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China A knife attack on Saturday at a vocational school in Wuxi left eight dead and 17 injured. The 21-year-old suspect allegedly acted over academic failure and dissatisfaction with his internship pay. Authorities are investigating further.

China Over 40 pet dogs have died of suspected poisoning in Guangzhou this November. A special task force and police investigation are underway, focusing on high-incidence areas like Baiyun, Haizhu, and Panyu districts, officials said this weekend.

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Myanmar A report last week highlighted Myanmar's military indiscriminately targeting civilians in southeast regions since 2021. Documented airstrikes killed 540 civilians, including 109 children, violating international law, according to the Karen Human Rights Group.

AP PHOTO



Malaysia has protested new maritime laws in the Philippines that it says encroach on its territory, a government official said. Deputy FM Mohamad Alamin said Malaysia sent a protest note last week over the Philippine laws that restated Manila's long-standing claim over the oil-rich Malaysian state of Sabah in northern Borneo, he said.

AP PHOTO



US-Canada On Jan. 19, 2022, an Indian family froze to death while crossing the Canada-U.S. border. Smugglers involved in a human trafficking network face trial Monday, accused of orchestrating illegal crossings amid frigid, life-threatening conditions.

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**COOLER WEATHER
THIS WEEK**

The latest forecast indicates that tropical cyclone Man-yi, located east of the Philippines, will move northwest and approach within 800 km of Macau by tomorrow morning. A strong northeast monsoon will also affect the South China coast, causing temperatures to drop slightly and bringing cooler weather in the mornings and evenings, the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau said. As a result of Man-yi and the monsoon, Macau may experience stronger winds, reaching force six with gusts and occasional rain.

**LRT TO OPTIMIZE
PAYMENT METHODS**

The Macau Light Rapid Transit firm says it has implemented emergency procedures to ensure passengers can safely exit trains and stations, report issues to authorities, and comply with legal requirements. It also has mechanisms for handling ticketing arrangements based on the situation. This comes in response to lawmaker Ngan Iek Hang's inquiry about adding electronic payment options. The light rail company stated it would work with the SAR government to optimize and improve electronic payment methods.

**FREE SEASONAL FLU
VACCINES FROM TODAY**

Starting today, free seasonal flu vaccinations will be available to all residents until supplies run out. The 2024-25 seasonal flu vaccination program began on Sept. 23, with over 109,000 high-risk individuals vaccinated by Nov. 13, according to the Health Bureau (SSM). Priority recipients for free vaccinations include Macau residents aged six months to under 18, those aged 50 and over, pregnant or breastfeeding women, individuals with chronic diseases or obesity, and those with urgent travel needs.

**MANDATORY OATH FOR
CIVIL SERVANTS**

Public servants in Macau will soon be mandated to take an oath affirming their commitment to the Basic Law and allegiance to the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR). This requirement, applicable to both new and existing civil servants, was announced by the Executive Council. Violating this oath could result in disciplinary actions, including dismissal. The proposed legislation aims to amend the civil servants' statute and will define disloyal behavior clearly. Civil servants will have 90 days to comply, with refusal leading to automatic annulment of their positions. The sincerity of the oath will be evaluated by superiors during the process.

F1 SHAKE-UP

RUI MARQUES APPOINTED AS NEW FORMULA 1 RACE DIRECTOR

VICTORIA CHAN

PORTUGUESE motorsports veteran Rui Marques has been appointed the new Formula 1 race director, succeeding Niels Wittich in the critical role, the sport's governing body FIA announced last week.

Marques, 51, will assume the position starting at the inaugural Las Vegas Grand Prix in November, taking over from Wittich who is departing to "pursue new opportunities," according to the FIA statement.

Marques explained to the Portuguese news agency Lusa that the outcome is a product of "evolution and experience," noting, "Things evolve and the experience we gain also brings us these possibilities."

The FIA praised Marques' "wealth of experience" in the role, which is one of the most influential positions in Formula 1, with responsibility for overseeing race control and enforcing the sport's regulations.

Marques, who has worked at the Portuguese Automobile and Karting Federation and served as assistant race director in the World Touring Car Cup, said the new role will bring different challenges, particularly in terms of increased media attention.

Marques will become the



second Portuguese national to hold the race director role, following in the footsteps of Eduardo Freitas. Freitas was appointed in 2022 but was later removed after the Japanese Grand Prix, leaving Wittich as the sole race director.

"It is with great pride that we see one of FPAK's executives taking on such a prestigious role," said Ni Amorim, president of the Portuguese Automobile and Karting Federation. "We wish him every success in this new professional challenge."

Marques, who first attended

the iconic Macau Grand Prix as a track marshal in 1999, said the Macau Guia street circuit "gives an experience that is hard to find in any other circuit".

In a separate interview with TDM, Marques shed light on the transition from F3 to Regional Formula within the racing domain. Emphasizing the learning curve for drivers navigating unfamiliar terrains, Marques urged patience and understanding amid the evolving dynamics of the sport.

"We are talking about drivers who are learning, it is normal. They are learning catego-

ries, so it is normal to see mistakes that happen," Marques said. "It was basically to draw their attention and for them to understand a little what Macau is, the respect that Macau deserves."

When invited to discuss the 71-year history of the Macau Grand Prix, said he always sees evolution in the prestigious street circuit. When asked about potential changes to the beloved yet dangerous track, the FIA member responded:

"During this weekend, we have already foreseen evolutions for next year, so there is always room to improve. It is a continuous improvement. Now, in general, I think the circuit is already at a very high level. Everything always has improvements, so nothing is 100% perfect.

"We are always evolving, even because every accident that takes place, especially those of a greater significance, we study what happened, we study what we can do differently, and we make changes."

Marques acknowledged that his new position will come with different challenges, particularly in terms of media attention. However, he remained focused on the task at hand, stating, "Formula 1 is yet another category in which I will be the race director."

Beijing enhances travel between SARs with 'certificate free' clearance

CHINA has implemented a new "certificate free" clearance system to streamline travel for residents between the mainland and Macau and Hong Kong.

The National Immigration Administration announced recently that this initiative will be available at Shenzhen Bay Port and Gongbei Port.

Starting Wednesday, residents from the mainland aged 14 and older who possess a valid travel document for Hong Kong or Macau and a multiple-entry endorsement can pass through these ports without presenting additional paperwork. Instead, travelers will undergo fingerprint and facial recognition checks for clearance.

This new measure also applies to Hong Kong and Macau residents aged 14 and above with valid mainland travel permits, including non-Chinese residents. The administration emphasized that these changes aim to further facilitate travel, although they do not apply to mainland residents who hold permits for public affairs. LV

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MOTORCYCLE GP

Davey Todd named winner of rain-disrupted event

RENATO MARQUES

THE 56th edition of the Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix was the event most affected by the heavy rain and strong winds that

struck Macau in the days leading up to the race. After several cancellations and rescheduling, the race was finally set to take place early yesterday morning (Nov. 17), instead of on Saturday afternoon as originally planned.

However, heavy rain overnight continued into yesterday morning, leading to the final cancellation of the event.

The only action on track occurred during the qualifying session on Saturday morning.

As a result, the organizers decided to award the win based on the results from Saturday's qualifying session. This unusual decision left many confused, as, in theory, if a race is canceled or starts but does not complete

enough laps, there should be no winner. However, in the official statement announcing the cancellation, it was specified that, "The podium is decided by [last] Saturday's qualifying results. The Best Lap Award will be given to the fastest rider in qualifying."

With that, Davey Todd (FHO Racing BMW Motorrad), who set the fastest lap during qualifying with a time of 2:25.563, was named the winner of both the race and the Best Lap Award. The rest of the podium was filled by Erno Kostamo (38 Motorsport by Penz13 Racing) in second and Peter Hickman (FHO Racing BMW Motorrad) in third. All three podium finishers were riding identical BMW M1000RR motorcycles.

Although unconventional, the results marked Todd's first Macau Grand Prix win, after finishing second in the previous year. The Top 5 was completed by the nine-time Macau winner Michael Rutter (FHO Racing BMW Motorrad), also aboard a BMW M1000RR, and Rob Hodson (SMT Racing) on a Honda CBR1000RR-R.

Finally, a brief update on Matt Stevenson (RC Express Racing), who crashed during Saturday's qualifying session. According to his team, Stevenson sustained a back injury, but medical staff determined that surgery was not needed. He was reported to be in stable condition and recovering at the Conde de São Januário Medical Center.

ROADSPORT CHALLENGE

Lei Kit Meng wins again

RENATO MARQUES

LOCAL driver Lei Kit Meng has claimed victory in the Macau Roadsport Challenge, repeating his success from last year's 70th Anniversary Challenge. In a race with several incidents that occurred under rainy conditions, Lei comfortably secured the top spot on the podium, followed by fellow local racers Jerónimo Badaraco and Mou Chi Fai.

Starting from pole position, Badaraco in a Toyota GR86 got off to a strong start, immediately followed closely by Lei in his Subaru BRZ, who passed Badaraco at Mandarin Bend. Badaraco then trailed Lei, maintaining a close distance, while Mou, who had started sixth on



the grid in his Subaru BRZ, advanced to third at Lisboa Bend after Aaron Kwong's Toyota GR86 ran wide. A safety car was called in after Célio Alves Dias stopped with a puncture at San Francisco Hill on the opening lap, with multiple cars hitting the barrier and prematurely ending their races. On lap 3, the

race was briefly red-flagged before resuming under the safety car. When racing resumed, Lei held the lead, with Badaraco in close pursuit. Mou, in third, had to defend against a hard-charging Kwong in fourth until, a lap later, Kwong hit the barrier at R Bend, bringing out the red flags and ending the race. Fourth and fif-

th overall were Hong Kong drivers Chan Chak Yin and Lee Min Yip.

DAMON CHAN WINS MACAU SAR ESTABLISHMENT CUP

Hong Kong's Damon Chan won the special event dedicated to the Macau Roadsport category this year—the Macau SAR Establishment Cup.

Damon took the victory ahead of local driver Cheang Kin Sang and Hong Kong's Ivan Szeto, who finished second and third on the podium, respectively.

The race took place under heavy rain on Sunday morning and started behind the safety car, with Chan taking full advantage of starting from pole position



GBA GT CUP

HAN LICHAO WITH A 'LUCKY' WIN

TOYOTA Gazoo Racing China's Han Lichao, driving a Toyota GR Supra GT4 EVO, took victory in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) GT Cup. Han finished ahead of Yang Xiaowei in a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS CS and Kevin Tse in a Mercedes-AMG GT4.

The 10-lap race began behind the safety car, as all races held yesterday did. When the field was finally released on lap 3, polesitter Deng Yi in a BMW M4 GT4 (G82) led Han, who started in second place. Eventually, Deng encountered trouble at Lisboa Bend, putting a premature end to his race. From that point on,

Han took the lead, followed by Lo Ka Chun and Liang Jia Tong, both in BMW M4 GT4s.

While Han maintained the lead following a brief safety car intervention, Lo and Liang soon overtook him to take first and second place, respectively. In a tense finish, Liang battled Lo for the lead, crossing the line just 0.008 seconds short of victory at the chequered flag.

However, the story of this race was far from over, as both drivers were penalized post-race for illegal starting procedures, promoting Han, who had dominated the earlier sessions, to the final victory. **RM**



MACAU PLACED TOP 30 IN MISS UNIVERSE 2024

In a historic moment, Cassandra Chiu, the SAR's first-ever Miss Universe contestant, placed 16th in the beauty pageant's Top 30 finalists. The 23-year-old content creator, dancer, and model was appointed to represent Macau. In an interview with the selection committee, Chiu advocated to promote Macau to the world, break down mental health stigmas, and promote care for stray, abused, and abandoned animals. This year's Miss Universe saw a record of 125 contestants, including the first-ever contestant to wear a hijab and the oldest-ever contestant to compete in the pageant.

MAN-YI AND NE MONSOON TO AFFECT MACAU

The tropical cyclone Man-yi will move northwestward in the next few days, and is expected to enter within 800 km of Macau early today, according to the latest forecast from the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG). In the forecast, a northeast monsoon is also expected to arrive at the South China coastal area, which will lead to a decrease in temperature in Macau. Combining the effects of Man-yi and the monsoon, Macau is predicted to experience strong winds and rain during the week. SMG will assess the probability of hoisting strong monsoon signal and tropical cyclone signal accordingly.

DECLINE IN BUILDING UNIT TRANSACTIONS

During the third quarter, 1,289 building units and parking spaces were transacted, with a total transaction value of MOP6.53 billion. This represents a decline of 18.1% in transactions and 29.9% in value compared to the previous quarter. The average price per square metre for the usable area of residential units fell by 5.6%, reaching MOP86,579. The purchase and sale of residential units decreased by 129 units, with a total transaction value of MOP5.26 billion. The average price per square metre for pre-sale residential units rose by 3.6%. Office units saw an 18.6% increase, while industrial units decreased by 29.4%.

ECONOMY

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY STABLE DESPITE DECLINING CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

LYNZY VALLES

THE economic prosperity index in Macau is expected to remain stable between November 2024 and January 2025.

According to a report published by the Macau Economic Association (MEA), for the upcoming three months, index will stabilize at approximately 6.5 points.

This forecast aligns with trends observed over the past 10 months, during which the index has fluctuated between 6.0 and 6.6 points.

The MEA calculates the index, which ranges from 0 to 10 points, by evaluating 13 criteria, including the unemployment rate, visitor arrivals, and gross gaming revenue.

In its findings, the MEA noted that eight of the assessed indicators performed strongly. However, concerns remain regarding declining consumer confidence among mainland visitors and the lackluster stock performance of the six major casino operators.

Despite these issues, the association projected that local economy demonstrates resilience. This comes as M2 money supply reached 77.63 billion patacas in September, marking a year-on-year growth of 6.7 and a new monthly high.

Additionally, Macau recorded a record number of visitor arrivals during the recent National Day holiday, with hotel occupancy rates soaring to 94.5% "Looking ahead, the MEA expects continued positive per-



formance in visitor numbers, hotel occupancy, and the labor market," the report read.

Recently, the Centre for Macau Studies and the Department of Economics of the University of Macau have adjusted their projections for the local economic outlook for this year downward after signs of cooling in mainland China.

The report notes that a key assumption has been reduced – visitors from the mainland are now expected to reach only 85% of record-breaking 2019 levels in the second half of the year.

Consequently, GDP growth was been revised to 12.1%,

bringing GDP to MOP399.3 billion or 89.7% of 2019's level. Alongside the GDP revisions, other forecasts have also been tweaked.

The revision comes after visitation slowed in the second quarter (Q2), with total arrivals down nearly 20% from early 2019's pace.

Meanwhile, MEA's report also highlights the potential benefits of recent global interest rate cuts, initiated by the US Federal Reserve's decisions in September and November.

However, the association cautioned that the incoming U.S. administration, led by President-elect Donald Trump,

might maintain existing tariff and trade policies, which could lead to increased inflation and mitigate the positive effects of the interest rate reductions.

"Against the backdrop of further intensification of global economic uncertainties, under the strong leadership [of the Central Government], the resilience and stability of Macau's economy has gradually strengthened. It is expected that Macau's economic outlook will remain around 6.5 out of 10 during the period from November this year to January next year, which is classified as stable," the association's report read.

'Art of Prosperity' exhibition opens with 250 artworks

AN exhibition showcasing 250 artworks from local artists has opened at Sands Macao.

The "Art of Prosperity" exhibition showcases the works from 230 local artists and another 20 artists from Hong Kong.

The diverse art forms include Chinese painting, oil painting, calli-



graphy, and sculpture. Notable participating artists include Lai Ieng,

Lok Hei, and Ng Wai Kin, among others.

The exhibition is one

of the gaming operator's events to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the People's Republic of China and the 25th anniversary of Macau's return to China.

Lok Hei, head of the exhibition's preparatory committee, said, "Macau's artists have established themselves in the local art scene with their remarkable achievements. Through this exhibition, we would like to share in the joy of this year of dual celebrations with their exquisite works."

Meanwhile, Wilfred Wong, executive vice

chairman of Sands China Ltd., said that the exhibition weaves a "vibrant historical tapestry as it features masterpieces in a myriad of artistic languages, expressions and styles."

Co-organized by Sands China Ltd. and the Macau Foundation, the "Art of Prosperity: An Invitational Exhibition of Macau Artists" is being presented by the Macau Artist Society and the Yu Un Chinese Calligraphers and Painters Association. This exhibition will take place from Nov. 15 to 28 at the Sands Macao. **LV**

F&B Over 140 eateries at food festival

THE 24th edition of the Macau Food Festival kicked off last week, featuring more than 140 participating restaurants and eateries that showcase both local and international cuisine.

Running until December 1, food lovers can explore a diverse array of options, including 16 stalls offering Chinese cuisine, 33 dedicated to Macanese dishes, 22 specializing in Japanese and Korean fare, 20 focused on Southeast Asian cuisine, and 16 stalls featuring Western dishes.

In addition to the culinary delights, visitors can enjoy various recreational and interactive activities. Notably, the festival includes the "Chinese Style Hanfu Competition," which promotes traditional Chinese clothing and highlights the nation's rich cultural heritage.

Chan Chak Mo, president of the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macau, emphasized the festival's vital role in stimulating local commerce, especially given the challenges faced by many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in maintaining their businesses. He pointed out the growing trend of residents crossing the border into mainland China for more affordable dining options, which has created significant challenges for local businesses striving to thrive in a competitive market.

MUST uncovers fake Hong Kong exam credentials of 24 students

LYNZY VALLES

A total of 24 non-local students were found to have fraudulently submitted their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) results for university admission in the city, leading to their expulsion.

The Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) has revealed that the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) conducted a verification process with Hong Kong authorities, uncovering that 24 non-local students allegedly submitted false HKDSE results to gain admission.

After confirming that the diplomas were counterfeit, the organization responsible for school examinations in Hong Kong filed a complaint with the police, who are now investigating the matter.

"The university is currently revoking these students' status and investigating their actions, having reported the situation to DSEDJ as per established protocols. Furthermore, it has been reported that Hong Kong authorities have referred the matter to the police for further investigation, with ongoing communication between DSEDJ and Macau police," the bureau said in a statement.

In response to this situation, DSEDJ reiterated that all universities in Macau have intensified their verification procedures for academic qualifications and examination results, with no additional fraudulent cases identified thus far.

The bureau reiterated that to combat the use of fake academic credentials in higher education



applications, authorities have implemented a collaborative mechanism with various institutions. In June, July, and August of this year, guidelines were issued regarding admissions and academic qualifications, alongside several verification meetings.

Christine Choi Yuk-lin, Hong Kong's Secretary for Education, condemned the fraudulent applications as "outrageous" during a radio interview on Saturday.

According to a report from the South China Morning Post (SCMP), she emphasized the gravity of the offense, noting that using fake documents is a serious crime that could lead to a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison.

Choi confirmed that upon investigation by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), it was confirmed that all submitted DSE certificates were indeed fake.

Choi stated that a police report had already been filed in response to these findings and urged universities to verify any suspicious qualifications with HKEAA.

This incident marks one of the first known cases in recent years where individuals have attempted to use fraudulent HKDSE qualifications to gain admission to universities outside of Hong Kong.

Other universities in Macau reported no additional cases af-

ter increasing their verification checks.

Choi also warned prospective students against trusting intermediary agents who claim to offer guaranteed admissions through dubious means, reiterating that such actions are criminal offenses with severe consequences.

DSEDJ also reminded that all higher education institutions in Macau will rigorously enforce recruitment and registration processes, ensuring comprehensive verification of academic qualifications and examination results.

Additionally, the bureau reiterated that universities in Macau do not permit applications through intermediaries.

CORPORATE BITS

SJM Resorts engages community with 'racing Legacy' activities



SJM Resorts brought the thrill of racing to the local community with a series of events under the theme "A Racing Legacy."

Last week, SJM collaborated with SJM Theodore Racing

to host a fireside talk at the Macao Grand Prix Museum, titled "Where Theodore Racing's Performance Reached its Peak."

This engaging event featured a youth dialogue aimed at

promoting Macau's racing culture, with nearly 60 students learning about the dedication and teamwork behind racing successes.

Key figures, including Teddy Yip Jr. and notable racers, shared insights into the racing industry and career paths available to aspiring drivers.

The day continued at the Grand Lisboa Palace's "Sportopia" game area, where students interacted with racers and experienced virtual racing games.

In addition to hosting "A Racing Legacy" activities to celebrate the Macao Grand Prix, SJM co-organizes international multi-sport events, including Wushu, tennis, and golf, in bid to nurture local sports talent.

Melco fosters community engagement through basquiat art workshops



Melco Resorts & Entertainment invited members from community partners Fuhong Society of Macau

Happy Art Studio and Escola Kai Chi to take part in bespoke art workshops at the "Crowning Journey

of Jean-Michel Basquiat" event at City of Dreams.

Since the event's launch last month, approximately 60 community members, including families with special needs children, have explored urban art culture while learning about the life and works of the iconic artist.

To enhance their experience, Melco organized tours allowing participants to immerse themselves in various art installations and the creative world of Basquiat, the gaming operator said in a statement.

Inspired by the event and an artistic exchange with local artist MCZ_Thomas, participants created unique designs on ceramic plates.



President Joe Biden shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping before a bilateral meeting, Saturday

CHINA-US

In a meeting with Biden, Xi cautions US to 'make the wise choice' to keep relations stable

AAMER MADHANI & COLLEEN LONG, LIMA

CHINA'S leader Xi Jinping met for the last time with U.S. President Joe Biden on Saturday but was already looking ahead to President-elect Donald Trump and his "America first" policies, saying Beijing "is ready to work with a new U.S. administration."

During their talks on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru, Xi cautioned that a stable China-U.S. relationship was critical not only to the two nations but to the "future and destiny of humanity."

"Make the wise choice," he cautioned. "Keep exploring the right way for two major countries to get along well with each other."

Without mentioning Trump's name, Xi appeared to signal his concern that the incoming president's protectionist rhetoric on the campaign trail could send the U.S.-China relationship into another valley.

"China is ready to work with a new U.S. administration to maintain communication, expand cooperation and manage differences so as to strive for a steady transition of the China-U.S. relationship for the benefit of the two peoples," Xi said through an

interpreter.

Xi, who is firmly entrenched atop China's political hierarchy, spoke in his brief remarks before reporters.

Biden, who is winding down more than 50 years of public service, talked in broader brushstrokes about where the relationship between the two countries has gone.

He reflected not just on the past four years but on the decades the two have known each other.

"We haven't always agreed, but our conversations have always been candid and always been frank. We've never kidded one another," Biden said. "These conversations prevent miscalculations, and they ensure the competition between our two countries will not veer into conflict."

Biden urged Xi to dissuade North Korea from further deepening its support for Russia's war on Ukraine. The leaders, with top aides surrounding them, gathered around a long rectangle of tables in an expansive conference room at a Lima hotel.

They had much to discuss, including China's indirect support for Russia, human rights issues, technology and Taiwan,

the self-ruled democracy that Beijing claims as its own. On artificial intelligence, the two agreed on the need to maintain human control over the decision to use nuclear weapons and more broadly improve safety and international cooperation of the rapidly expanding technology.

There's much uncertainty about what lies ahead in the U.S.-China relationship under Trump, who campaigned promising to levy 60% tariffs on Chinese imports.

Already, many American companies, including Nike and eyewear retailer Warby Parker, have been diversifying their sourcing away from China. Shoe

brand Steve Madden says it plans to cut imports from China by as much as 45% next year.

In a congratulatory message to Trump after his victory over Vice President Kamala Harris, Xi called for the U.S. and China to manage their differences and get along in a new era. In front of cameras Saturday, Xi spoke to Biden — but it was unmistakable that his message was directed at Trump.

"In a major flourishing sci-tech revolution, neither decoupling nor supply chain disruption is a solution," Xi said. "Only mutual, beneficial cooperation can lead to common development. 'Small yard, high fence' is not what a major country should pursue."

Biden administration officials have said they would advise the Trump team that managing the intense competition with Beijing will likely be the most significant foreign policy challenge they will face.

On Saturday, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Biden had reinforced to Xi "that these next two months are a time of transition" and that the president would like to pass off the U.S.-China relationship "in stable terms" to the new administration.

Biden has viewed his relationship with Xi as among the most consequential on the international stage and put much effort into cultivating it. The two first got to know each other on travels across the U.S. and China when both were vice presidents, interactions that both have said left a lasting impression. They last met a year ago on the APEC

sidelines in Northern California.

"For over a decade, you and I have spent many hours together, both here and in China and in between," Biden said. "We've spent a long time dealing with these issues."

But the last four years have presented a steady stream of difficult moments.

The FBI this week offered new details of a federal investigation into Chinese government efforts to hack into U.S. telecommunications networks. The initial findings have revealed a "broad and significant" cyberespionage campaign aimed at stealing information from Americans who work in government and politics.

Sullivan said Biden raised the matter with Xi during their talks and that the U.S. will have more to say about the investigation in the weeks ahead.

U.S. intelligence officials also have assessed China has surged sales to Russia of machine tools, microelectronics and other technology that Moscow is using to produce missiles, tanks, aircraft and other weaponry for use in its war against Ukraine.

And tensions flared last year after Biden ordered the shooting down of a Chinese spy balloon that traversed the United States.

Biden wants Xi to step up Chinese engagement to prevent an already dangerous moment with North Korea from further escalating.

Biden, along with South Korean President Yoon Seok Yul and Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, on Friday condemned North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's decision to send thousands of troops to help Moscow repel Ukrainian forces who have seized territory in Russia's Kursk border region.

White House officials have expressed frustration with Beijing, which accounts for the vast majority of North Korea's trade, for not doing more to rein in Pyongyang.

The North Koreans also have provided Russia with artillery and other munitions, according to U.S. and South Korean intelligence officials. And the U.S., Japan and South Korea have expressed alarm over Pyongyang's stepped-up cadence of ballistic missile tests.

Kim ordered testing exercises in the lead-up to this month's U.S. election and is claiming progress on efforts to build capability to strike the U.S. mainland.

Xi and Biden started their day at the leaders' retreat at the APEC summit, taking part in a photo where they all wore scarves made from vicuña wool, a symbolic animal for Peru. It's common practice that leaders at these gatherings are given a gift — usually traditional clothing of the host country — that they don for the photo. **MDT/AP**

PHILIPPINES

Latest typhoon strikes, causing tidal surges and displacing massive numbers of people

JIM GOMEZ, MANILA

A powerful typhoon wrecked houses, caused towering tidal surges and forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee to emergency shelters as it cut across the northern Philippines yesterday in the sixth major storm to hit the country in less than a month.

Typhoon Man-yi slammed into the eastern island province of Catanduanes on Saturday night with sustained winds of up to 195 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to 240 kph. The country's weather agency warned of a "potentially catastrophic and life-threatening situation" in provinces along its path.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the typhoon, which was forecast to blow northwestward on Sunday across northern Luzon, the archipelago's most populous region. The capital region of metropolitan Manila would likely be spared from a direct hit but was

placed, along with outlying regions, under storm alerts and warned of dangerous coastal storm surges.

"The rain was minimal, but the wind was very strong and had this eerie howling sound," Roberto Monterola, a disaster-mitigation officer in Catanduanes, told The Associated Press by telephone. "Along a main boulevard here, the tidal surges went up to more than 7 meters near the seaside houses. It looked really scary."

The entire province of Catanduanes had no power after the typhoon knocked down trees and electricity posts, and disaster-response teams were checking how many more houses were damaged in addition to those impacted by previous storms, he said.

"We need tin roofs and other construction materials, aside from food. Villagers tell us here that they still haven't gotten up from the past storm and were pinned down again by this typhoon," Monterola said. Nearly half of the island province's 80,000 people were sheltering in



Damaged houses caused by Typhoon Man-yi in Viga, Catanduanes province, northeastern Philippines, yesterday

evacuation centers.

Catanduanes officials were so concerned as the typhoon approached that they threatened vulnerable villagers with arrest if they did not follow orders to evacuate to safer grounds. More than 750,000 people took refuge in emergency shelters, including churches and a shopping mall, due to Man-yi and two previous storms mostly in the northern Philippines, Assistant Secretary Cesar Idio of the Office of Civil Defense and other provincial

officials said.

The rare number of back-to-back storms and typhoons that lashed Luzon in just three weeks left more than 160 people dead, affected 9 million people and caused such extensive damage to residential communities, infrastructure and farmlands that the Philippines may have to import more rice, a staple food for most Filipinos. In an emergency meeting as Man-yi approached, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. asked his Cabinet and provincial

officials to brace for "the worst-case scenario."

At least 26 domestic airports and two international airports were briefly shut and inter-island ferry and cargo services were suspended due to rough seas, stranding thousands of passengers and commuters, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines and the coast guard.

The United States, Manila's treaty ally, along with Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei provided cargo aircraft and other storm aid to augment the government's overwhelmed disaster-response agencies. Last month, the first major storm, Trami, left scores of people dead after dumping one to two months' worth of rain in just 24 hours in several towns.

The Philippines is battered by about 20 typhoons and storms each year. It's often hit by earthquakes and has more than a dozen active volcanoes, making it one of the world's most disaster-prone countries. **MDT/AP**

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Metal barrier removal schedule for the 71st Macau Grand Prix

Upon conclusion of the 71st Macau Grand Prix, the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee would like to thank all Macau citizens for their support and cooperation of the event and inform that the metal barrier removal works have begun immediately upon the conclusion of the event. It is estimated that these works will be concluded on 28th November, as per the schedule below:

Date	Time	Location
18 th to 21 st of November	08:00 to 20:00	(1) Remove all movable gates (2) Remove all barriers on both sides of the movable gates
18 th to 23 rd of November	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barriers from <i>Avenida da Amizade</i> to Reservoir Bend
21 st to 28 th of November	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barriers from <i>Rua dos Pescadores</i> to Reservoir Bend
23 rd to 28 th of November	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barriers at the upper part of the Guia Hill (<i>Estrada de S. Francisco, Estrada dos Parses and Estrada de Cacilhas</i>)

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The 'super year' of elections has been super bad for incumbents as voters punish them in droves

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Former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

WHETHER on the left or the right, regardless of how long they've been in power, sitting governments around the world have been drubbed this year by disgruntled voters in what has been called the "super year" for elections.

Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election was just the latest in a long line of losses for incumbent parties in 2024, with people in some 70 countries accounting for about half the world's population going to the polls.

Issues driving voter discontent have varied widely, though there has been almost universal malaise since the COVID-19 pandemic as people and businesses struggle to get back on their feet while facing stubbornly high prices, cash-strapped governments and a surge in migration.

"There's an overall sense of frustration with political elites, viewing them as out of touch, that cuts across ideological lines," said Richard Wike, director of global attitudes research at the Pew Research Center.

He noted that a Pew poll of 24 countries found that the appeal of democracy itself was slipping as voters reported increasing economic distress and a sense that no political faction truly represents them.

"Lots of factors are driving this," Wike said, "but certainly feelings about the economy and inflation are a big factor."

Since the pandemic hit in 2020, incumbents have been removed from office in 40 of 54 elections in Western democracies, said Steven Levitsky, a political scientist at Harvard University, revealing "a huge incumbent disadvantage."

In Britain, the right-of-center Conservatives suffered their worst result since 1832 in July's election, which returned the center-left Labour Party to power after 14 years.

But just across the English Channel, the far right rocked the governing parties of France and Germany, the Euro-

pean Union's biggest and most powerful members, in June elections for the parliament of the 27-nation bloc.

The results pushed French President Emmanuel Macron to call a parliamentary election in hope of stemming a far-right surge at home. The anti-immigration National Rally party won the first round, but alliances and tactical voting knocked it down to third place in the second round, producing a fragile government atop a divided legislature.

In Asia, a group of South Korean liberal opposition parties, led by the Democratic Party, defeated the ruling conservative People Power Party in April's parliamentary elections.

India's Narendra Modi, meanwhile, had been widely expected to easily sweep to a third straight term in June but instead voters turned away from his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party in droves, costing it its majority in parliament, though it was able to remain in power with the help of allies.

Likewise, Japanese voters in October punished the Liberal Democratic Party, which has governed the country nearly without interruption since 1955.

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba will stay in power, but the greater-than-expected loss ended the LDP's one-sided rule, giving the opposition a chance to achieve policy changes long opposed

by the conservatives.

"If you were to ask me to explain Japan in a vacuum, that's not too difficult," said Paul Nadeau, an adjunct assistant professor at Temple University's Japan campus in Tokyo.

"Voters were punishing an incumbent party for a corruption scandal, and this gave them a chance to express a lot more frustrations that they already had."

Globally, however, it's harder to draw conclusions.

"This is pretty consistent across different situations, different countries, different elections — incumbents are getting a crack on the shins," he said. "And I don't have any good big picture explanations for why that is."

Rob Ford, professor of political science at the University of Manchester, said inflation has been a major driver of "the greatest wave of anti-incumbent voting ever seen" — though the reasons behind the backlash may also be "broader and more diffuse."

"It could be something directly to do with the long-term effects of the COVID pandemic — a big wave of ill health, disrupted education, disrupted workplace experiences and so forth making people less happy everywhere, and they are taking it out on governments," he said.

"A kind of electoral long COVID."

In South Africa, high unemployment and inequality hel-

ped drive a dramatic loss of support for the African National Congress, which had governed for three decades since the end of the apartheid system of white minority rule. The party once led by Nelson Mandela lost its parliamentary majority in May's election and was forced to go into coalition with opposition parties.

Other elections in Africa presented a mixed picture, said Alex Vines, director of the African Program at the international affairs think tank Chatham House, partially clouded by countries with authoritarian leaders whose reelections were not in doubt, like Rwanda's long-serving President Paul Kagame who got 99% of the vote.

In African countries with strong democratic institutions, however, the pattern of incumbents being punished holds, Vines said.

"The countries with stronger institutions — South Africa, Senegal, Botswana — have witnessed either a government of national unity or change of party of government," he said.

In Botswana, voters unexpectedly ejected a party that had ruled for 58 years since independence from Britain in an October election.

Vines said that across the continent, "you've got this electorate now who have no memory of decolonization or the end of apartheid and so have different priorities, who are also feeling the cost-of-living pressures." **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1978 MASS SUICIDE
LEAVES 900 DEAD



The bodies of 914 people, including 276 children, have been found in Guyana in South America.

Most of the dead - members of the People's Temple Christian Church - had consumed a soft drink laced with cyanide and sedatives.

However, the body of the People's Temple charismatic leader, Jim Jones, was said to have a bullet wound in the right temple, believed to be self-inflicted.

The deaths are being linked to the earlier killings of five people, including US Congressman Leo Ryan, on a nearby airstrip.

Mr Ryan had led a fact-finding mission to the church's jungle settlement - Jonestown - after allegations by relatives in the US of human rights abuses.

Last year Jim Jones and most of the 1,000 members of the People's Temple moved to Guyana from San Francisco after an investigation began into the church for tax evasion.

People who had left the organisation told the authorities of brutal beatings, murders and a mass suicide plan but were not believed.

In spite of the tax evasion allegations, Jim Jones was still widely respected for setting up a racially-mixed church which helped the disadvantaged.

Leo Ryan's delegation arrived in Jonestown on 14 November and spent three days interviewing residents.

They left hurriedly earlier on Saturday after an attempt on Mr Ryan's life, taking with them about 20 People's Temple members who wished to leave.

Delegation members told police as they were boarding planes at the airstrip a truckload of Jim Jones' guards arrived and began to shoot.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The US House of Representatives carried out an investigation into the events in Guyana.

It concluded there was no evidence of US government complicity as was widely alleged.

In December 1986 a church member, Larry Layton, received a life sentence for aiding and abetting the murders of those who died at the airstrip.

Layton had gone to the airstrip pretending to be a defector then produced a gun and injured two people.

The bodies of 412 people who committed suicide were never claimed by relatives - they are buried in a mass grave in Oakland, California.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 Gather and share information. Research the details. Misunderstandings spark easily. Clarify messages and craft words carefully. Practical news gets through. Repeat the basics.

TAURUS
 Apr. 20-May. 20
 Fantasies dissolve in broad daylight. Don't invest in risky business or gamble with the rent. Prioritize practicalities. Bring home the fruit of your labor.

GEMINI
 May. 21-Jun. 21
 You're getting stronger. Take some personal time to follow your own enthusiasm. Avoid controversy or fuss. Choose privacy over publicity. Humility is a virtue.

CANCER
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 Relax and recharge. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Notice dreams and intuition. Avoid sensory overload. Make private plans and wait for developments.

LEO
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 Work out a practical team strategy. Stick to familiar routines. Avoid illusions. Expect miscommunications and disruption. Fantasies dissipate. Keep your side of a bargain.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 A career challenge has your focus. Distractions and interruptions abound. Don't take things personally. Let bygones be bygones. Handle responsibilities and lay low.

LIBRA
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 Slow for obstacles. Pitfalls abound. Translations falter. If something sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Study options and make backup plans.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 Focus on getting the job done despite changing circumstances. Temporary confusion interrupts your work. Unexpected expenses could spark an upset. Keep your cool.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 Keep your patience with your partner. You won't always agree. Misunderstandings pop up. Listen generously. Withhold judgment. Aim for workability. Prioritize practical coordination.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 Nurture your health while navigating challenges. Slow to get it right the first time. Changes or misunderstandings could cause delays. Rest and eat well.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 Prioritize love, romance and fun. Remain forgiving with miscommunications. Ignore rumors and gossip. Harmony requires effort. Keep snarky comments to yourself. Keep the peace.

PISCES
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20
 Domestic matters demand attention. Remain forgiving with miscommunications or crossed wires. Don't respond automatically. Consider the consequences. Cook and share comfort food with family.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Changchun	-10	-3	fine
Chengdu	10	13	cloudy
Chongqing	11	13	rain
Fuzhou	18	20	cloudy
Guangzhou	19	27	cloudy
Guiyang	9	12	rain
Haikou	23	26	cloudy
Hangzhou	10	14	overcast
Harbin	-10	-5	fine
Hefei	9	12	rain
Nanjing	11	14	cloudy
Shanghai	12	15	overcast
Taipei	19	22	rain
Wuhan	10	12	overcast
Hong Kong	21	26	showers
WORLD			
Moscow	3	4	showers
Frankfurt	5	7	showers
Paris	8	9	showers
London	6	8	showers
New York	8	18	sunny

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Israel's Shimon; 6- "Modern Maturity" org.; 10- Muffin choice; 14- Tour of duty; 15- ___ yellow ribbon...; 16- "All The Way To ___", song by REM; 17- Role player; 18- Mild cheese; 19- Praiseful poems; 20- Essay; 22- Worker; 24- For each; 26- Appeared; 27- Anonymity; 31- ER staffers; 32- Oohed and ___; 33- Doctrine; 36- Funnyman Philips; 39- Historical times; 40- Exhorted; 41- Acme; 42- Fast flier; 43- Pry; 44- Liqueur flavoring; 45- Luau dish; 46- Kenyan, Nigerian, or Congolese; 48- Go hungry; 51- Fall back; 52- Water bottles; 54- Cloth for cleaning horizontal surfaces; 59- ___ about (roughly); 60- ___-Rooter; 62- Novelist Calvino; 63- Take ___ your leader; 64- Sandwich side; 65- Nostrils; 66- Hurler Hershiser; 67- Facility; 68- Garden figure;

DOWN 1- Jr.'s exam; 2- ___ - a -Sketch; 3- Solemn ceremony; 4- Slaughter of baseball; 5- Like barber poles; 6- Downed; 7- Assistant, particularly to heads of state; 8- Lots and lots; 9- Over indulged; 10- Sweeping implements; 11- Color anew; 12- On ___-to-know basis; 13- It runs in the cold; 21- Sun, talk; 23- Pre-Easter season; 25- Back in; 27- Scottish refusals; 28- Galley propellers; 29- Come again?; 30- For ___ a jolly...; 34- Self; 35- Country in the Himalayas; 36- Grand in scale; 37- City near Phoenix; 38- Farm team; 40- Cosmos; 41- Tropical cuckoo bird; 43- Open infection, painful; 44- Debating; 45- Security round; 47- Craze; 48- Less loony; 49- Govt. security; 50- ___ Gay; 52- Crooner Perry; 53- RR stops; 55- Laurel or Kenton; 56- Tropical tuber; 57- K-6; 58- Got up; 61- Be obliged to;

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RUGBY

France beat All Blacks for record-tying third straight time

JEROME PUGMIRE, PARIS

FRANCE shook off a slow start to beat New Zealand 30-29 for a record-tying third straight time in a bruising autumn rugby test at Stade de France yesterday [Macau time].

The French matched their best winning streak against the All Blacks from 1994-95 in a breathless game that lived up to the hype. The 27 turnovers were testament to ferocious defense on both sides.

"This win will do us a lot of good, that's for sure. It's a prestigious win," France coach Fabien Galthié said. "The good thing is that the players showed a great spirit, even when they were struggling."

New Zealand shot out to 14-3 and 17-10 by halftime. But France flipped the momentum in the new half with converted tries by flanker Paul Boudehent and wing Louis Bille-Biarrey, which



New Zealand's Peter Lakai is tackled as he runs at the defence during the match between France and All Blacks in Paris

was the turning point. They sent France ahead 24-17.

From there, France's defense tightened up and New Zealand ball-carriers weren't quite making the meters they were chewing up in the first half. France missed 34 tackles but ended

up making 211, 100 more than New Zealand.

France's Thomas Ramos and New Zealand replacement Damian McKenzie traded penalties to the end with the All Blacks always chasing, and within one point with five minutes to go. But

they couldn't get out of their half.

"It gives you a lot of confidence to beat a great side like this, especially considering the form they were in and they players they have," France captain Antoine Dupont said. "There were a lot of times when we were struggling in defense. But we didn't panic (when we were behind) because we knew we could turn things around."

The commitment was evident from the second minute when All Blacks flanker Samipeni Finau's head collided with France prop Tevita Tatafu's knee. Finau came off and Tatafu endured only a little longer.

Finau's replacement, Peter Lakai, scored the opening try after Ardie Savea bowled over three defenders. The New Zealand scrum was the platform for its second try, when scrumhalf Cam Roigard stopped No. 8 Grégory Alldritt, stole his intended pass to Dupont and scooted in.

Dupont made little impact

until the 33rd when France phases narrowed New Zealand and he picked out Ramos to send fullback Romain Buroso over for a try on debut.

Boudehent's brace of second-half tries in the 52-12 win against Japan last Saturday earned him a start and his try from a lineout maul in the 44th tied the score.

New Zealand swung back onto attack but a dropped pass on halfway was collected by Ramos who kicked upfield. Bille-Biarrey then gassed two All Blacks to the ball and scored the decisive try.

France never trailed again.

Ramos shot six for six at the posts, while McKenzie went four for four after taking over from Beauden Barrett.

France has won the last three contests with the All Blacks all in the Stade de France; 40-25 in autumn 2021 and 27-13 in the Rugby World Cup opener 14 months ago.

"It's done, it's in writing now. They've come here three times and each time they were difficult games," Galthié said. "It's a great satisfaction."

The defeat was New Zealand's first on its northern tour after beating Japan, England and Ireland. The All Blacks move on to Italy while France hosts Argentina next Friday. **MDT/AP**

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OPINION

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SINO-PERUVIAN COOPERATION YIELDS SUBSTANTIAL MUTUAL BENEFITS

As expected, the talks between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Peruvian President Dina Boluarte in Lima on Thursday were held in a warm and amicable atmosphere that reflected the deep mutual understanding between the two sides which has yielded substantial mutual benefits.

One of the major highlights of President Xi's visit to Peru was the opening of Chancay Port on Thursday. The port, built by Chinese enterprises, will help consolidate Peru's position as a gateway to South America on the Pacific coast and lay a solid foundation for the development of both software and hardware industries as part of the overall development of digital technology in the country. The port will also help the two sides to transform their blueprint for cooperation into concrete action.

China is ready to work with its "neighbor across the Pacific" to build a new land-sea corridor between China and Latin America through the Chancay Port, which will connect the "Inca Trail" with the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and open up a road to common prosperity, President Xi said during his talks with Boluarte.

According to a joint statement issued after their meeting, the two countries are to jointly explore new opportunities for cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative framework to realize mutual benefit and promote common sustainable development, and take measures to strengthen their comprehensive strategic partnership.

In this regard, the two countries need to expand their practical win-win collaboration in large-scale infrastructure projects, sustainable agriculture, industry and supply chains, fishing industry, the circular and digital economies, artificial intelligence, and the green economy, the document said.

China-Peru relations have strengthened in recent years thanks to their deepening political mutual understanding and mutual trust, as evidenced in the two countries' support for each other on issues concerning their respective core interests.

China has been Peru's largest trading partner and largest export market for 10 consecutive years, with the two sides' steady progress in major cooperation projects in fields such as mining and infrastructure bringing tangible benefits to the two peoples.

Joining hands to promote common development in a vital region of the Global South, China and Peru will continue to support an open, transparent and nondiscriminatory multilateral trading system centered on the World Trade Organization, and work together to help reform the global economic governance system in order to make it fairer and more representative.

China and Peru have a long history of friendship, deeply rooted in the hearts of the people on both sides.

It is the two countries' time-honored cultural bond, their adherence to the principles of mutual respect, win-win cooperation and equality, as well as their joint commitment to multilateralism and a world order centered on the United Nations that have turned their differences in culture, political system and development stage into reasons for deepening mutual learning and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Like the tangible benefits delivered to the people of the two countries during his last visit to Peru in 2016, President Xi's latest visit to the country will also yield mutual benefits and further deepen cooperation under the comprehensive strategic partnership framework, ushering in a future of common prosperity.

KAMALA HARRIS RAISED \$1 BILLION-PLUS IN DEFEAT. SHE'S STILL SENDING PERSISTENT APPEALS TO DONORS

THE BUZZ

Kamala Harris and the Democratic Party's prodigious fundraising operation raised more than \$1 billion in her loss to Donald Trump, but the vice president is still pushing donors for more money after the election.

Democrats are sending persistent appeals to Harris supporters without expressly asking them to cover any potential debts, enticing would-be donors instead with other matters: the Republican president-elect's picks for his upcoming administration and a handful of pending congressional contests where ballots are still being tallied.

"The Harris campaign certainly spent more than they raised and is now busy trying to fundraise," said Adrian Hemond, a Democratic strategist from Michigan. He said he was been asked by the campaign after its loss to Trump to help with fundraising.

The party is flooding Harris' lucrative email donor list with near-daily appeals aimed at small-dollar donors — those whose contributions are measured in the hundreds of dollars or less. But Hemond said the postelection effort also includes individual calls to larger donors.



A GOLD POCKET WATCH GIVEN TO THE CAPTAIN WHO RESCUED TITANIC SURVIVORS SELLS FOR RECORD PRICE

BRIAN MELLEY, LONDON

A gold pocket watch given to the ship captain who rescued 700 survivors from the Titanic sold at auction for nearly \$2 million, setting a record for memorabilia from the ship wreck.

The 18-carat Tiffany & Co. watch was given by three women survivors to Capt. Arthur Rostron for diverting his passenger ship, the RMS Carpathia, to save them and others after the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the north Atlantic on its maiden voyage in 1912.

Auctioneers Henry Aldridge and Son, who sold the watch to a private collector in the United States on Saturday for 1.56 million British pounds, said it's the most paid for a piece of Titanic memorabilia. The price includes taxes and fees paid by the buyer.

The watch was given to Rostron by the widow of John Jacob Astor, the richest man to die in the disaster, and the widows of two other wealthy businessmen who went down with the ship.

Astor's pocket watch, which was on his body when it was recovered seven days after the ship sank, had previously set the record for the highest price paid for a Titanic keepsake, fetching nearly \$1.5 million from the same auction house in April.

Auctioneer Andrew Aldridge said the fact that Titanic memorabilia has set two records this year demonstrates the enduring fascination with the story and the value of the dwindling supply and high demand for ship artifacts.

"Every man, woman and child had a story to tell, and those stories are told over a century later through the memorabilia," he said.

Rostron was hailed a hero for his actions the night the Titanic sank and his crew was recognized for their bravery.

The Carpathia was sailing from New York to the Mediterranean Sea when a radio operator heard a distress call from the Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912 and woke Rostron in his cabin. He turned his boat around

and headed at full steam toward the doomed vessel, navigating through ice bergs to get there.

By the time the Carpathia arrived, the Titanic had sunk and 1,500 people perished. But the crew located 20 lifeboats and rescued more than 700 passengers and took them back to New York.

Rostron was awarded the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal by President William Howard Taft and was later knighted by King George V.

Madeleine Astor, who had been helped into a lifeboat by her husband, presented the watch to Rostron at a luncheon at her mansion on Fifth Avenue in New York.

The inscription says it was given "with the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of three survivors." It lists Mrs. John B. Thayer and Mrs. George D. Widener alongside Astor's married name.

"It was presented principally in gratitude for Rostron's bravery in saving those lives," Aldridge said. "Without Mr. Rostron, those 700 people wouldn't have made it." MDT/AP



United Nations leaders warned last week Trump's return to the presidency could harm global climate initiatives. Concerns include U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, funding cuts, and setbacks in addressing catastrophic climate change at COP29.



Germany-Russia Olaf Scholz and Vladimir Putin held their first call in two years over the weekend. Scholz urged a Ukraine peace deal, but Putin reiterated demands for NATO renunciations and recognition of territorial gains. Ukraine criticized the talks.



Brazil Joe Biden will visit today [Macau time] the Amazon rainforest, the first by a U.S. president. The trip emphasizes conservation efforts amid growing deforestation. Trump's presidency casts doubt on future U.S. contributions to the Amazon Fund.



Haiti The U.S. pushed over the weekend for Kenya's Haiti mission to transition into a U.N. peacekeeping force. Gang violence shut Port-au-Prince airport. With just 430 international police deployed, significant funding gaps threaten the mission's stability.