with manhole are
7. Early periods, menopause linked to heart disease : study
8. Pope voices nuclear war concerns at he begins latin America trip
9. Trump denies he's a racist as Americans honor king
10. World's fifth largest diamond discovered in Lesotho
11. Actor Ansari respond to sexual misconduct allegations
12. Lebanon bans spielberg film and Israeli adventurer biopic
13. Maritime Museum catches fire on Tuesday morning
14. BPS starts collecting data on e-commerce
15. Spain to pip US as 2nd top tourist draw
16. Melanin Trump, America's enigmatic first lady
17. Suppressing a sneeze can be dangerous, doctors warn
18. Anies to make special routes for becak
19. Man refuses bicycle prize from President Jokowi
20. Indonesia's first wind farm 90 % complete : PLN
21. Deadly fugu fish flub prompts Japan emergency warning
22. UNICEF grants finding award to youth movement in Indonesia
23. Virgin Galactic takes one step forward in space tourism
24. Unreliable data forced hand in rice import : Minister
25. Le smart phone ? France has another term in mind
26. Rappler Indonesia to solder on despite license revocation
27. Viral cctv footage of sexual misconduct leads to arrest
28. Indonesia's foreign debt stands at \$ 347 3b, 34 % °F GDP
29. Voldemort film now available for free on Youtube
30. Wowrinka wins first match back after knee surgery
31. Couple forced to marry after caught being alone at fruit farm

32. Lifetime to create movie a bout prince Harry, Meghan Markle love story
33. Farmers will pay price for rice import
34. When you're gone : top five cranberries songs
35. Poco-poco dance brings warmth to winter in Vienna
36. Model harassment claims cloud Paris men's fashion week
37. Government offers BSD-airport LRT project to investors
38. Immigration office hunts two foreigners at protest in Batam
39. Thailand just got the most tourists ever as boom continues
40. 22 million Yemenis now in need of aid : UN
41. MK chief justice vidates code of ethics, receives light sanction
42. Engineers union to analyze cause of IDX collapsed floor
43. Yabba, dabba, doo ! Johor Sultan receives Flintstones car replica
44. Mother alleyedly kills her baby at restaurant
45. Dueterte under fire as Philippines moves to eloseRappler
46. Newly openalPancoran overpass lacks worthiness certificate
47. The worlds top-selling video game has a cheating problem
48. Indonesia, Turkey team up to develop military drones
49. Police issue second summons for sandiaga
50. Government reshuffles directors of railway firms
51. Virtual reality, interactive avatars among cruise trends of 2018
52. FBI warned Trump's son in-law on Murdich ex-wife : report
53. Australia offers cash for great Barries Reef Rescue ideas
54. Indonesia Masters badminton tickets on sale
55. Bekasi wants roads free of pakogah
56. Anies orders transporation agency, police to ticket traffic violaters
57. IDX Tower 2 never been renovated : Management

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1. Link between TV ads and teen snack patterns found by study
2. Kevin Specey investigated over third London assault : report
3. Worst-case global warning scenarios not credible : study
4. Editorial : the death of Papuans
5. Sandiaga eyes reducing poverty by 1 percent by end of term
6. How coffec went from the hands of the Dutch to the world
7. Album Review : RuangTunggu by PayungTeduh
8. Gesang and Michael Jackson at Batu's World Music Galery
9. Post – reform ethnic Chinese printings
10. Clean Golkar rhetoric and the rise of a KPK critic
11. West Java govt, AP II to ink deal on new airport

12. Cancer blood test finds eight kinds of tumors : study
13. Microwave ovens are cooking the environment : study
14. Five hidden WhatsApp features to optimize usage
15. Indonesian slams EU bill ; discriminative to palm oil
16. Stars give Vuitton designer Kim Jones rousing send off
17. Anies plans restoration of kampong aquarium
18. Allen hits back at molestation claims, daughter to small business
19. Jokowi calls on banks to expand credits to small business
20. The Face Inc launches new online consultation for skincare products
21. Man stabs neighbor over parking
22. Bobby trapped messaging opps use for spying : reseachess
23. House to set up team to monitor rice import policy
24. Prime Mum-ister : New Zealand PM says she's having a baby
25. Pope marries couple on papal plane
26. Depok community wants to turn RumahCimanggis into museum
27. James Curry will captain teams in new-look All-star game
28. Indonesian Performing arts group re-enacts history in US
29. Chris Hemsworth is done with being Thor contractually after fourth movie
30. Bogor among top three golf destinations in Asia-Pacific
31. Saudi Arabia says there's no evidence it aided 9/11 plot
32. Craving carbs ? Blame your brain, Japan study finds
33. Here's what Celine Dion's Diamond ticket will give you
34. How to take a bullet, by Den of Thieves star 50 cent
35. Police shoot North Jakarta muggers
36. Dutch storm caused go million euro's in damage
37. Indonesia to auction 43 oil and gas blocks by March
38. Chinese county bans schoolchildren from mosques
39. Croupier and guard arrested over \$ 6 m Macau casino heist
40. Indonesia, Bangladesh kick off pre-trade talks
41. Fire agency help remove ring stuck on girl's finger
42. Government to slash subsidy for railway pioneer routes
43. Gout to facilitate salt imports
44. Singapore Government mocked for instagram budget campaign
45. Firth rebukes woody Allen over daughter's molestation claims
46. Student dies after being hit by Transjakarta bus
47. Philippines main airport fires contractor over baggage thefts
48. Australian open : Tantrums, trolls and remperature tumbles

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1. AI, virtual reality make inroads in tourism sector
2. The juice startup putting Mali in a bottle
3. Chinese, Russians shore up Middle East Tourism
4. EDITORIAL : Threat to Indonesian press
5. Essay : Reasoning lies
6. FebyIndirani : Writing religious paradises
7. Jumanji 'Continues to stomp N. America box office competition
8. Pence arrives in Israel as Trump's Jerusalem move reverberates
9. Thousands in Ireland honour late Cranberries singer O'Riordan
10. Letter shows 'Unsatisfied' de Beauvar's passion for younger man
11. Singapore joins dual-class shares club wooing technology IPOs
12. LRT girder collapses in east Jakarta, injures five
13. Indonesia sends trade mission to South Asia
14. Fashion Superstar slimone to take over at celine
15. Singapore start-up 99 co buys Indonesian property portal urbanindo
16. Vietnam plans 6.5 times more sales of stakes in stake companies
17. Airbus's superjumbo finds new life on Malaysia Air pilgrim trips
18. Two toll road sections in Sumatera start operations
19. Tekyo simulates first military attack since WWII amid N Korea Hieat
20. Hollywood hits red carpet for SAG awards
21. Thousands of lanterns light up Singkawang for Chinese New Year
22. Indonesia businessman Chinese baseball coach win change Airport's Millionaire draw
23. Senior agriculture official warns rice import could harm production
24. Japanese brand highlights Indonesia Rattan at Maison and objet
25. Indonesian pair Fajar, Rian win Malaysia Masters title
26. West Sumatera government identifies 800 traditional female costumes
27. Dublin Hotel bans all bloggers following social media dispute
28. Three dead as busy market struck by bomb in Southern Thailand
29. American artist Jack Whitten dies aged 78
30. Indonesia seeks immediate return of two fisherman released by abusayyaf
31. BentaraBudaya Bali screens film adaptations
32. Vietnam oil exec 'kidnapped' from Germany gets life for graft
33. Ministry recommends 2.1 m tons of imported salt
34. Volcano rains ash on Philippines as experts warn of violent eruption
35. Aamir Khan's follow-up to hit Indian movie 'Dangal' opens in China
36. Jakarta composite index hits 6500 on Monday
37. 'Sungkyunkwon Scandal' actor Jun Tae-soo dies
38. 'Scandal', the show that Twitter built, bows out
39. Zero down-payment housing not for all : Sandiaga
40. Philippines to deport Hamas 'Rocket scientist'
41. Uggs, pigs and tartan : The big trends at men's parts fashion week

42. Brunei Sultan reports social media account to Jakarta Police
43. ASEAN Journal to meet in Bangkok to discuss new challenges
44. Pence set for warm Israeli welcome Palestinian snub
45. Jobs offered to Jakarta's disabled
46. Indonesia can only import 346.000 tons of rice
47. Amazon to open first cashierless shop to public on Monday
48. Trial resumes of Kim Jong-Nan murder suspected
49. Salt producer Association rejects 3.7 million tons of salt
50. City plans to build permanen bridges in South Jakarta
51. Shuttlers try newly removatedIstora stadium ahead of Indonesia Masters
52. Tokyo gets first 'heavy snow' alert in four yours
53. Chung dumps wounded Djokovic out of open
54. Facebook says social media not always healthy for democracy
55. 'Angkot' drivers protest tanahabang street closure
56. Us Defense Secretary Mattis holds meeting with Retno
57. BI, government team up to control inflation

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1. Kebumen regent resigns after being named graft suspect
2. Designer Weigh Keller wows with Givenchy couture debut
3. 'While oli' : Saudi Arabia seeks place on tourism map
4. China says it has cloned a monkey using non-reproductive cells
5. Up to 175 years in jail for disgraced USA gymnastics dator
6. Apple Homepad smart speaker finally arrives on February 9, Pre-order starts January 26
7. 'The Estate' : Finding serenity on the other side of Bali
8. Canada limits crab fishing to save right whales
9. EDITORIAL : ASEAN-India cultural ties
10. Saving Sumatera rhinos through art
11. 'Barney the dinosaur' actor switched career path now sex guru
12. Antabez bringing songs of freedom from inside prison
13. Sony, Nike team up for paul George's Signature sneakers
14. Number of alleged abuse victims of East Jakarta teacher rises to 16
15. Grandparems traveled through Europe and asia by car
16. Behind enemy lines : Vietnam female spies who helped change the war
17. Heart attack risk rises ex in week post flu study
18. Chinese wind turbine maker found guilty of stealing us trade secrets.
19. Meryl streepjans HBO's Big Litle Lies season two
20. Rio haryanto : shifting his gears

21. DBS to hire private bankers to tap ig trillion asia market
22. No safe haven as shootings rock US Schools
23. BI, Baznas, BWI sign MoU on Social finance management
24. WIKA's komodo bonds 2.5 times oversubscribed
25. Philippine treasure maps out plan to weather higher debt costs
26. First monkeys cloned by process that made dolly the sheep
27. Nearly 95 % of relailers enter digital race Aprindo
28. Elton john to go out with a bang'on final tour
29. Heart attack risk high with one cigarette a day : study
30. Electric car regulation ready to be signed by jokowi says official
31. Water supply to be cut off in some areas in Jakarta Friday, Saturday
32. Motorcycle lane ignored by motorists
33. Enrique Iylesias sues label over streaming revenue
34. Rice production to surpass consumption through
March : Agriculture ministry
35. LGBT people viewed negatively, but accepted as Indonesian citizens
36. Space X performs first static Fire Of Falcon Heavy Rocket
37. Four illegal logging suspects arrested in conservation forest
38. Police urge Anies to reopen Tanah Abang street
39. Macedonia to rename airport in step to end name row with Greece
40. Energy minister to scrap 11 regulation on electricity
41. Brawl breaks out during demonstration in Bekasi
42. Sikon valley veteran to head mobile-age TV startup
43. Krakatau steel targets 40 % sales growth in 2018
44. 'Soviet Dior' vows to keep Russian fashion colorful
45. Senior police officers put forward as acting governors
46. Cars, castles and communism : thing to know about the Czech Republic
47. Maladministration suspected in handing of never acid attack witness
48. Two protected raptors released into natural habitat
49. I haz wins : Grumpy cat in \$ 710.000 court payout
50. Man who allegedly dragged police officer tests positif for drugs
51. Ex market torn down for Dukuhatas TOD
52. Sex and the white house : From Clinton to trump
53. Novel's lawyer ignores police summons for questioning
54. Julian Assange embassy stay dangerous to health : doctors
55. Jakarta starts gathering data on becak drivers
56. Criminal code bill goes too far into private matters : Experts
57. Medco issues global bonds worth US \$ 500 million
58. Suspected drug trafficker arrested in Depok with 15 kg of marijuana.
59. Gout falls to consider human rights in law deliberations : Rights watchdog
60. Lagarde urges Mnuchin to clarify remarks on weak dollar
61. UK to consider crackdown on Bitcoin

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1. Out on a limb: Vanity fair's curious cover
2. Paris braces for floods as swollen seine inches higher
3. Kris Wu becomes first chinese artist to sing at Super Bowl Live
4. Checking In: A quick guide to Zurich International Airport
5. Trump willing to sign a revamped Paris climate deal
6. How to travel like a globetrotter with Linda Tan
7. NBA: Anthony cracks 25.000 points as thunder beat piston
8. Hawkish-tilting Fed could move rates quicker in 2018
9. COMO Uma Cangu taps into luxe adventure travelers in Southern Bali
10. Five not-sostouristy artsy sports to discover in Paris
11. Hail to Fleetwood Mac: Bill Clinton leads Grammy tribute
12. Host shuttlers stay focused to win Indonesia masters
13. Modern medicine infected by the virus of minstrel
14. Klaten to hold 40 tourism festivals throughout 2018
15. Sharon stone opens up about second chance in life and career as she turns 60
16. Bandung authorities run 'two-faced' car off the road
17. Indomie served in Milal halal restaurant
18. Songwriters score win over streaming services with pay hike
19. Growing anger after Kabul ambulance bomb kills nearly 100
20. 'Cameron Post' wins top prize at Sundance
21. Saudi frees billionaires including Alwaleed ad Ritz jail empties
22. 2.8 tapeworm found in Singapore patient who had no symptoms
23. Putin supporter Zeman wins another terms as Czech President
24. IKEA says founder Ingvar Kampard dies aged 91
25. Music industry hails Jay-z before Grammys
26. Trump criticizes May's handling of Brexit negotiation
27. Coffee, speeding fines and heavy metal: Five things to know about Finland
28. Cambodia arrests foreigners for 'pornographic dancing'
29. Federer wins Australian Open for 20th Slam title
30. Volkswagen apologizes for testing of diesel fumes on monkeys
31. Putin opponents mount protests across Russia a head of March election
32. Jokowi visits Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazar

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1. Korean celebrities find it difficult to break silence on sexual exploitation

2. Japan to restrict heated tobacco use but give up on indoor smoking ban
3. Human genome decoded with pocket-sized device
4. 'Glee' actor Mark Salling, who pleaded guilty to child porn, dead at 35
5. Global cancer survival up. But progress uneven: Study
6. Trump to out 'one American family' in State of the Union address
7. EDITORIAL: Passenger safety paramount
8. How to prevent cockroaches in cars
9. 'Dreamer' immigrants get front-row seat to Trump speech
10. Rare Lunar eclipse offers glimpse of "super blue blood moon"
11. Akudiomi at a crossroads
12. Video of Jokowi's visit to Afghanistan goes viral
13. Residents urged to anticipate tidal floods during supermoon
14. Does size matter? The charm of Papua's whale sharks
15. 3 firefighters killed in Poso fire truck accident
16. Jakarta to see operation of motorized pedicabs
17. Countries offer to restore Jakarta's Maritime Museum
18. Oppo, MAC Cosmetics collaborate to release F5 Limited edition
19. Best friends' brains light up the same way
20. Senior citizens flock to Transjakarta headquarters following fake news
21. US investigating iPhone slowing Apple software: Report
22. Indonesia records \$4.8 billion investment in digital economy
23. Animal lovers call on Yogyakarta authorities to ban 'Topeng Monyet'
24. 'World oldest man' dies in Spain aged 113
25. Trump calls for unity after contentious first year
26. Transjakarta free-ride card registration to open at Mayor's offices
27. Minister encourages more SOEs to issue Komodo bonds
28. Vaping may raise cancer risk: Study
29. Facebook bans ads tied to bitcoin, other cryptocurrencies
30. Street vendors return to Jakarta's sidewalks
31. Toba nonagenarian jailed for cutting down neighbor's tree
32. A whale with words: Oorca mimics human speech
33. Police arrest seven people suspected of trading protected animals
34. Jokowi expresses disappointment over Indonesian export stagnation
35. e-ID suspect requests justice collaborator status
36. Public facilities in Bali to be written in Balinese alphabet
37. Govt deploys artificial intelligence to combat internet hoaxes
38. Melania braves public eye after Trump cheating claim
39. 'Big 6' countries of WHO SEARO meet to strengthen fight against measles
40. Bulog allocates Rp 2.5 trillion for government's rice reserve
41. BTS on billboard 100 record run for K-pop group
42. BMKG advises best spots to view rare lunar events, warns of king tide

43. Nine social media, messaging apps agree to combat fake news
44. Popular Line messaging app starts crypto trading spinoff
45. Indonesia, South Korea strengthen defense ties
46. Minister supports hijab requirement for airline cabin crew to Aceh
47. Gillian Anderson wants to move on from “The X-Files”
48. ‘Appaling’ Malaysian tourism logo to stay: Tourism chief
49. Indonesian designer to showcase South Kalimantan fabrics in New York
50. Jokowi calls for closer inspection of imported goods for e-commerce platforms
51. Jokowi questions concerns about proposal to make generals acting governors
52. Clouds may block view of super blue blood moon: Weather agency
53. Alternative, environmentally friendly energy sources promoted to electrify schools
54. Alpine ski resorts are suddenly buried in snow
55. Anggun beats Selena Gomez on Billboard chart
56. Harley-Davidson is making an electric motorcycle
57. Ahok, Veronica absent in divorce proceedings
58. S.M., JYP, Big Hit to launch music platform with SK Telecom
59. Virtual beau captures Chinese hearts as female gaming blooms
60. Monitoring devices needed in areas notorious for brawls
61. Tame elephants get medical checkup in Riau
62. Poland to post chopin collection online
63. French Supermarket boss hauled in over Nutella Frenzy
64. Lapan holds viewings of rare lunar phenomenon for public, research

