

Drugs Pervade Russian Sport, Report Alleges

State Enabled Doping — Suspension Proposed

By REBECCA R. RUIZ

GENEVA — Members of Russia's secret service intimidated workers at a drug-testing lab to cover up top athletes' positive results. They impersonated lab engineers during the Winter Olympics in Sochi last year. A lab once destroyed more than 1,400 samples.

Athletes adopted false identities to avoid unexpected testing. Some paid to make doping violations disappear. Others bribed the antidoping authorities to ensure favorable results, and top sports officials routinely submitted bogus urine samples for athletes who were doping.

Those allegations were among hundreds contained in a report released Monday by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Across 323 pages, it implicates athletes, coaches, trainers, doctors and various Russian institutions, laying out what is very likely the most extensive state-sponsored doping program since the notorious East German regime of the 1970s.

In addition to providing a granular look at systematic doping, the group that drafted the report made extraordinary recommendations, including a proposal that Russia be suspended from competition by track and field's governing body and barred from track and field events at next

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Maria Kononova, a Russian distance runner, was suspended before the report's release.



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A woman signaled support Monday as she passed student protesters' tent encampment at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Myanmar Vote Seen as Sweep By Opposition

By THOMAS FULLER

YANGON, Myanmar — After struggling against the heavy hand of the Burmese military for two and a half decades, the opposition party of the Nobel Peace laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said Monday that it was confident of a sweeping victory in the country's landmark nationwide elections.

Although official results of Sunday's election trickled in for only a handful of districts, the potential electoral success by Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi's political movement underlined the appeal of a woman who sacrificed her family, her health and 15 years of her life as a political prisoner to oppose dictatorship in Myanmar.

But it also portends a troubled and uncertain transition for Myanmar, and a dilemma for the military-backed government that until now has tried to manage the path away from isolation and dictatorship on its own terms. "Nationwide, we got over 70 percent,"

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At Trial, a Fading Mafia Ready for Its Close-Up

By STEPHANIE CLIFFORD

After he had helped pull off one of the biggest cash robberies in American history — the Lufthansa heist of 1978 — and stashed millions of dollars, along with burlap sacks of gold chains, crates of watches, and diamonds and emeralds, in his cousin's basement, Vincent Asaro thought first about the code: Protect the family.

"He says, 'We got to be real careful now,'" his cousin testified. "Don't spend anything. Don't buy anything major."

He kept quiet, but another part of Mr. Asaro, a Mafia yeoman

working his way up through New York's Bonanno crime family, could not resist. He bought a Bill Blass-model Lincoln and a Formula speedboat — symbols of a man who wanted to belong.

Mr. Asaro did not realize his world was vanishing.

Born in 1935, he entered the same business as his father and grandfather, also Mafia members: a company man even if the company business was murder and extortion. Growing old, Mr. Asaro stayed in his old neighborhood in Queens, shopping at Waldbaum's, sticking with the routines he knew.

By then, though, other criminal groups were squeezing out the

New York Mafia with new, sophisticated businesses. More devastatingly for him, Mr. Asaro's friends, superiors and even a relative began informing on him to the government — providing the material that allowed prosecutors to bring charges after all these years, and shredding the Mafia code that defined his life.

Now 80, Mr. Asaro has spent the last three weeks in Federal District Court in Brooklyn, the sole defendant in what may be one of the last big Mafia trials, accused of crimes including a 1969 murder, the Lufthansa heist at Kennedy International Airport — a plot point in the Martin Scors-

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A surveillance photo of Vincent Asaro, whose racketeering trial was filled with mob informers.

Elder Cruz's Fight for Castro Is Questioned by Cuban Peers

By JASON HOROWITZ

MATANZAS, Cuba — Since he was a boy, Senator Ted Cruz has said, all he wanted to do was "fight for liberty" — a yearning that he says was first kindled when he heard his father's tales of fighting as a rebel leader in Cuba in the 1950s, throwing fire-bombs, running guns and surviving torture.

Those stories, retold by Mr. Cruz and by his father, Rafael, have hooked Republican audiences and given emotional power to the message that the Texas senator is pushing as a contender for the party's presidential nomination. In their telling, the fa-

ther's experience in Cuba — when the country was swept up by the charismatic young Fidel Castro, only to see him become a Communist dictator — becomes a parable for the son's nightmarish vision of government overreach under President Obama.

But the family narrative that has provided such inspirational fire to Mr. Cruz's speeches, debate performances and a recently published memoir is, his father's Cuban contemporaries say, an embroidered one.

The elder Mr. Cruz, 76, recalls a vivid moment at a watershed

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Classified Report on the C.I.A.'s Secret Prisons Is Caught in Limbo

By MARK MAZZETTI
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WASHINGTON — A Senate security officer stepped out of the December chill last year and delivered envelopes marked "Top Secret" to the Pentagon, the C.I.A., the State Department and the Justice Department. Inside each packet was a disc containing a 6,700-page classified report

on the C.I.A.'s secret prison program and a letter from Senator Dianne Feinstein, urging officials to read the report to ensure that the lessons were not lost to time.

Today, those discs sit untouched in vaults across Washington, still in their original envelopes. The F.B.I. has not retrieved a copy held for it in the Justice Department's safe. State Department officials, who locked up their copy and marked it "Con-

gressional Record — Do Not Open, Do Not Access" as soon as it arrived, have not read it either.

Nearly a year after the Senate released a declassified 500-page summary of the report, the fate of the entire document remains in limbo, the subject of battles in the courts and in Congress. Until those disputes are resolved, the Justice Department has prohibited officials from the government agencies that possess it

from even opening the report, effectively keeping the people in charge of America's counterterrorism future from reading about its past. There is also the possibility that the documents could remain locked in a Senate vault for good.

In a letter to Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch last week, Ms. Feinstein, a California Democrat, said the Justice Department was

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