



BEFRIENDING BEHEMOTHS. Rescuers attempt to push stranded whales back into the ocean at Ujong Kareng beach in Aceh province, Indonesia. An official said 10 whales were stranded at the beach, which attracted hundreds of onlookers who posed for pictures with them. (AP Photo/Syahrol Rizal)

Beached whales led out to sea from Indonesian beach but four die

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Four of 10 whales that beached off Indonesia's Aceh province have died because of injuries and exhaustion, a fisheries official said.

The sperm whales became stranded at Ujong Kareng beach and attracted hundreds of onlookers who posed for pictures with them.

Nur Mahdi, the head of Aceh's marine and fisheries office, said two whales that were both extensively scratched and bruised died, followed by two others that were very weak.

He said five of the giant mammals were refloated and led out to sea by boats, but

waves washed two back to shore. Later, fishing boats led the pair and a remaining whale out to sea.

Mahdi said whale pods follow a group leader and can become stranded if the leader swims too close to shore due to sickness or other reasons.

Several dozen strandings of whales, dolphins, and other marine mammals are reported each year in Indonesia, an archipelago nation of more than 17,000 islands.

Ten pilot whales died last year when a pod of more than 30 were stranded off the coast of Probolinggo district in East Java province.

Trudeau says he discussed human rights with Filipino leader

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he raised concerns about human rights and extrajudicial killings in the Philippines when he met with President Rodrigo Duterte, whose war on drugs has earned widespread condemnation for leaving thousands of suspects dead.

Trudeau told a news conference he mentioned the issue to Duterte in a meeting before Canada's summit in the Philippines with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Trudeau was the first leader out of the 20 attending the ASEAN summit and related meetings who publicly said he brought up the touchy issue with the volatile Filipino leader.

"I also mentioned human rights, the rule of law, and specifically extrajudicial killings as being an issue that Canada is concerned with," he said at the news conference. "I impressed on him the need for respect for the rule of law, and as always offered Canada's support and help as a friend to move forward on what is a real challenge."

He said it comes as no surprise that he brought up the issue of human rights because it is something people expect of Canada and is important to Canadians and the world.



HUMAN-RIGHTS CONCERNS. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, center, shakes hands with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, left, and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, right, during a photo session of the ASEAN-Canada 40th Commemorative session in Manila, the Philippines. (Adrian Wylde/The Canadian Press via AP)

Duterte was receptive to his comments and their exchange was cordial and positive, Trudeau said.

Duterte is sensitive to such criticism, and in the past called then U.S. President Barack Obama a "son of a bitch" after the State Department publicly expressed concern over the Philippine anti-drug campaign.

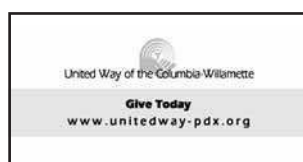
Current U.S. President Donald Trump, who also attended the ASEAN summit, did not publicly take Duterte to task for the drug crackdown. Instead, Trump said he and Duterte "had a great relationship," and avoided questions about whether he raised human-rights concerns in a meeting with the Philippine leader.

The White House later said they discussed the Islamic State group, illegal drugs, and trade during the 40-minute meeting. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee

Sanders said human rights came up "briefly" in the context of the Philippines' fight against illegal drugs. She did not say if Trump was critical of Duterte's program.

Harry Roque, Duterte's spokesman, said there was no mention of human rights or extralegal killings during the meeting with Trump, but there was a lengthy discussion of the Philippines' war on drugs, with Duterte doing most of the explaining.

The two sides later issued a statement saying they "underscored that human rights and the dignity of human life are essential, and agreed to continue mainstreaming the human-rights agenda in their national programs."



The AP looks at Trump's business associates across Asia

U.S. President Donald Trump has temporarily put his sons in charge of his company, but the Trump Organization still does business abroad. That has prompted questions about whether that might influence Trump's official decisions.

Below is a look at some of his business partners and contacts in Asia, where he wound down his recent five-nation trip:

The Philippines

Trump's partner in a Philippines venture, Jose E.B. Antonio, was named a "special envoy" to the U.S. by Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on October 28, less than two weeks before the November 2016 U.S. election. Antonio is chairman of Century Properties Group Inc., which partnered with Trump for the branding of the posh Trump Tower in Manila's Makati business district.

The \$150-million, 57-story tower was quietly turned over to unit owners earlier this year. The muted opening contrasted with the project's high-profile 2012 groundbreaking rites, when Trump's sons Donald Jr. and Eric posed for cameras in Manila, smiling and holding shovels.

Antonio rose from modest beginnings but has been listed along with his son Robbie Antonio by *Forbes* magazine as the Philippines' 28th-richest family, with a combined net worth of more than \$400 million in 2017. Paris Hilton, Versace, and Armani are among Antonio's other rich and famous business partners. The businessman says he has known Trump for many years and his son Robbie is described on his company's website as "a good friend of the Trump family."

China

Trump has met plenty of Chinese entrepreneurs, but his biggest friends in China in financial terms are state-owned banks and companies. Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., the world's No. 1 commercial lender by assets, is among the biggest tenants of Trump Tower in Manhattan. Its lease ends in 2019, which has prompted questions about how a sitting American president's family company will negotiate new terms with a bank controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

Trump's partners in Trump World Golf Club Dubai in the Persian Gulf awarded a \$32-million contract to China State Construction Engineering Corp. to build the project in a deal reported in September by McClatchy. That prompted questions about whether the Trump Organization was honoring its pledge not to do business with foreign governments.

In the private sector, Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba Group, the world's biggest online commerce company by total sales, was among the stream of Chinese business leaders who visited Trump Tower in Manhattan to meet the president following his election.

The Kushner Cos., the family company of Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, cut short a sales campaign in China after a Chinese businesswoman, Ding Ying, was linked to an effort to attract investors in exchange for U.S. visas that advertised ties to the "Trump family."

Anbang Insurance Group Ltd., one of China's biggest insurers, discussed possibly investing in a Manhattan skyscraper owned by Kushner Cos. Those talks ended

in March without a deal.

Japan

Masayoshi Son, Japan's richest man and the chief executive and founder of Softbank Group Corp., was quick to visit Trump after the 2016 election and to promise \$50 billion for investments in U.S. startups that he said would create 50,000 jobs. After the meeting in Trump Tower, the then-president-elect praised Son as a "great man of industry."

Son, 60, said he had visited Trump to "celebrate his new job," adding, "Because he said he would do a lot of deregulation, I said, 'This is great, the U.S. will become great again.'"

A Japanese of Korean ancestry who graduated from the University of California, Son has won both criticism and accolades as a daring investor who has gathered partners in diverse technology sectors from around the world, and has been likened by some to billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

Indonesia

Billionaire Hary Tanoesoedibjo founded his own political party and had ambitions to run for Indonesian president in 2019, but now says he'll support current President Joko Widodo. His company is building two resorts in Indonesia — one in Bali and the other in West Java — that Trump's business is involved with through management and licensing deals.

Usually known as Tanoe, the 52-year-old tycoon is the founder of the media and real estate conglomerate MNC. He has been dogged by a criminal investigation this year into accusations that he sent threatening text messages to a deputy attorney general who was investigating a tax case involving an MNC company.

Malaysia

Malaysian property developer Tiah Joo Kim, whose father is one of the Southeast Asian country's wealthiest businessmen, licensed the Trump brand for a hotel and condominium tower in Vancouver, Canada, before Trump's political ascent. Trump's sons Donald Jr. and Eric attended the opening in March for the gleaming, 69-story building, where a one-bedroom apartment at 699 square feet starts at around \$1 million.

In an interview with *The Associated Press* just before the hotel's opening earlier this year, Joo Kim said he found Trump's statements about Muslims, Mexicans, and women "extremely stressful." "I did a lot of soul searching because people were attacking me for it," he said.

Joo Kim, 37, is the son of tycoon Tony Tiah Thee Kian, a staunch Christian who built his fortune in stockbroking in the 1990s before expanding into real estate. Groomed to inherit the family business, Joo Kim last year was appointed CEO of its property arm, TA Global. He also runs the Canadian-based Holborn Group. Raised in Kuala Lumpur, he studied at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and earned a master's degree in international business at Macquarie University in Sydney.

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