



VEHICLE VIBRATION. Tourists look at the view of the Angkor Wat temples at sunrise, outside Siem Reap, Cambodia, in this July 14, 2014 file photo. The main road alongside Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple is now off-limits to cars as authorities seek to ease traffic jams at the site that draws 2.1 million tourists each year. The volume of cars driving near the temple has increased so dramatically in recent years it raised concerns that vibrations caused by the vehicles could harm the temples, which were built between the 9th and 15th centuries. (AP Photo/Anat Givon, File)

Cambodia bars cars near Angkor Wat temple to ease congestion

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The main road alongside Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple is now off-limits to cars as authorities seek to ease traffic jams at the site that draws 2.1 million tourists each year.

"From now on, only tourists walking by foot or riding bicycles are allowed to travel on the road in front of Angkor Wat temple," Prime Minister Hun Sen said in a Facebook post that announced the measure.

The new rule applies to a 985-foot stretch of road in front of Angkor Wat. Cars and tourist vans are still permitted on other roads in the Angkor Archeological Park, a 160-square-mile complex with

dozens of ancient temples.

Long Kosal, spokesman of the Apsara Authority, a government agency that oversees the Angkor complex, said a new parking area has been built near the main temple.

He said the volume of traffic near the temple has increased so dramatically in recent years it raised concerns that vibrations caused by the vehicles could harm the temples, which were built between the 9th and 15th centuries.

Angkor Wat, the country's biggest tourist attraction, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of national pride that is emblazoned on the Cambodian flag.

U.S. sticking with calling Myanmar minority 'Rohingya'

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar and the United States appear to have agreed to disagree on what to call the Southeast Asian nation's beleaguered Muslim minority that Washington and most of the world know as Rohingya.

Many Buddhists inside Myanmar prefer to call them "Bengalis," arguing that the 1 million or so members of the minority are mostly illegal immigrants and not a native ethnic group.

Beware, Everest graffiti artists, China is watching you

BEIJING (AP) — Next time you leave silly messages on the world's highest mountain, beware: China is watching you.

Mountaineering officials have scrubbed graffiti from two granite tablets on the Chinese side of Mount Everest's northern base camp and plan to name and shame future defilers.

State-run mobile news site *The Paper* reported that workers removed the signatures, dates, doodles, and messages left by scores of visitors. They include "let's wander together," "farewell to the mountain," and "here I come."

The graffiti grew so thick it covered the information about the mountain carved into the tablets in Chinese, Tibetan, and English.

The base camp at roughly 17,060 feet is a popular tourist site and has fallen prey to the sort of behavior the Chinese government says is uncivilized and vows to punish.

Along with publicizing the names of those leaving behind graffiti, base camp management is considering setting aside separate wall space just for visitors to write their names and other messages, a

U.S. Ambassador Scot Marciel explained that normal official U.S. practice is to call communities by the name they themselves prefer.

Myanmar foreign ministry official Aye Aye Soe acknowledged his office had asked Marciel not to use the term "Rohingya." He said Marciel has the right to call the minority whatever he likes, but calling them Rohingya could enflame communal tensions.

local tourism official, Gu Chunlei, told *The Paper*.

"It's a way of getting travellers to change their habits without even knowing it," Gu was quoted as saying. Similar graffiti walls have been set up at other scenic sites, including the Great Wall outside Beijing that has long been a target for those seeking to leave a mark of their visit.

As personal incomes have risen, Chinese have become avid travellers and bad behavior by some of them has become something of an embarrassment. Along with sharp criticism in the media and online forums, the government has set up an online national database naming those involved in particularly egregious behavior and giving airlines, hotels, and other travel outlets the option of refusing them service.

In 2013, a Chinese teenager scratched his name on an ancient Egyptian temple and was roundly condemned by his fellow Chinese.

Everest itself has accumulated garbage, pollution, and other ills brought by the vastly increased numbers of climbers and visitors to the peak that straddles China and Nepal.

Incoming Philippine government to continue high-growth path

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) — The transition team of Rodrigo Duterte, the presumptive Philippine president, said his administration will continue the macro-economic policies of his predecessor that put the Southeast Asian nation on a high-growth path.

Duterte's team says they also plan to stamp out corruption in revenue-collecting agencies, adjust income taxes, lift restrictions on foreign investment, and accelerate infrastructure spending as part of their eight-point economic agenda.

Carlos Dominguez, a former agricultural secretary likely to be part of Duterte's cabinet, said the new administration will continue Aquino's target of spending five percent of gross domestic product on infrastructure and will remove bottlenecks to private-public partnerships projects.

The new government will also focus on eliminating corruption in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs through reforms in the bureaucracy. It will adjust income tax tables to inflation that will lower taxes for lower-income earners. The current income tax rates have not been adjusted since 1997 and are among the highest in the region.

"This will fulfill the president-elect's promise that there will be less cor-



PILIPINO PRESIDENT. Presumptive Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte smiles during a news conference shortly after voting in a polling precinct at Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School, Matina district, his hometown in Davao city, southern Philippines. Duterte was the last to vote among five presidential hopefuls. (AP Photo/Bullitt Marquez)

ruption in the government," Dominguez said of the revenue agency reforms.

To ensure the attractiveness of the Philippines to foreign direct investments, he said the government will address restrictive economic provisions in the constitution and laws, cut red tape, and reduce crimes to increase the security of businessmen and consumers.

It will also focus on supporting small farmers' productivity, improving market access, forging partnerships with agricultural business companies, and encouraging more agriculture processing in agricultural areas as part of a rural development strategy.

"We are going to focus on the two-thirds of the population that are poor and who live in the rural areas," Dominguez said.

"This also means that we are going to promote tourism in the rural areas."

The land administration system will be improved to encourage investments in rural areas and make projects more bankable through security of land tenure, he said. Under the current system, there is very little coordination among four land titling agencies, he added.

Dominguez said basic education will also be strengthened and college scholarships offered. The new administration will also expand and improve the implementation of a program offering direct cash aid to poor families on the condition they keep their children in school and have them get health check-ups.

Aquino has said that program has lifted 7.7 million Filipinos out of poverty.

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