

city or district, they have no say in who that leader is. In the last national election the opposition received more than 60% of votes in Phnom Penh whereas the city is run by the ruling party. While campaign promises don't always mean that much, based on what the opposition has said, the city would be governed much differently under their leadership. This is not to say that local elected leaders would necessarily be less corrupt, just that in the end result, the people are given the power to change their government and its policies.

Once again park space is a good criteria for judging responsive government. Surveys of Phnom Penh residents consistently show a desire for more greenspace, while the government is doing just the opposite; reducing greenspace at every opportunity and making no plans to increase it in the future. The capital has a dismal 1% of its area devoted to greenspace and that includes inaccessible traffic circles. The people who run the government have their villas and the ability to enjoy the countryside so they seem to be blind to the needs of the average citizen for greenery, a respite from the endless concrete of a dense city. Phnom Penh has a lot going for it, especially in job availability and entertainment, but most people you talk to would rather live elsewhere, not a good sign.

Unfortunately the system will never change as long as the ruling party is in power. And who can blame them? Democratization

of the electoral system would only result in a loss of power for them. It's very common for parties in power to use whatever means, including underhanded ones, at their disposal to retain that control. It's no different in the US and many other democratic and nominally democratic systems.

It made sense early in the country's democratic organization to have limited offices to vote for; the people being largely uneducated and the country just recovering from its trauma, but the people have grown a lot over the years so it is time for power to be disbursed and decentralized with local leaders closer to their constituents.

Politics in Cambodia has been going downhill of late with the fate of the country's fragile democracy coming into question. That reflects on the poor state of democracy and free discussion in the region as a whole with only the Philippines and Indonesia coming ahead of Cambodia on a democracy scorecard.

The ruling party has been going through great lengths recently to suppress the opposition, but with social media giving corruption and unresponsiveness no place to hide, it's up for debate whether the ruling party's many accomplishments will outweigh the feeling on the part of many that they're being used, that their needs are ignored and that the wealthy and powerful enjoy impunity.

For us expats the question is whether the country's political problems will impact us. Hard to say. Cambostan

Bits from the Beach

Well the tourist season is over now and almost every business said it was the worst season in memory. The Khmer New year was a help but not as busy as other years. With a poor high season in between two wet seasons many business will be struggling to make it through.

However business on the islands is reportedly doing well. Song Saa Island has been getting good press in the international media, apparently a bargain at around \$1,000 per night for a luxury resort.

This downturn in tourism has not affected the Chinese and their investment plans of which there have been some large developments occurring with Chinese investment occurring rapidly.

In the space of a week, Chinese interests had bought the Japanese Korean restaurant/accommodation/shophouses above the old bus station for a rumoured \$3 million.

Then they leased out the Sunday Guesthouse with over 100 rooms, displacing many long term residents. Then the Aqua family Resort was leased out by the Yadouli Casino operation, to be used as staff accommodation. The changeover at the Aqua and Sunday occurred very quickly, with many expats sorry to see the Aqua closed. Still the last quiz night raised over \$150 for charity as all the proceeds went to the Cambodia Children's fund. The popular quiz, run by David at the Aqua has transferred to Banana Joes in Golden Lion Plaza/pub Street and is still on a Thursday night but at 8pm.

Expect more developments in this regard, with the former Chine Chulsa having a banner sign up promoting an new high rise development which will undoubtedly have the obligatory casino attached.

Changes are occurring at Independence beach with a new turnaround and parking area being constructed. Many of the bars there will be forced to move or close. The Small Beach bar, very popular amongst expats has already had to reconfigure its layout and they will have to move later on.

Meanwhile Victory Hill is a bit of a Ghost town in terms of girlie bars, with many of the bars closed after being unable to be sold for the crazy asking prices.

The recent notices to the bars at the end of Ochheateal beach to move back 100 meters by 20 April has had the usual effect much ado about nothing! On the 20th they were still open and business was as usual businesses open with not many customers. Chivas shack if looking in dire straits and the general manager is now reportedly at Coolabah hotel, so expect to see that establishment have some interesting times.

The competent Authorities have constructed a new road along the far end of Ochheateal beach, in front of the former golf course (the big blue metal fence) past the bars that were to be torn down. Previously it was a rough dirt road with some creeks cutting through preventing access all the way along. Now it is a nicely paved road for two kilometres all the way to Queens Hill (see photo). Currently it is blocked for cars.

The red boxes and umbrellas continue for the first kilometre, with a bunch of portable toilets in the middle on the opposite side, thereafter it is pretty much undisturbed beach. With no bars this might actually be a part of the beach with cleanish water for a while.

In the middle of the month the sewerage holding tank at the base of Serendipity beach road filled up to overflowing. It was over-



flowing well back up the system making for a rather unpleasant aroma and flowed out to the sea. Someone has to empty it regularly but it looks like nobody thought about that! Who needs to spend money on infrastructure when you can build nice entrances to the streets and money on festivals instead?

Lion City Casino has been reborn. The owner took on a partner and they have renovated inside and out. What was just a poker room is now looking like a casino again with slot machines inside. It apparently also offers poker but rarely has an action. The game from there has moved to the foyer of the Yadouli casino.

It is with regret that we mention the passing of John Girvan of JJ's. John used to have a guesthouse on Eckerach Street in town but closed that and moved out Omui Street to concentrate on his smallgoods supply business.

John was ill for a few days and stubbornly refused to go to see a doctor or to hospital, despite urgings by friends and staff. In the end he was taken to the hospital by a neighbour but passed away within a half hour of arriving at hospital after leaving it too late. His business is operating as usual by his staff.

KHMER FOLK STORIES

One Crow to Ten Crows

There were two men named Akhoch and Akhil who lived in two different villages, and had different opinions. Akhoch put manure in a jar and sealed it. And Akhil made a little sword and put it in a big scabbard. Akhil took his sword over his shoulder to sell, and Akhoch took his jar of "prahok" to sell too. Akhoch went from here and Akhil came from here, when they met each other, Akhoch called out "Come to buy my prahok! My prahok is delicious and boneless. You can make soup or eat it fresh. Come on and buy it!"

Akhil answered warmly "I am sorry, because I can't sell my sword, I don't have any money, could you exchange your prahok and my sword?" Suddenly Akhoch saw the long sword and said "yes!" Akhil gave the sword to Akhoch and spoke proudly "my sword is very sharp. I made it from magnet. Don't open it unless you need it. You can't open it now, because if you open it on the way home, you could not put it in, and you will be blinded. I am very sorry to sell it. If I weren't starving, I would not have sold it to you.

Akhoch gave the jar to Akhil and told him "My prahok is it very delicious. You can open it when you eat it. Don't open it right now, because it will be spoilt. I want to tell you how to eat it. If you want to eat it at the same time that you open it. This is very delicious." They went back home. When Akhoch arrived home, he told his wife "Cook soon! I have some prahok." His wife asked him "Where did you get it?" "I got it from Akhil. I exchanged my little sword with Akhil for this prahok." said Akhoch.

His wife was very happy and thought "my husband knows how to trade a little sword for delicious prahok." Then she washed a dish to put the prahok in, and she opened the jar with a blunt knife, and then she put her hand in the jar to take out the prahok and put it in the dish to steam it. The manure was on her fingers, then she put them in her mouth to taste it and said "wow! the prahok stinks like manure! Come and taste it." When her husband tasted it, he said sourly "It is manure!" She vomited and offended her husband.

When Akhil arrive home, he told his wife "One jar of manure can be exchanged for a long sword." Meanwhile, when a dog urinated on the flowers, Akhil threw the sword at the dog to stay him with the sharp sword. When he opened it, he saw the sword was too short, then he came into the house to show his lovely wife, and then they laughed. Finally Akhil told his wife "Akhoch is clever as I am. I want him to be my friend and I will play tricks on people with him." Akhoch went back to see Akhil and he met him on the way.

When Akhoch saw Akhil reach him, he smiled widely "Where are you going?" "I come to see you and ask you to be my friend" said Akhil. "I come to ask you to be my friend too." said Akhoch. Then they went to a rich man's house. The rich man had just died and was in the coffin to be burned. All the rich man's family wept. Akhil and Akhoch asked the neighbors "Why do they weep?" The neighbors told them "The rich man has died!" The two friend then planned to write a false letter to show the rich man's family and to tell them that the rich man gave this letter to one of them before he had died, to come to take his goods. One of them went stealthily into the coffin, and the other took the false letter to the rich man's family. None in the rich man's family saw the one who crept stealthily into the coffin,

because all the laymen pored over prayer book to pray and the entire family was grieving. Akhoch took the false letter to show them.

They read "The poor boy, called Akhoch, is my foster-son, now I am old. Oh, son! Come to take the goods." The members of the rich man's family did not agree with him, because the letter has no signature and stamp. Akhoch told them "Please ask your father who is in the coffin. If he does not talk, I am playing tricks on you." The rich man's son called his father in the coffin. Akhil who was in the coffin answered "Did you give a letter to your son to take the good?" the son said.

"Yes! I did. Load my goods in a big cart and give it to him." said Akhil. The son was duped by the tricks of Akhil and Akhoch, then they were very angry with their strange father who died and talked. They wanted to open the coffin, but the relatives said that if someone saw the corpse, the corpse would frighten them at night, so they believe the relatives, and then they gave the goods to Akhoch. They pulled a big cart full of the goods and grieved because they were sorry for their goods.

Akhoch rode the cart full of the goods to his house. Akhil crept out of the coffin and ran to meet Akhoch and both thought "Now we have a lot of goods, but we are hungry. If we stop to cook, it may be that some thieves will come to rob our goods. Now Akhoch, wait for me here, I go to beg food for you." Akhil went to a village to beg food. When he got some food he put poison in the food, because he wanted to kill Akhoch and take all the goods. When Akhil went to beg food from people, Akhoch set a trap to kill Akhil, because he wanted to own all the goods too.

That time Akhil ate some food and brought some food for Akhoch, but he put the poison in the food for Akhoch. When Akhil came from begging food, the trap killed him, then Akhoch saw Akhil die, he went straight to eat the food, and then he died too. After they died, the oxen pulled the cart with goods away and they broke off the yoke. The cart full of goods got stuck by the lake. In the morning, a man came and saw the cart, he was happy but afraid.

He thought "A poor person never has goods like this. If I take these goods home, it may be dangerous." then he pulled the cart into the river and came back home. When the man reached home, he wanted to test his wife and he thought "If my wife is a good woman, I will take all the goods home. If I tell her something, she may tell someone and I will give all the goods to the government. I want only freedom."

He told his wife "When I went to the restroom, one crow flew out from my anus, but you must not tell it to anyone. It is not good to tell about me. If anyone knows that and we cannot give the proof, I shall be spread on the cross or in the prison." His wife went to tell someone that her husband went to the restroom, there two crow flew out from his anus and she said "Do not tell anyone." One crow from the man's anus got out from mouth to mouth until it became ten crows.

When the king heard this story, he told his men to bring that man to him and then the king asked him "Is it true or not?"

The man told the king "Sir I told a lie to my wife, because I wanted to know whether she would tell it to somebody or not, I saw a cart full of goods." The man told the king and pointed out that place where the cart was to the king. The king gave half of the goods to the man.

Phnom Penh Pub Page

Starting again with another PSA – seems to be a trend. Assuming there are actual readers, you may recall (assuming you have not been in a pub since the last edition hit) that Joe has been going through a rough ride with a serious cancer situation. He is back in Phnom Penh and a few good souls – Greg, Jim and Brett – have banded together to help raise some cash for his treatment. They have organized a charity draw that will take place on 3 May starting at 7 pm at Sharkey bar. Tickets are USD 5 a piece but you can buy 40 for USD 100. There are a bunch of prizes that have been generously donated from organizations as diverse as Caltex, Monument, Billabong and Cambo Cruises. It is amazing to see so many people chipping in to help and hopefully the event will be a lot of fun and raise some major green for Joe. You can buy tickets at a bunch of places: Lone Star, Sharkey, Fat Boy, Exchange, Black Bambu, SKIRTS (got one of my contractual references just by acknowledging that the Evil Publisher is a good guy), Larry's, Shanghai and Tacos Kokopelli (the artist formally known as Alley Cat). BTW – you do not have to be present to win. The tickets have a space for you to put name and contact info.

Now to bars – although no reviews yet – first some news...

Let's start with Lone Star – amazing at it may seem – Greg, Leah and the team may be moving on after many dedicated years. Thank you to the extended Hill clan for starting up and keeping LS going for so many years. I have consumed far more food than drink there but given how many other people enjoy hanging out for their nightly cordials – I thought this warranted a mention in the Page. There is a new owner taking over – good luck and looking forward to trying the place out under the new regime.

Mara is officially shut. Very depressing to walk along the riverfront. Sale did not go through so there are just the ghosts of good memories and missing seeing Blake and his family regularly.

Sharkey is up for sale. Seems amazing after how much work the new controlling shareholder and his team have put into resurrecting the place but, as was explained to the page, the new Big Boss did not come to Cambodia to work this hard! To give a partial review, I have been dropping by more regularly again and think they are off to a great start (I am not just saying that because I like the food again these days); even though I still don't really like the bands luckily there are lots of people who seem to.

Moving along 130 st, I have been dropping by a few bars there more regularly. Have had mixed experiences but nothing that I

can actually complain about – even with the Pub Page at my disposal – as they are more about personal relationships than about bar management. Overall, IMHO, the street has turned into a slightly lower key version of 136 street with a good assortment of bars offering some very different vibes – although a few of the places seem quite similar as do some of their staff (hmmmm).



Couple of quick mentions – not sure how the kitchen is going at Sensations but they clearly feel it is a big treat (I will have to eat there soon) as they have included food in the posted in the seemingly unique set of specials: Monday - wine for USD 2.5, Tues – spirits USD 2.5, Weds – beat a staff member at pool and get a beer, Thurs – spend USD 25 and get half off of a breakfast (I hope this can be redeemed at a future date).

Dropped by Le Moon for the first time in ages – this is the low level version of a Sky Bar at the top of the Amanjaya hotel on Sisowath. One of my favourite views in the city – even with some of the much higher skybars around. Very relaxing and worth a hangout – during April and May they are having a buy 2 get 1 free deal on Tiger Crystal and they have a fairly unique late night happy hour – from Mon-Thurs 11:30 pm to 1 am – it is 50% off cocktails, house wines and beers. Seems like a great place to have a few before heading off to some later night

spots.

I checked out a new place on 130 St called Fuel. Owned by a friendly Aussie, well he spoke Khmer with an Aussie accent at least. Nice place – everyone was sitting outside chatting and watching the world go by on the couple of occasions I have been (actually I have to admit that I have not even stepped inside yet). Drafts are .75 until 7 pm and otherwise USD 1.5. Bottles and cans range from 2-3.5 and spirits from 3-5.5. Overall, very relaxing and friendly place for a couple of drinks on the much quieter first block off the river.

Finally dropped by the Samai distillery on 830 St. That sounds like it is way out of town with that address but it is basically just a bit off of Sotheros across from the Russian Embassy. It is a real distillery that makes the local Samai rums and opens every Thursday from 6pm to midnight. I have been told that the place is often very popular but we went on a rainy night and easily found some space. There are a few rums produced and shots vary in price from USD 5 up. The most expensive was USD 9 I believe for the premium (which was my least favourite from the flight of sample I went through for a very reasonable USD 12). Most of the mixed drinks were USD 6 (I only looked at the menu after consuming the flight so my recollection may not be accurate).

Overall – good vibe, staff was pleasant and helpful and there is something inspiring about drinking surrounded by so much booze.



A glowing future!

Following an agreement with Russia last year on nuclear power. Moscow has come through on its promise and will send technicians and staff to provide technological assistance and training.

The National Council for Sustainable Development, said last week that a nuclear information center would be based at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia on Russian Boulevard.

Rumours of a second centre named: Lucky Lucky, Hit a Button and see what Happens!

Have proven unfounded so far!

Wow! Who would have guessed!

The Health Ministry issued a hot weather warning for the hot season advising people to avoid alcohol and drink more water. Stay in the shade or an air-conditioned room!

The ministry also announced that the wet season will see a lot of rain and the cool season will see temperatures dropping! So expect shopping centres to be packed in the near future as locals will be looking for air-conditioning.

Holiday warning!



Talking shit!

After a few hours discussion Phnom Penh Governor told dog owners at a meeting on Friday that an existing ban on their furry friends in the city's parks will soon be enforced, with measures that may include temporary confiscation of offending pets.

A spokesman said that dogs brought to the parks will be taken away from their owners by the authorities and only returned after the owners make a written promise not to do it again.

It is unclear which Vietnamese soup restaurant will be holding the confiscated mutts!

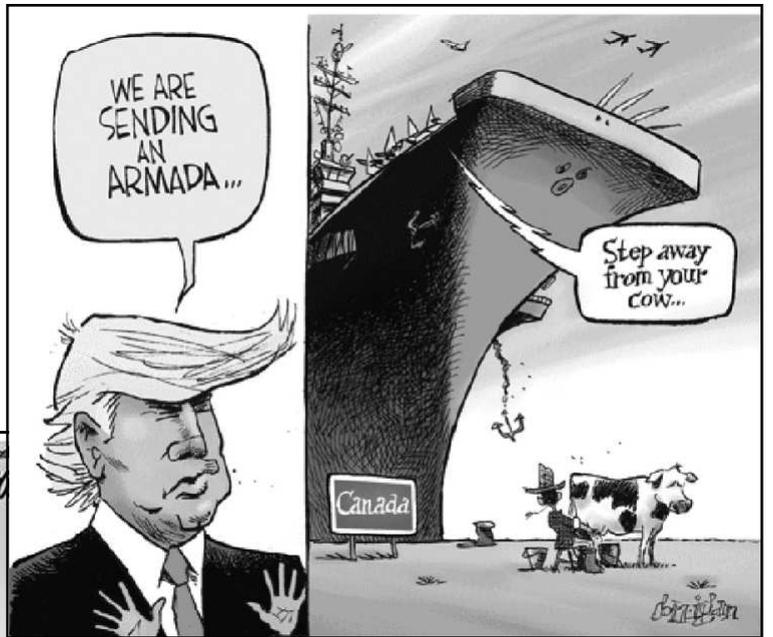
Look forward to another few Sunday and Monday expect working days lost in May. Tuesday to be a write off too as

10th Visak Bochea Day

13th, 14th, 15th Kings Birthday

As this holiday is on Saturday,

locals will take it off in lieu of Sunday! Enjoy!



FAUX NEWS

Queen Serves Trump a Cease and Desist Order

London, England The Queen sent a strong message overseas today as she sent the man she calls a "raconteur," a cease-and-desist order to stop contacting her about using one of the royal castles for his family to stay in while visiting.

The Queen sent her first, and very stern, communication to Trump while he was still campaigning to become President and asked to use Windsor Castle for his daughter Ivanka's jewelry displays while she was visiting. He promised the Queen he would make it "worth her while."

Of late, President Trump has once again renewed his request for the free use of a royal castle for a scheduled summer meeting with the Prime Minister, prompting the Queen to take immediate legal action.

Windmills, pancakes, bicycles, Stroopwaffels, "Free the Weed" new symbols for a United Europe!

Dutch society is leading the way forward to reunite the somewhat distraught European Union. All of Europe was looking towards the Dutch, very flat countryside yesterday, in the hope they could adopt many of their very liberal, lovely, and quite unique symbols!

The Dutch Prime Minister, De Heer Rutte, has offered the following symbols for a "United Europe Campaign" after deep consultation with his European colleagues and here are just a few:

Wooden Clogs Dutch Edamer / Gouda Cheese Windmills Bicycles Stroopwaffles (Syrup wafers) North Sea Herring, eaten raw with onions Dutch chips doused with mayonnaise (ask Pulp Fiction)

And last not least the most popular thing that Holland is renowned for; "Free the Weed!"

European Union flags will now carry these symbols and the flags hanging in Strasbourg and Brussels will be replaced with orange colored flags!

Brussels is desperate to have a "Free the Weed" flag as their Flagship Flag depicting unity and freedom for every single person living in the community, smoker or not!

Holland is very proud that they are leading the way forward with symbols that mean so much to the "Little People" instead of pussyfooting around with immigration, economics, politics in general and other Bullshit!

King Willem Alexander has approved of the new symbols being used to unify Europe and it has become a Royal order; only Turkey protested, but they're a bunch of Racist Twats!

Geert Wilders has disapproved of course and has applied for Hungarian citizenship where his policies are embraced!

British electorate hugely excited to see what will be written on the side of this campaign bus

As a general election was called for 8th June, the British electorate has announced its excitement ahead of the unveiling of the pro-Brexit government's new campaign bus.

With it being almost a year since they were last exposed to an impactful campaign bus, voters have said they are eagerly anticipating the fiction that will appear before them in the next couple of weeks.

Voter Simon Williams told us, "It's like the premiere of a new Marvel movie. We all now it's a complete fabrication and not to be literally believed, but that doesn't mean we can't suspend disbelief long enough to appreciate it for its entertainment value.

"When it comes to bus-based escapism, this current crop of pro-Brexit government ministers really are the cream of the crop –

they will push the boundaries and surprise us all, I'm sure. "No spoilers, but I'm betting on something to do with everyone in the UK being better off after Brexit, and a promise to lower taxes."

Reports have already emerged of a pallet of red paint being delivered to Boris Johnson's London residence.

Vladimir Putin expecting to do well in UK election

There is a degree of confidence coming from Moscow as Vladimir Putin is expecting to put in a very good showing in the upcoming UK election.

The confidence follows on from an unexpectedly strong result in the US election for the Russian President.

"As in most elections across the world, I will be fielding a candidate in the UK election," said the Russian Premier as he reclined topless on a bear.

"I am currently undecided as to whether or not I will let that candidate know that I am fielding them."

Initial speculation is that Mr Putin's candidate will be Jeremy Corbyn.

"Yes, I certainly am very tempted to make Mr Corbyn my candidate, for old time's sake.

"And the lols, obviously.

"But it is 2017, and Russia has moved on from all that nonsense.

It is a shame that Nigel is no longer running as that combination of stupid, devious and a near-sociopathic disregard for the people he represented is always appealing to us in Russia.

"However, it is, I think, a little too early to make my announcement."

It is understood that Mr Putin was made aware of the announcement of a snap UK election on Monday afternoon, some two hours before Theresa May was made aware of it and he will be notifying all concerned of the results of the June 8th election on June 6th.

Donald Trump willing to use nuclear weapons on people who keep asking for his tax returns

Donald Trump has reaffirmed his resolve to use the nuclear arsenal at his disposal against anyone repeatedly asking for access to his tax returns.

With tensions escalating across the United States, outside observers say that Trump's position on his tax returns is reaching breaking point.

Trump supporters Chuck Williams told us, "The provocation is relentless, it's almost like they think the Donald won't nuke them. Well he will, and it will guarantee him a second term, you just watch.

"Making your fortune by opportunistically manipulating your tax returns is the American way, and I would fully support a preemptive strike on anyone who says differently."

The White House itself has refused to give away its game plan in dealing with people who keep asking the President to release his tax returns.

Press Secretary Sean Spicer told reporters, "All options are currently on the table, beyond that, we won't be showing our hand.

"Needless to say, if you're currently one of those incessantly asking the President to release his tax returns I would think about stocking up on Potassium iodide tablets."

Sean Spicer Apologises For Losing Focus. Promises To Go To Concentration Camp

Besieged White House press secretary Sean Spicer has issued another heartfelt apology for his Hitler gaffe this week, saying he will check into a concentration camp this summer to work on his mental alertness.

"I wasn't thinking straight. I screwed up. My mind has a tendency to just wander," he said.

"I was thinking about what sauce I was going to have on my burger for lunch and then BAM, I'm talking about Nazis. It all hap-

pened so quickly. One minute I'm mentally scoring the female journalists out of ten, the next thing I know the words 'Holocaust Centre' are coming out of my mouth. It's a problem, which is why I need to go to a really good concentration camp," he said.

Spicer said it wasn't his intention to offend. "There's no other way to say it. I'd gotten into a topic I shouldn't have – a simple lack of focus. My mind simply ran out of gas. Which, as we all know now, Hitler never did. Oh, I'm so sorry".

FBI Concedes It May Never Identify Which Trump Staffer Didn't Consult With Russians During Election

In a frank admission about its investigation, the FBI says it may never uncover the one guy within the Trump campaign team who didn't meet with the Russians during the election.

Speculation has been rife that a Trump aide – possibly someone senior – had his days mixed up and missed his briefing with the Kremlin. But an FBI spokesperson said that while there was a lot of circumstantial evidence, it was difficult to find hard evidence.

"There are a lot of theories, a lot of opinions. But we need more than that, as you know," he said.

"So while it's possible that someone within Trump's team didn't meet with the Putin administration, we simply may never know who that was, or if indeed, it's actually the case at all".

White House Cancels Climate Change

Donald Trump has withdrawn from all climate change, effective immediately.

In a statement to media, Mr Trump said by cancelling climate change now, the US would avoid decades of climate damage that could harm future generations.

"When you consider the terrible predictions from scientists on this – just terrible by the way – why would you continue with it? Why would you want to be a part of that. That's just dumb".

He pointed out that Hillary Clinton had planned to continue with climate change, albeit under reduced levels. "That would've been so bad. Really bad. We're going to scrap it immediately"



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TECHNOLOGY PAGE

Windows 10 privacy settings: What's new in the Creators Update

Windows 10 is still a nosy operating system, but the Creators Update gives you more information and control.

Windows 10 privacy is a contentious issue. This is in part because Windows 10 is integrated with cloud-based features like Cortana, and it has features influenced by mobile such as determining your location. Then there's Microsoft's more questionable goals, like scooping up diagnostic data and gathering information for better ad-targeting.

In previous versions of Windows 10, managing privacy was, to put it mildly, an insane process. Settings were strewn all over the operating system and the web.

Privacy isn't much better in the recently released Creators Update, but Microsoft has consolidated its web-based privacy information related to a user's Microsoft Account. In addition, privacy settings on the PC are a little more helpful. Microsoft Account online privacy settings.

Microsoft released a web-based privacy dashboard in January. Users will see it more often with the Creators Update, however, because there are more direct links to this web-page built-in. This dashboard includes items such as a user's

Your privacy

Overview Browse Search Location Cortana's Notebook

At Microsoft, we believe that privacy starts with putting you in control and giving you the tools and information that you need to make informed choices. This website is the place where you can manage your privacy settings for the Microsoft products and services that you use, and where you can view and clear the data that Microsoft saves to the cloud.

For other data that is saved to your Windows 10 device, you'll need to go to your device to change those privacy settings and view the data collected. You'll find detailed instructions for viewing and changing your privacy settings on your device on the individual settings pages listed below.

Our commitment to privacy

Browsing history



If browsing history in Cortana is turned on, Edge browsing history is sent to Microsoft's features and services may use this data to provide timely and intelligent answers and proactive suggestions, or to complete tasks for you.

In addition to the browsing history saved in Edge also saves your browsing history on your device. To clear that data, on your device, go to Microsoft Edge [...] > Settings.

browsing history in Microsoft Edge, search history, location data, and the Cortana Notebook.

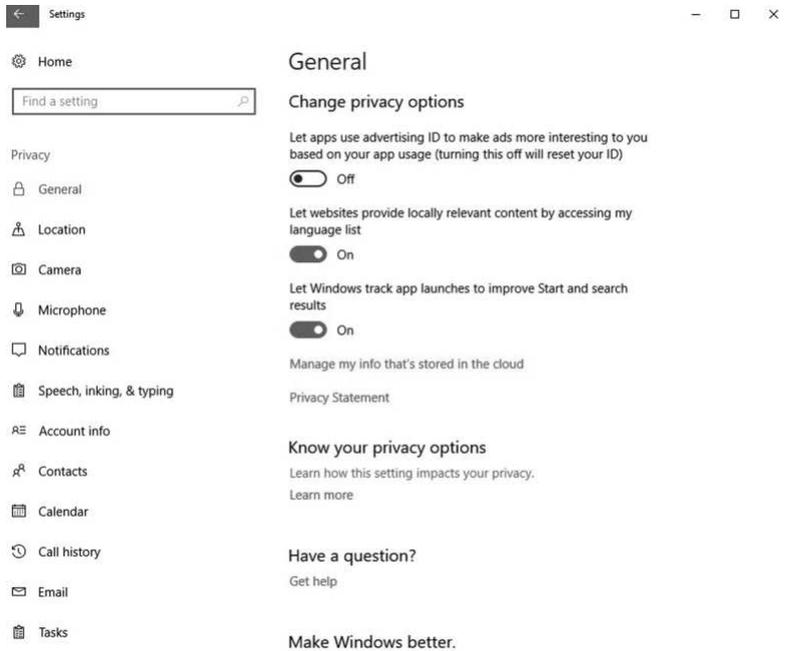
To access the online privacy dashboard go to account.microsoft.com/privacy and log in. One of the handiest pieces in this section is the ability to clear the location activity in one click. Go to the location section and look for the Clear location activity button on the right-hand side.

The Privacy section of the Settings app in the Creators Update.

The changes to the Privacy section of the Settings app in the Creators Update are mostly subtle. There's the usual left-hand navigation pane to scroll through all the privacy categories, including location, camera, microphone, the new tasks feature, and many others.

The most significant change is that each privacy screen in the Settings app now has a sub-heading titled Know your privacy

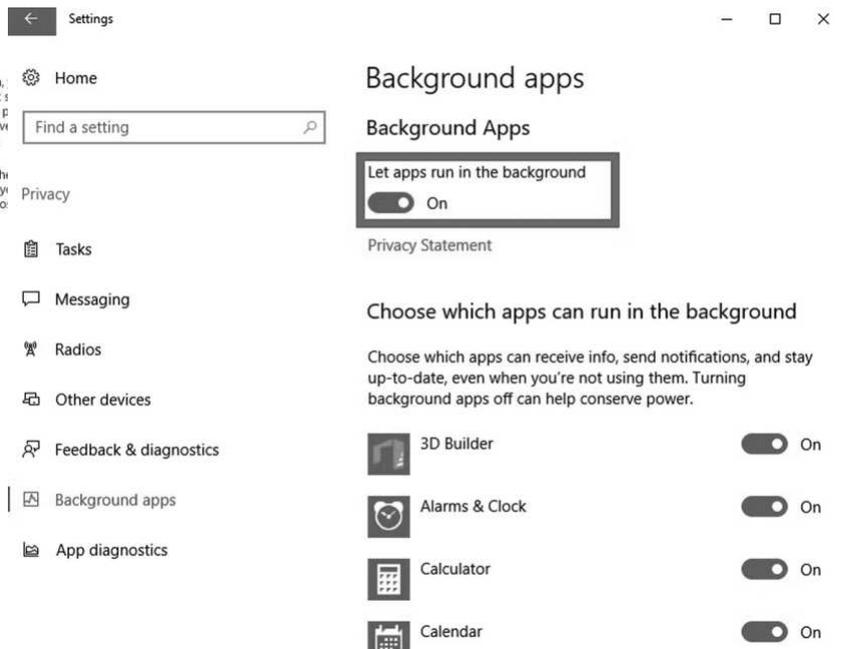
options, with a Learn more link underneath. Clicking Learn more takes you to Microsoft's online privacy pages with a description for each setting. This is the explanation of Windows 10's general



privacy settings, for example.

You'll find many other new links on the various Privacy settings screens. The aforementioned link to location activity, for example, is also available toward the bottom of Settings > Privacy > Location and is labeled Manage my location info that's stored in the cloud

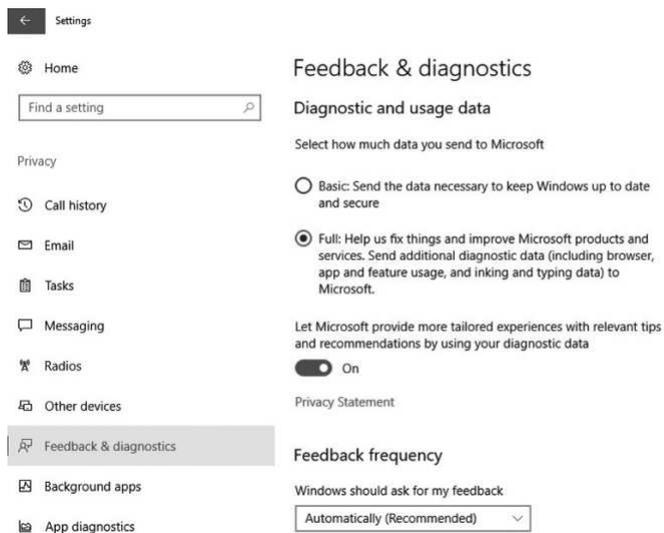
The background apps privacy settings now offers a universal off button.



One other notable addition to the new Privacy section of the Settings app is that the Background apps section now has a universal "off" button. Previously, users had to turn off each app's background process one by one.

Basic and Full diagnostic data

The final significant change with the Creators Update is that Microsoft is being more transparent about the types of diagnostic data it collects. The default amount of information is Full,



and you'll see that level selected for you in the Feedback & diagnostics section of the Privacy settings.

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You have to send at least a little data to Microsoft, but you can now choose between Basic and Full levels of collection.

You may, of course, choose the Basic level. You can't forgo both—you're going to send Microsoft at least a little data whether you like it or not.

For more information about the Basic and Full data, start with the article listing the basic diagnostic data collected, and then move on to the article explaining full diagnostic collection. This information is stored online on Microsoft's Technet website. Fair

warning: These articles are extensive and can be fairly technical.

The Creators Update doesn't make any significant changes to how privacy works on Windows 10. What it does have, however, is privacy information that is more transparent, and easier to access and understand.

Politicians' web browsing history targeted after privacy vote

Privacy advocates raise money in an attempt to buy the browsing history of Republicans who voted to kill privacy rules for ISPs.

Two GoFundMe campaigns have raised more than US\$290,000 in an effort to buy the web browsing histories of U.S. politicians after Congress voted to allow broadband providers to sell customers' personal information without their permission.

It's unclear if those efforts will succeed, however. Even though Congress scrapped the FCC's ISP privacy rules last week, the Telecommunications Act still prohibits telecom providers from selling personally identifiable information in many cases.

After last week's vote, and President Donald Trump's signature on the congressional resolution Monday, there's some question about whether those prohibitions on selling personal data now apply to ISPs. Under FCC rules, ISPs technically aren't telecom providers.

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Asked if someone can now buy another person's browsing history, and FCC spokesman responded this way: "I can't comment on hypothetical, but the FCC retains the authority to protect consumer privacy on a case-by-case basis."

In other words, the FCC would likely step in and stop attempted purchases of a politician's browsing history