KTRANZ
TRANSLATIONS LIMITED
TRANSLATIONS & COPYWRITING
Email: sales@ktranz.com.mo
Tel: +853 2871 6081/2 Fax: +853 2871 6084

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times

FOUNDER & PUBLISHER Kowie Geldenhuys
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF Paulo Coutinho
www.macaudailytimes.com.mo



N.º 5077
WEDNESDAY
18 Nov 2026
T. 16°/ 26°
Air Quality Moderate
" THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "
MOP 8.00
HKD 10.00
2305 4271

MACAU COULD SURPASS ITS TARGET OF ABOUT 41 MILLION VISITOR ARRIVALS THIS YEAR, MGTO DIRECTOR MARIA HELENA DE SENNA FERNANDES SAYS
P3

A FAMILY AFFAIR: THREE RACING HEIRS ARRIVE AT GUIA CIRCUIT
P4

THE PROPERTY MARKET IS EXPECTED TO WEAKEN FURTHER NEXT YEAR, WITH FEW NEW STIMULUS MEASURES IN THE 2027 POLICY ADDRESS
P6

AP PHOTO



Philippines Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi proposed an Asian energy agency yesterday to coordinate oil reserves and emergency supplies as the Iran war disrupts imports. Speaking in Manila, she also urged a joint Southeast Asian reserve system using idle storage tanks in Japan.

AP PHOTO



Japan protested to Moscow yesterday after two suspected Russian aircraft entered its airspace near Fukuoka for about five minutes, prompting fighter jets to scramble. Tokyo demanded preventive measures as tensions grow over territorial disputes and a Japanese journalist's detention in Russia.

AP PHOTO



Bulgaria A gas tanker sank off Bulgaria's Black Sea coast yesterday, the second merchant ship lost there in two days. All 19 Filipino crew members were rescued. Authorities are investigating the sinking, with no official confirmation of reports that drones struck the vessel.

AP PHOTO



Ukraine said yesterday its drones and missiles struck the Kerch Bridge linking Russia to occupied Crimea, severing the road connection. Russia acknowledged damage but said rail traffic resumed. Russian attacks on Kyiv hit two bridges and killed at least two people.

More on backpage

WATT A DEAL

Light festival to bring 30 installations to four districts, with incentives to drive visitors to local businesses

P3





POLICY ADDRESS

CE STRESSES 'MOVING FORWARD' AMID SME PRESSURES

P6

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

THE POST | 來信

Respect the independent adjudication of the judiciary; safeguard the legal order



LOK WAI KIN*

THE Law on Safeguarding National Security of the Macao Special Administrative Region plays an exceptionally vital role in safeguarding national security and maintaining social stability in Macao; it is an indispensable legal safeguard. The implementation of the National Security Law requires not only that every individual fulfil the obligation to uphold the law, but also that criminal acts violating it be penalized. Therefore, the courts trying cases that endanger national security in accordance with the Law on Safeguarding National Security is an inevitable requirement of the execution of the law.

The courts exercising their adjudicative functions independently and rendering judgments in accordance with the law is a principle established by the Macao Basic Law, as well as the cornerstone of the normal functioning of Macao's judicial system. The judiciary serves as the ultimate bulwark safeguarding the rule of law in Macao. Were this bulwark to be compromised, Macao's legal order would ultimately cease to exist, directly undermining social stability and the fundamental interests of the residents. Nevertheless, certain political forces, both domestic and foreign, attempt to apply their habitual double standards – disregarding objective criminal facts and express statutory provisions – to vilify the lawful trials of the courts as political persecution.

Their aim is to attack Macao's National Security Law, disparage Macao's judicial system, and interfere with lawful judicial proceedings. In light of this, Macao residents must heighten their vigilance, distinguish right from wrong, resist all words and deeds intended to smear, attack, or influence lawful judicial trials, and shoulder the responsibility of upholding Macao's legal and judicial systems.

Adhering to the principle of independent judicial adjudication requires supporting judges in trying cases according to the law, free from unlawful interference. The key to respecting and upholding judicial decisions lies in whether the judge's trial strictly adheres to the law.

In the process of trying offences that endanger national security, the focus must be on whether the proceedings strictly comply with the Law on Safeguarding National Security. Given that the Law on Safeguarding National Security expressly prohibits acts of subverting state power, including attempts to overthrow or undermine the fundamental system established by the Constitution, judges ought to accept indictments and conduct trials regarding acts that endanger national security in accordance with the law. This is the inherent duty of judges and a fundamental requirement of the principle of the rule of law.

French jurist Montesquieu once observed that liberty is the right to do whatever the laws permit, and if a citizen could do what the laws forbid, he would be no longer possessed of liberty. Therefore, firstly, there is no such thing in the world as unrestrained, arbitrary freedom; there is only freedom under the law.

Secondly, law is both the prerequisite for freedom and its boundary. Once someone breaches legal prohibitions, order collapses, and liberty ceases to exist. Liberty represents rights within the bounds permitted by law; only within the scope permitted by law can individual rights and freedoms be legally protected – otherwise, they shall be subject to legal sanctions. Law and liberty form an organic unity; they are not mutually antagonistic, and seeking freedom does not mean dispensing with the law. Nor should it be understood one-sidedly that liberty can be exempt from legal restraint.

The West not only speaks in this manner but also acts accordingly. Western theory and practice demonstrate that rendering judgments based on the facts of unlawful acts and in accordance with statutory provisions ought to command the respect and support of society; under no circumstances should the orchestration of public pressure outside the courtroom to interfere with judicial proceedings be permitted.

As the ancient Chinese proverb goes, "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you". We must therefore eliminate all interference, safeguard the rule of law in Macao, uphold the principle of independent trial in accordance with the law, maintain the judicial authority and credibility of Macao, and successfully build a "law-based Macao".

***President of the Union of Macau Scholars**
Adjunct Professor, University of Macau

Editor's Note: The views expressed in this article are the author's own and do not necessarily reflect those of Macau Daily Times.



REVITALIZATION

Sands China opens exhibition blending technology and history to showcase firecracker legacy

LYNZY VALLES



SANDS China has opened a permanent exhibition at the former Iec Long Firecracker Factory, adding a new cultural attraction to the historic site as the city continues efforts to revitalize its industrial heritage.

Titled "The Hall of Glory – Iec Long Firecracker Factory," the exhibition, which opened Tuesday, combines historical research, digital art and interactive technology to document the city's century-old firecracker industry.

Developed over three years, the project brought together an international team of about 120 people from Greater China, the Asia-Pacific region and Europe. It was led by new media art pioneers Professor Jeffrey Shaw and Professor Sarah Kenderdine, who served as chief curators and artistic directors.

Located in the factory's former fuse-making workshop, the 140-square-meter exhibition is divided into two sections: "A Century of Iec Long's Radiant Splendor" and the Sands Dome Theatre.

The exhibition traces the development of the city's firecracker trade from the 1860s to the 1990s through archival photographs, historical artifacts, production tools and interactive displays. Visitors can also create personalized firecracker labels using artificial intelligence and virtually ignite digital firecrackers.

The dome theatre, described as Macau's first LED dome installation, features 674 LED modules and presents "Look Up Macao," an audiovisual production showcasing 48 architectural scenes across the city.

Shaw said the project offered an opportunity to bring history to life at the site where it unfolded, while using digital media to make the factory's industrial legacy more accessible.

"It is particularly meaningful" to reinterpret the site's history through interactive experiences that engage and inform visitors, he said.

Sands China executive vice chairman Wilfred Wong said revitalization should go beyond preserving historical buildings and help connect younger generations with the city's heritage.

"The key to revitalization lies not only in preserving history, but also in inspiring the future of our city and younger generations through new and innovative approaches," Wong said.

Sands China began supporting revitalization efforts at the former factory in 2023. The latest exhibition builds on an earlier firecracker heritage exhibition launched at Sands Gallery in March.

www.macaudailytimes.com.mo
REACHING OUT!
+27,000
Like us on facebook.com/mdtimes

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 Times
DIRECTOR & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF_Paulo Coutinho paulocoutinho@macaudailytimes.com
MANAGING EDITOR_Lynzy Valles
CONTRIBUTING EDITORS_Leanda Lee, Severo Portela, Sheyla Zandonai
NEWSROOM AND CONTRIBUTORS_Albano Martins, Grace Yu, Irene Sam, Ivo Carneiro de Sousa, Jenny Lao-Phillips, João Palla Martins, Jorge Costa Oliveira, Joseph Cheung, Juliet Risdon, Nadia Shaw, Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa, Renato Marques (Senior Reporter), Ricaela Diputado, Richard Whitfield, Sérgio de Almeida Correia, Viviana Seguí, Yuki Lei **DESIGNER**_Melissandre Denize | **ASSOCIATE CONTRIBUTORS**_JML Property, MdME Lawyers, PokerStars, Ruan Du Toit Bester | **NEWS AGENCIES**_ Associated Press, MacauHub, MacaoNews, Xinhua **SECRETARY**_Yang Dongxiao amy@macaudailytimes.com
A MACAU TIMES PUBLICATIONS LTD PUBLICATION
ADMINISTRATOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Kowie Geldenhuys kowie@macaudailytimes.com
OFFICE MANAGER Juliana Cheang juliana@macaudailytimes.com
ADDRESS Av. da Praia Grande, 599, Edif. Comercial Rodrigues, 12 Floor C, MACAU SAR **Telephones**: +853 287 160 81/2 Fax: +853 287 160 84
Advertisement advertising@macaudailytimes.com
For subscription and general issues:
general@macaudailytimes.com | Printed at Welfare Printing Ltd
SEND NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION AND PRESS RELEASES TO: NEWSROOM@MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM **WEBSITE:** WWW.MACAUDAILYTIMES.COM.MO

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

TOURISM

Light festival targets neighborhood spending with new nighttime attractions

NADIA SHAW





THE annual light festival will introduce new nighttime attractions and spending incentives this December, as the tourism authority seeks to draw visitors into neighborhood districts and channel more spending toward local businesses.

Organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Light up Macao 2026 will run from Dec. 5 to Jan. 10, 2027.

This year's edition will feature 30 sets of light installations, interactive works and illuminations across four main exhibition districts. Admission will be free, with attractions operating daily from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Unveiling the program, the MGTO said the festival was designed to extend visitors' stays and direct customers to restaurants, shops and other businesses beyond the city's principal tourist attractions.

MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said organizers wanted to refresh the program rather than repeatedly offer similar experiences in the same locations.

"This year, we will also have an installation on the water in front of the Macao Science Center. So, compared with previous years, we are trying some different things. We hope to give everyone something different to look forward to each year," she told reporters on the sidelines of the launch.

The main exhibition areas will be Nam Van, the Northern District, NAPE and ZAPE. Their themes range from waterfront celebrations and family activities to creative food and beverage experiences and illuminated streets in community areas.

One of this year's major features is an eight-minute projection show featuring Macau's tourism mascot, Mak Mak, on the façade of the Macao Science Center.

Titled "Mak Mak: Where Imagination Begins," it will run every 15 minutes, with the final performance beginning at 9:45 p.m. A Bangkok creative team produced the video-mapping show.

Regarding the project, Senna Fernandes said the Science Center's curved, multi-sided façade made the projection technically demanding, requiring adjustments to equipment positioning. She also outlined plans for an inflatable installation on the water outside the building.

MGTO added that the Thai commission would encourage exchanges between Bangkok, a UNESCO Creative City of Design, and Macau, a Creative City of Gastronomy.

Another addition this year is "Tipsy Glow." This feature will bring coffee, wine, cocktails and nonalcoholic drinks to the Science Center's Heart-shaped Tree Square on weekends and designated holidays.

The program includes guest bartenders, champion baristas, music and live performances. Organizers said participating establishments would include bars recognized on Asia's 50 Best Bars list.

The program presented at the press conference listed Obsidian Bar from Shenzhen, Bar Trigona from Kuala Lumpur, Canton from Guangzhou, CMYK from Changsha, Barc from Kathmandu, The Golden Tooth from Jakarta and Cat Bite Club from Singapore among the participating bars.

"We hope the work we have been doing to support the community economy can continue through the light festival," Senna Fernandes said.

Visitors presenting eligible transport or event tickets from the same week will be able to redeem a MOP10 voucher for purchases at the "Tipsy Glow" zone. Other spending incentives will operate alongside the festival, including community rewards and banking promotions.

Workshops, pop-up performances and seasonal food activities will supplement the installations. Some workshops and outreach sessions will require advance registration.

Senna Fernandes also said the festival's budget was approximately MOP18 million, up just over 7% from last year. She attributed the increase to changes in locations, more complicated projection arrangements and additional activities.

TOURISM

Visitor arrivals set to surpass 41 million this year

NADIA SHAW



NADIA SHAW

MACAU could surpass its target of about 41 million visitor arrivals this year, Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes has said, citing growth of about 8% through the end of the third quarter.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Light up Macao launch on Tuesday, she said overall arrivals remained on an upward trajectory, while international markets were recording more modest gains.

"I believe we may exceed it," she said of the annual target.

International visitor arrivals increased by just over 3% through September, she said. Europe stood out, contributing approximately 210,000 arrivals, an increase of more than 30% compared with the same period last year.

"Growth from Europe has been particularly noticeable this year," Senna Fernandes said.

"Although the international situation is unsettled and many new challenges have emerged, we still regard this as steady growth," she added.

Senna Fernandes linked the European performance to promotional efforts, including Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai's European visit and assistance from China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

She said Macau had benefited from the ministry's support, which had helped the city return to major European travel fairs after years of absence.

"We have had opportunities to make use of the resources provided by our country," she said. "When the Ministry of Culture and Tourism leads participation in these exhibitions, we can also place Macau's stand within the China exhibition area and work together with mainland provinces and cities."

She said the approach reflected the reality of long-haul travel. European visitors rarely travel to Macau alone, and China's expanding visa-free arrangements could make the city a more convenient stop on a wider Asian itinerary.

"We think it is very important to take advantage of this wave of visa exemptions in China so that Macau can also be one of the stops on such a long journey from Europe to Asia," she said.

Travel packages combining Macau with Hong Kong and Guangdong remained important, she said, but there were also opportunities to develop itineraries incorporating Shanghai, Chengdu and Beijing.

Asked about transport and accommodation incentives, Senna Fernandes described continuing partnerships with airlines serving Macau and Hong Kong.

"We will not restrict ourselves to one particular model," she said.

Similar flexibility would guide future arrangements involving ferries, road transport and airport connections. Existing cooperation included direct bus services between Hong Kong airport and Macau.

Different operators had different commercial conditions, she said, making tailored agreements preferable to a uniform subsidy or discount.

The approach, she indicated, was to improve access while widening Macau's reach across international markets.

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



Rocco Coronel | Enzo Trulli | Noah Monteiro

ON THE ROAD TO GP | NEXT GEN

Three racing heirs arrive at Guia Circuit

RENATO MARQUES

THREE sons of international motorsport stars are carrying their fathers' racing legacies onto the Guia Circuit at this year's 73rd Macau Grand Prix, adding a family dimension to one of the world's most demanding street races.

Noah Monteiro, Rocco Coronel and Enzo Trulli are among the drivers preparing to take on the unforgiving circuit, following in the footsteps of their fathers, Tiago Monteiro, Tom Coronel and Jarno Trulli, who each built distinguished careers in international motorsport and have their own connections to Macau's racing history.

Now their sons are following the same calling, competing in two different racing categories.

For the younger generation, Macau represents more than another race weekend. It offers an opportunity to forge their own identities on a circuit where family history and personal ambition intersect.

NOAH MONTEIRO

The Portuguese driver has a particular regard for the Guia Circuit. His father, Tiago Monteiro, raced in Formula 1 before becoming a successful touring car competitor and winning the Macau Guia Race in 2016.

10 years later, Noah arrives to compete in the FIA F4 World Cup, representing another legacy team: SJM Theodore Racing.

The young Portuguese driver has already cemented his place among the top competitors, finishing second overall in the Spanish Formula 4 Championship.

His appearance with Theodore Racing adds another layer to the family's story. One of the most recognizable names in Macau Grand Prix history, Theodore has long helped develop young single-seater talent.

Noah's challenge this weekend is somewhat distinct from his father's touring car days. The F4 field brings together emerging talent from championships around the world, including drivers with considerable experience. For Noah, this will be the first encounter with Macau's narrow streets and unforgiving barriers.

Still, the 16-year-old will have the chance to turn his European experience into a strong showing on one of motorsport's most demanding circuits and, above all, mark another milestone in his family's racing legacy in Macau.

ROCCO CORONEL

Another 16-year-old with a strong family connection to Macau is Dutch prospect Rocco Coronel. Rocco is the son of Tom Coronel, an experienced international racer and a well-known name among Macau audiences, who competed in both the F3 Grand Prix and the Guia touring car race over a career spanning several decades.

Beyond his father's reputation and experience at Guia, Rocco, already a member of the Red Bull Junior Team, is making a name for himself in single-seater racing.

This year, he enjoyed a strong Spanish Formula 4 campaign, finishing third overall and second among the rookies.

For the younger Coronel, the local Grand Prix is another step in his progression through the junior ranks, and he aims to demonstrate the precision, confidence and ability that Macau rewards.

These qualities have distinguished many of the circuit's most successful competitors, including his father, Tom.

ENZO TRULLI

For 21-year-old Enzo Trulli, his family name has returned to the Guia Circuit by a different route. Enzo is entering the Greater Bay Area (GBA) GT Cup, competing in GT4 machinery.

His father, Jarno Trulli, is one of the most recognizable names in Italian motorsport, having spent more than a decade in Formula 1 and winning the 2004 Monaco Grand Prix.

Long before his Formula 1 career, Jarno Trulli also made his mark in Macau, securing two podiums in the Formula 3 Grand Prix.

Enzo's appearance brings another familiar racing surname back to the city's streets, though in a category markedly different from the single-seater machinery his father raced in.

IN PREVIOUS YEARS

Although this year's field features several second-generation racers, the story of the new generation following in their fathers' footsteps started a little earlier.

Back in 2024 and 2025, Rintaro Sato, the son of former F1 racer and Macau GP winner Takuma Sato, also raced on the Guia Circuit.

Competing in the F4 category, Rintaro earned a podium finish, taking third in the inaugural F4 World Cup last year.

A few years earlier, in 2017, German Mick Schumacher, son of former F1 legend Michael Schumacher, took on Macau's street circuit, following in his father's footsteps.

Mick raced in Macau twice, in 2017 and 2018, both times in F3 machinery. Unfortunately, he didn't have the same luck as his father, Michael, who won the same race in 1990. Mick's best result came in 2018, when he finished fifth.

POLICY ADDRESS

Academic says gov't restructuring unlikely to disrupt civil service

THE government's plan to reorganize six public departments in 2027 and reduce the civil service workforce to 30,500 employees is unlikely to cause significant disruption to employment or staff morale, according to a University of Macau academic.

Chan Kin San, coordinator of the university's master's program in public administration, told TDM Radio that the government's reliance on natural attrition to reduce staffing levels should limit the impact on the labor market.

He said public discussion had not sufficiently considered how digital services and artificial intelligence (AI) were changing the work of government departments.

"Many Macau residents have changed their habits. They have become accustomed to shopping online and are increasingly using digital platforms to access public services," Chan said.

He added that AI adoption would also reshape staffing needs, describing the technology as a potential challenge for employment but an opportunity to improve institutional efficiency.

The public sector workforce fell by 916 employees between April 2025 and September 2026, bringing the total to 30,548, Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai said Monday during the presentation of the government's 2027 Policy Address.

The reduction followed the first phase of an administrative restructuring plan covering 18 public services.

On another government priority, declining birth rates and population aging, Chan acknowledged that reversing the trend would be difficult.

"Globally, there are currently no concrete measures that can quickly reverse falling birth rates and bring fertility above 2.1, the replacement level," he said.

However, he noted that the government appeared to be moving away from introducing isolated measures toward a more coordinated policy approach.

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

TOURISM

New tourism push targets Europe beyond traditional Asian markets

YUKI LEI



CHIEF Executive Sam Hou Fai said Macau's tourism promotion must reach beyond traditional markets into long-haul regions such as Europe, rather than concentrating solely on Southeast Asia.

Responding to lawmakers' questions on the 2027 Policy Address at the Legislative Assembly Tuesday, Sam noted that international visitor numbers had risen this year, with European arrivals up 32%, and said tourism promotion should extend to more distant markets.

"I have said many times to the tourism authorities that our promotion models and targets need to change," he said. "Our investment in promotion in Portugal is small, and the approach is still roadshows – but why not use the Portuguese network as a hub: north to France, west and south to Spain, and a little further east to Italy?"

Sam suggested using the World Tourism Organization's headquarters in Madrid as a springboard into the Spanish market, noting that the World Tourism Economy Forum held in Macau brings the UN tourism secretary-general and Spanish participants to the city. He also pointed to Macau's advantages as a platform for Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking markets.

He said Macau should expand its international tourism network to Europe and the Americas while consolidating existing markets, stressing that the city's positioning as a world center of tourism and leisure, granted by the central government, requires attracting high-quality visitors.

On the economy, Sam said that although gross gaming revenue had fallen year-on-year for several consecutive months, the economy still grew 2.9% in the first three quarters, with tourism service exports rising 7.5% in the third quarter and offsetting a 4.8% decline in gaming service exports. Non-gaming spending also rose, with average per-visitor non-gaming spending up more than 10% to MOP2,099.

He said gaming remains an important pillar of Macau's economy and that the government wants it to develop in a healthy, orderly manner.

"The adjustment in the gaming industry is not the result of our gaming law – the law has brought healthy, orderly regulation," he said. "It mainly reflects the internal and external economic environment and changes in visitors' own consumption patterns."

"I hope our tourism and gaming industries, especially gaming, will have a window of healthy, orderly development, so that we can advance economic development step by step while safeguarding social welfare," he said.

On diversification and public finances, Sam said the government would continue promoting the "1+4" industries, including Chinese medicine and health, modern finance, high technology and cultural tourism, and would review past tax exemptions to broaden the tax base gradually without affecting livelihoods. Adjustments must be made prudently and must not cause unnecessary shocks to the economy, employment or livelihoods, he said.

Responding to suggestions that fiscal reserves be used to cover expenditure, Sam warned that population aging will continue to increase fixed public spending on healthcare and social security. If reserves are used to fund recurrent expenditure over the long term, it may indicate that regular government revenue is insufficient to cover growing public spending, he said, adding that the government must balance economic stability, livelihood protection and fiscal sustainability.

LABOR

CE vows to prioritize local jobs, says 3% unemployment reflects full employment

YUKI LEI



CHIEF Executive Sam Hou Fai stressed that securing stable employment for local residents remains the government's priority and that it will spare no effort in creating employment opportunities, while noting that every society has people who do not work for various reasons and that an unemployment rate of around 3% is considered to represent full employment.

Responding to lawmakers' questions on employment support and talent imports at the Legislative Assembly Tuesday, Sam said local employment is the government's priority.

"We must ensure local residents have stable employment," he said, adding that the government would provide assistance through cross-departmental coordination, job matching and vocational training.

He noted that the government set up an employment promotion coordination task force last year, using a cross-departmental mechanism to actively collect job vacancies and conduct job matching and career counseling. From January to October this year, the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL) successfully referred 9,234 people to jobs, of whom 51.9% were aged 34 or below and 22.4% were 45 or above.

"I hope our young people will really consider their career as a very important part of their lives — to start, to try, and to accumulate experience," he said. "The fact that 52% of referrals were young people shows they are willing to take part in job matching, which is a positive signal."

He said the integrated vocational training platform had 5,057 users by September, offering 803 courses covering digital skills, accounting, health, distinctive finance and artificial intelligence, in line with the "1+4" diversification strategy. The government has also launched 34 employment-plus-training schemes, with 28 programs enrolling 339 people and 14 mainland internships offering 255 places.

On talent imports, Sam said the government would conduct a full review of the talent import regime next year, focusing on better matching the needs of the "1+4" industries and drawing on neighboring regions' experience to consider new categories of talent. "This type of talent is not aimed at obtaining residency from the outset, but at really working as talent to support our economic development," he said.

He said about 1,000 people had been admitted under the three talent categories – high-end, outstanding and advanced professional – from last year to August. The review will examine shortcomings in the first three phases and take account of developments in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area and Hengqin-Macau integration.

Sam said a four-stage youth training system had been established, from school career planning to guiding students towards industry-related disciplines, internships and job matching. A Macau Youth Home has also opened in Guangzhou to help students prepare for work.

Cold front to bring cooler weather from today

A cold front is expected to reach the Guangdong coast today, bringing scattered showers to Macau, according to the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG). Northerly winds will strengthen in the evening, with gusts reaching Force 6, as temperatures begin to fall. Cool weather is forecast for Thursday and Friday, with minimum temperatures dropping to around 15 degrees Celsius. The SMG advised the public to take precautions against the cooler conditions.

Gov't reviews anti-money laundering measures

The government has reviewed anti-money laundering legislation and preparations for the next mutual evaluation at a meeting of the Interdepartmental Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism Working Group on Nov. 12. About 70 representatives from 13 government agencies attended the second plenary meeting of the year, which covered the draft bill on Combating Money Laundering and Illicit Financing Activities and progress on Macau's fourth overall financial crime risk assessment. Authorities also discussed strengthening enforcement and regulatory cooperation to address domestic and cross-border financial crime threats.

Bus routes 3 and 3X to divert during peak periods

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) will temporarily divert bus routes 3 and 3X on selected dates from Nov. 19 to Jan. 3 to ease passenger and traffic congestion around the Macau Grand Prix, weekends and New Year holidays. The routes will use a temporary stop at the junction of Rua do Dr. Pedro José Lobo and Avenida do Infante D. Henrique, bypassing the "Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro/OCBC" stop. The arrangement will apply from the first to the last bus, with Rua do Dr. Pedro José Lobo converted into a no-exit road. Meanwhile, seasonal route 17T will operate on selected weekends from Nov. 21 to Jan. 31, as well as Jan. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to serve passengers traveling between the Border Gate and the Ruins of St. Paul's area.

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

ECONOMY

Macau told to press ahead with development as SMEs face market challenges

YUKI LEI


LYNZY VALLES

CHIEF Executive Sam Hou Fai said that "moving forward" is a governing principle he holds dear, with the government and society needing to advance in step with national development. He also warned that the pandemic has shifted consumer values and left small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) facing unavoidable economic pressures.

Speaking at the Legislative Assembly Tuesday, Sam explained that "northbound, southbound, westward and eastward, centered on Macau" means "relying on the motherland and facing the world," with development advancing in line with Macau's actual circumstances.

On "moving forward", Sam said the phrase has become a motto for him and his team. At the start of the year, he visited a market in Taipa where university students had set up a stall bearing the words, an experience that left a lasting impression on him. "Others are moving forward; if you don't advance, you fall behind – Macau is in such a situation, so we must move forward," he said, adding that he hoped the entire government apparatus, through public services and administrative reform alike, could help drive Macau's development.

He said "northbound" development involves technology, Hengqin and tourism, including the university town and airport coordination, while "southbound" focuses on expanding external ties and tourism. The government will also consider community economic development and SMEs, while strengthening connections between local businesses and the mainland market.

On the Third Five-Year Plan, Sam said this year's two key tasks are aligning with the national plan and formulating Macau's own, as well as improving executive-led governance and efficiency. Macau must develop in tandem with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, integrating its development into the national strategy and the Greater Bay Area's overall development framework, he said.

On implementation, he said the government has compiled lists of projects, key tasks and major policy initiatives, identifying responsible and coordinating departments and timetables. According to him, the plan contains 118 projects, of which 116 will start next year; 310 key tasks, of which 286 will begin; and 112 major policy initiatives, of which 109 will launch next year. Adjustments would be made as circumstances change, he said, but work would proceed step by step.

On the pandemic's impact, Sam said the post-pandemic adjustment had hit SMEs and was not unique to Macau. "If you have no competitiveness – as we saw in the post-pandemic economic adjustment, especially for our SMEs – you cannot avoid it. It is not just Macau; neighboring places and the whole world are the same," he said.

He said the pandemic changed people's attitudes and priorities, with even office models adjusting. "Before, people perhaps cared more about how others saw them; now they care about their own feelings," he said, adding that consumption patterns and values had shifted, affecting every sector, with SMEs also facing the impact of Greater Bay Area integration.

Sam said the government would help businesses improve their competitiveness on a stable foundation, while taking account of the impact of integration on local enterprises and the community economy. "Our government and everyone in Macau must move forward together," he said.

Property market faces further price declines as stimulus remains limited


RENATO MARQUES

THE property market is likely to remain under pressure next year, with industry representatives warning that prices could continue declining as the government's 2027 Policy Address offers few new measures to stimulate demand.

The policy agenda focuses largely on longer-term population and talent initiatives, alongside urban renewal and district revitalization, rather than short-term incentives to revive the housing market.

Roy Ho, director of Centaline Property Macau and Zhuhai Hengqin, said the industry had largely expected the government to maintain existing property measures without introducing additional stimulus, as cited in a Macao Daily New report.

He added that market participants were awaiting further details from next week's policy Q&A session by the Secretariat for Economy and Finance.

Ho noted that the external economic outlook remained uncertain, while the possibility of another U.S. Federal Reserve rate-hiking cycle could add pressure to the property market, calling for stronger and faster economic support measures to help restore balance between housing supply and demand.

However, he said that the government's plans to review birth and childcare allowances, revise the talent recruitment framework and introduce a new list of occupations facing shortages could support housing demand over the longer term by attracting residents and skilled workers.

"Measures to support SMEs, attract investment and expand the first-store economy could also help stabilize the commercial property market," he explained.

Meanwhile, another industry representative said further declines in property prices remained possible next year, citing external economic uncertainty, interest rate pressures and weak domestic demand.

On the government's decision to reduce the rental property tax rate to 8%, the representative said the adjustment would ease landlords' financial burden but was unlikely to significantly affect rents, which are primarily determined by market supply and demand. The measure was also unlikely to substantially increase rental supply, the representative added. **LV**

GBA

Macau, Guangdong to test revenue-sharing mechanism for Hengqin

SAMUEL Tong, president of the Macao Political Economy Research Association, said a proposed revenue-sharing mechanism between Macau and Guangdong could help the city secure greater economic and fiscal returns from its investments in Hengqin, although the details of the arrangement remain unclear.

The government plans to pilot the mechanism to strengthen economic cooperation and ensure that investments in the Cooperation Zone generate mutual benefits, according to the 2027 Policy Address.

Tong said further clarification was needed on how revenues would be allocated and whether Macau would also be required to share returns from its investments with mainland authorities.

The scholar said the key issue was establishing how Hengqin investments could generate benefits for Macau residents, businesses and government finances.

He cited the planned Macau-Hengqin International Education (University) Town as a potential example, noting that tuition revenue from students would be collected by participating institutions, including the University of Macau, Macao Polytechnic University and Macao University of Tourism.

The proposed mechanism forms part of efforts to strengthen the Cooperation Zone's "four jointly" framework, covering consultation, construction, management and benefit-sharing between the Macau and Guangdong governments.

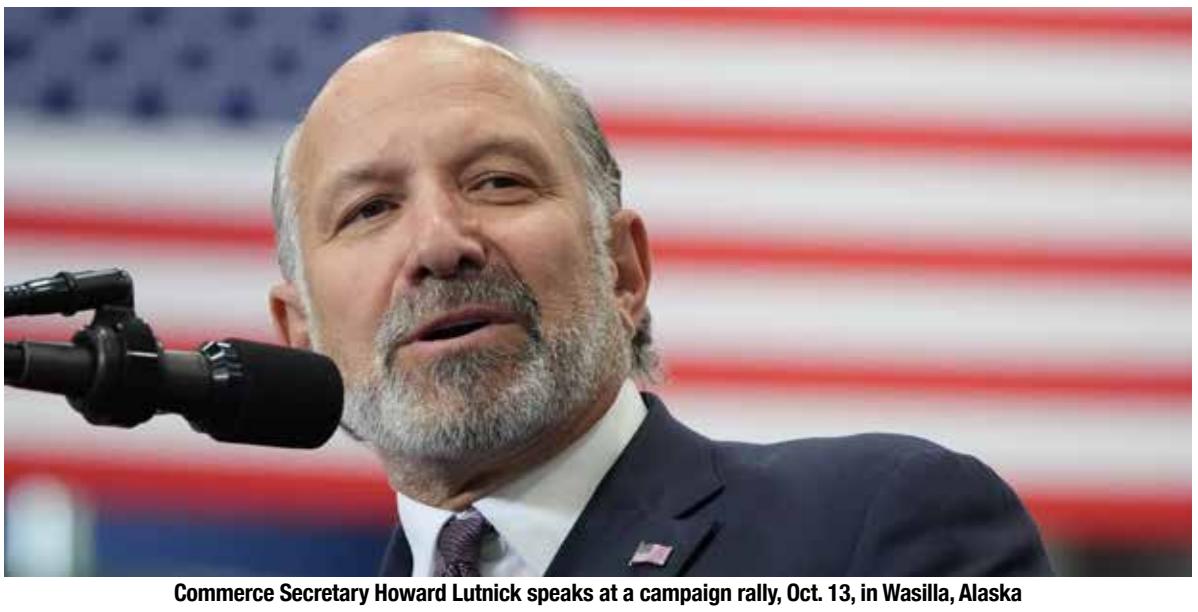
MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

TECH

Trump administration moves to block China from indirect access to American AI technology

DIDI TANG, WASHINGTON

AP PHOTO



Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick speaks at a campaign rally, Oct. 13, in Wasilla, Alaska

THE Trump administration Tuesday (Macau time) issued new rules to restrict remote access to advanced U.S. computing chips and servers, marking the latest step to limit China's abilities to use U.S. chips to train their best artificial intelligence models.

Last week, Nvidia co-founder Jensen Huang resigned as CEO following scrutiny of his ties to a Chinese executive who used to lead Singapore-based Megaspeed International, which is suspected of diverting advanced Nvidia chips to China in violation of U.S. export controls. The company provides computing power to Chinese companies using chips housed in Southeast Asian data centers, including facilities in Malaysia.

"The rule is designed to ensure that existing restrictions on access to sensitive American technology cannot be circumvented through remote computing arrangements involving data centers in third countries," the Bureau of Industry and Security under the Commerce Department said in issuing the rule that took effect immediately.

The rule came on the same day President Donald Trump departed for a trip to Asia, where he expects to meet Chinese leader Xi Jinping for the third time this year amid a fragile truce on trade.

Under the new rule, overseas data centers that serve companies in countries including China, Russia, Iran and Cuba are required to identify their end users. There also will be additional licensing requirements for sales of chips for Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand or Brazil — countries that "present a higher-than-normal risk of diversion" to unauthorized destinations, the rule says.

In Beijing, China's foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun accused Washington of arbitrarily interfering with China's trade and technological cooperation with other countries and suppressing the development of China's high-tech industries.

"This is a typical example of economic coercion and long-arm jurisdiction, runs counter to the common understanding between the two sides," he told reporter, adding that it infringes upon the rights of Chinese companies and disrupts the stability of global supply chains.

He said China would take necessary measures to safeguard its interests.

The U.S. bans sales of the country's most advanced AI chips to China, seeking to maintain an edge in its rivalry with China for predominance in artificial intelligence. However, many lawmakers and policymakers believe the country's export control rules are not tough enough and filled with loopholes such as cloud computing that allows China to rent processing power built on American technology.

Last year, U.S. Rep. Michael Lawler, a New York Republican, introduced a bill to broaden the U.S. export controls to include remote access. He told Congress "physical export controls" under current rules do not apply to remote access, allowing China to "access our tech through the cloud" and giving it "a real tool to sidestep" U.S. export restrictions. The bill has passed the House.

In the Senate, lawmakers also are seeking tougher legislation to prevent China from accessing advanced U.S. chip and AI technologies. Bills include proposals that would let Congress review licenses to sell advanced AI chips to China, ask the Department of Commerce to track AI chips to ensure they are not diverted to unauthorized regions, and compel U.S. allies such as the Netherlands and Japan to match U.S. restrictions on exports to Chinese chipmakers.

Last week, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick came under pressure when Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the Commerce Department was late to place restrictions on Nvidia chip exports to Megaspeed.

On Tuesday, Trump acknowledged tension between Treasury and Commerce on the matter. He suggested that Lutnick may have delayed placing the export restrictions to avoid a "blow up" in the fragile U.S.-China relationship.

"We're having a very good relationship with China right now, and I understand both sides of it, Trump said.

In a joint statement Tuesday by the Commerce and Justice departments, it said Commerce initiated an investigation into Megaspeed for potential export control violations in 2024, which was followed by requests to Nvidia for records in May 2025 related to sales to Megaspeed.

The following month, it said, Nvidia placed Megaspeed on its "no sell" list, and agents from the Commerce Department in conjunction with Singapore law enforcement conducted on-site checks of Megaspeed and interviewed Chinese businesswoman Alice Huang. The Justice Department then took the lead role in the criminal probe of Megaspeed, the statement said.

"The Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security working together will bring the full extent of the law against Megaspeed for any criminal conduct that may have occurred," the statement said. **MDT/AP**

TRADE

China and Canada expand tariff relief while Ottawa-Washington relations are strained

E. EDUARDO CASTILLO, SHENZHEN

AP PHOTO



Canada Prime Minister Mark Carney, left, greets Chinese President Xi Jinping in Shenzhen, China, Tuesday

THE leaders of China and Canada agreed Tuesday on additional tariff cuts as they pledged for deeper ties and Ottawa navigates strained relations with the United States.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney met ahead of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, and both praised the strategic partnership they agreed to pursue this year and pointed to improving economic ties.

Carney's office said in a statement that the new measures extend and expand an earlier agreement between the countries.

Under the agreement, China will provide additional tariff relief on Canadian exports worth around 400 million Canadian dollars ($280 million), including frozen pork cuts, fish and seafood.

In return, Canada will extend tariff exemptions for certain Chinese steel and aluminum products by two years.

The meeting between the leaders came a day after Carney said Canada could turn to Chinese automakers if trade negotiations with U.S. President Donald Trump fail to maintain an integrated North American auto industry.

"Improving and developing China-Canada relations serves the interests of the people of both countries and is also conducive to safeguarding world peace, stability, development and prosperity," said Xi. "This is the right choice."

Carney said that the exchanges between Canada and China have increased in the past months and praised that now there is "greater predictability and stability" in their relationship.

"The stabilization of our bilateral trade arrangement is indicative of how we can work together more broadly, pragmatically, to solve problems," he said.

Carney added that his country is ahead of schedule in its plan to increase exports to China by 50% by the end of the decade. **MDT/AP**

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

AP PHOTO



President Donald Trump inspects an honor guard after stepping off Air Force One, Tuesday

PHILIPPINES

Trump kicks off Asia trip in Manila with economic deals and talks with allies

MICHELLE L. PRICE, JIM GOMEZ AND JOSH BOAK, MANILA

PRESIDENT Donald Trump arrived in the Philippines on Tuesday, where he was scheduled to meet regional partners, talk trade, and seek a break from a series of setbacks at home.

Manila, the Philippine capital, is Trump's first stop on a three-day trip that will later take him to China for historic three-way nuclear talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and, according to Trump, potentially for a meeting with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un.

The visit marks Trump's first travel abroad since his party suffered deep losses in midterm elections.

TRUMP TO BE FETED AT THE ANNUAL ASEAN SUMMIT

Trump's first hours in the Philippines include all the reassuring optics from Washington's oldest treaty ally in Asia, including a cocktail reception and dinner with other world leaders, an intermission from some of the thorniest issues at home. He's being feted Tuesday night at a gala as the "guest of honor" at the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The ASEAN leaders have been working on a non-aggression pact with China in the contested waters of the South China Sea, a key global trade route. Confrontations have escalated in recent years, particularly between Chinese and Philippine coast guard and naval forces in disputed shoals.

After landing in Manila, Trump first met with the leaders of the Quad nations, comprising the U.S., Australia, India, and Japan, that have aimed to counter China's influence in the Asia Pacific, for the first time since Trump returned to the White House last year.

The president announced that the Quad would conduct an exercise featuring maritime patrol aircraft and launch an accelerator to speed the development of artificial intelligence.

Trump is scheduled to sign a trade deal with Thailand, the type of agreement he has relished striking since launching a trade war last year buttressed by steep tariff threats.

The U.S. had announced a trade framework last October in which Thailand would remove tariffs on most American goods, as well as barriers for importing U.S. autos, food products and pharmaceutical drugs, according to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. At the time, the Trump administration said Thailand would also spend more than $18 billion on U.S. aircraft and buy U.S. farm goods and liquefied natural gas.

Before the gala dinner Tuesday night, Trump will participate in what's billed as a "special summit" with the ASEAN leaders, where they are expected to discuss efforts to deepen trade and security ties as well as the region's longstanding conflicts, including yearslong violence in Myanmar and escalating disputes in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims virtually in its entirety.

Washington rejects China's expansive claim in the waterway, and has repeatedly stated that it's obligated to defend the Philippines if Filipino forces come under an armed attack.

ANTI-TRUMP PROTESTERS GATHERED IN MANILA

About 1,500 left-wing protesters held a noisy rally in a downtown Manila square ahead of Trump's arrival, calling on Philippine leaders not to take their foreign policy cues from the U.S.

They waved red flags and held up a large streamer that read, "Resist U.S. war and plunder!" They planned to burn an effigy of Trump. Riot police with shields and wooden truncheons stood nearby.

"The Philippine government should not deal with such a loser so our call to the Marcos administration is to stop being a puppet of Donald Trump and to uphold an independent foreign policy for the Philippines," protest leader Teddy Casiño told The Associated Press at the Liwasang Bonifacio square, referring to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Nearly 23,000 police personnel and other law enforcers, including SWAT teams, were deployed to secure the ASEAN summit.

PLANNED MEETINGS WITH THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT

On Wednesday, Trump is set to receive a red-carpet welcome and full military honors from Marcos Jr., followed by a state banquet as part of his visit to the Malacanang presidential palace. Trump and Marcos are expected to affirm their commitment to their countries' longstanding treaty alliance.

Officials are arranging a possible brief reunion in Malacanang with an old acquaintance — Imelda Marcos — if she's well enough and gets her doctors' nod.

Now 97 and using a wheelchair, the former jet set Philippine first lady and mother of the incumbent president partied in New York decades ago in her heyday as the controversial wife of a strongman leader, who was to be ousted in a pro-democracy 1986 "People Power" public uprising.

But the friendship with Trump endured, with Trump often asking Marcos Jr. and other Philippine officials: "How's Imelda?" Philippine Ambassador to Washington Jose Manuel Romualdez told The Associated Press.

When the Philippine leader met Trump in the White House last year, he carried a note from his mother that thanked the U.S. president for his strong backing of the Philippines. "President Trump was very happy and told Marcos, 'please say hello to your mother,'" according to Romualdez.

Trump is also expected to announce a series of commercial deals and investments in the aviation, defense, energy, and technology sectors, before heading to Shenzhen, China, for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit.

Boak reported from Shenzhen, China. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

2000 Hollywood meets Wales in 'wedding of year'



The film world has celebrated the celebrity wedding of the year in New York, as Hollywood leading man Michael Douglas married Welsh actress Catherine Zeta Jones.

The lavish ceremony took place in New York's Plaza Hotel and cost an estimated £1.5 million.

Crowds of well-wishers and photographers lined the street outside and guests waved before walking into the Plaza ballroom where the ceremony was to be held.

Catherine Zeta Jones, 31, exchanged vows with Michael Douglas, 56, in a ceremony shrouded in secrecy due to a reputed £1m exclusive deal with OK! Magazine.

Security was so tight guests had to show their hologrammed invitations before being allowed in and private photographs were banned.

The Welsh dragon fluttered alongside the American stars and stripes above the hotel entrance, and the wedding feast featured Welsh lamb.

Even the wedding ring came from a family jeweller in Aberystwyth.

The best man was Cameron Douglas, Michael Douglas's 21-year-old son from his first marriage.

Also taking a starring role was Dylan, the couple's three-month-old son, who spent most of the ceremony asleep.

A party of 30 family and friends were flown to the US from the Welsh valleys, including Miss Zeta Jones's mother, Pat, and her father, Dai, a retired sweet salesman.

Her grandmother, from whom she gets the name Zeta, was also flown to New York although the 85-year-old is still recovering from two recent operations.

The family rubbed shoulders with the groom's father, veteran actor Kirk Douglas, 83, as well as film stars Sir Sean Connery, Jack Nicholson, Sharon Stone, Sir Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve and Danny DeVito.

As he arrived, Mr Douglas senior gave his blessing to the marriage, remarking, "I'd marry her myself, but my wife won't let me."

Catherine Zeta Jones was born on a housing estate in the Welsh seaside town of Mumbles. [...]

Courtesy BBC News

In context

Despite the high security, photographers from Hello! Magazine gatecrashed the wedding and took surreptitious pictures.
Immediately after the wedding the couple were granted a court injunction banning the publication of the unauthorised photos but this was lifted on appeal.
Catherine Zeta Jones and Michael Douglas then sued the magazine.
After a three-year legal battle, they won a partial victory when a judge ruled Hello! had breached their commercial confidence, although he said it did not breach their privacy.
They were awarded damages of £14,600.
In April 2003 Catherine Zeta Jones gave birth to her second child, a daughter, Carys.
Also in 2003, she won an Oscar for her performance in the musical movie Chicago.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Tread carefully today, especially dealing with kids or romantic partners. Friendships might also suffer as well as relations with groups, clubs and organizations. Yikes! Patience is your best ally. Tonight: Seek privacy.

Taurus
Apr. 20-May. 20

This is a poor day to ask for permission or approval from authority figures because very likely, their reply will be, "Talk to the hand." Give your boss a wide berth to avoid regrets.

Gemini
May. 21-Jun. 21

Steer clear of controversial topics like politics, religion and racial issues today because some people are looking for a fight. Furthermore, relations with people in authority will be unpredictable.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Disputes about inheritances, shared property, debt and anything jointly held might be nasty today. Take a moment and listen to what someone has to say to show them your respect.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Relations with spouses, partners and close friends are touchy today. You might also be at odds with someone about financial matters or who owes what to whom.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Steer clear of conflict with coworkers today. In fact, be aware that spouses, partners and close friends might throw you a curveball or do something you least expect.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22

Your work routine might be interrupted today because of delayed deliveries and minor accidents. Slow down and pay attention to everything you say and do.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Parents should pay extra attention to their kids today to avoid accidents because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Know where they are at all times, especially toddlers.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your home routine might be interrupted today. A small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock on the door.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. Think before you speak. Avoid arguments about money and possessions, which might arise.

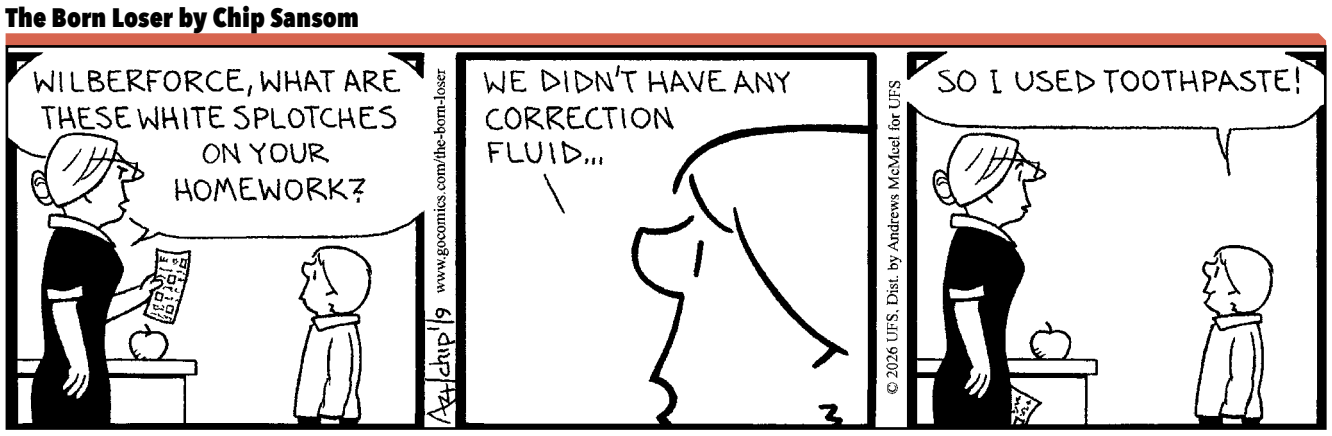
Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Early today the Moon is in your sign opposite fiery Mars, which can trigger arguments because you might feel annoyed with someone. Keep an eye on your possessions to protect them from loss, theft or damage.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20

After the Moon moves into your sign today, it's at odds with wild, wacky Uranus, which can make you jump to conclusions or be too hasty. You might feel impatient with duties and responsibilities.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

8		6			9			
	1	4			2	9		
		5	3	1	8			4
		1	6					7
	8	7				6	5	
9					7	2		
1			9	2	3	4		
		2	1			8	9	
			7			5		2

Easy+

			8			1		
7			5			2	6	
			1			4		7
		7		4	6			
2	4			9			8	1
			3	1		7		
6		5			1			
8	3				7			5
	1				3			

Medium

8				7				
	1			8		3	6	
	3		9					
9			7					1
	7	3		6		5	2	
4				5				3
				3			9	
6	2		7				4	
			5					8

Hard

					3			2
			9			1		
	8			7		5		4
3		1	7				8	
	4						5	
	5				1	2		3
5		4		1			6	
		9			8			
7			6					

WEATHER

	MIN	MAX	CONDITION
CHINA			
Beijing	1	6	fine
Changchun	-5	-1	overcast
Chengdu	10	17	cloudy
Chongqing	12	14	rain
Fuzhou	19	22	rain
Guangzhou	20	24	rain
Guiyang	8	11	overcast
Haikou	23	29	thunderstorms
Hangzhou	11	15	fine
Harbin	-9	-3	snow
Hefei	8	13	cloudy
Nanjing	9	12	cloudy
Shanghai	11	14	overcast
Taipei	18	22	rain
Wuhan	10	14	cloudy
Hong Hong	19	27	sunny
WORLD			
Moscow	-1	1	cloudy
Frankfurt	9	12	cloudy
Paris	10	14	sunny
London	7	13	rain
New York	7	16	sunny

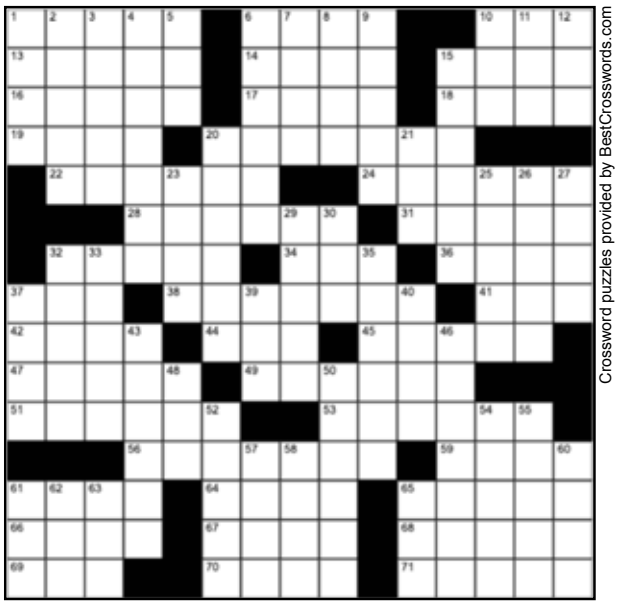
CROSSWORDS

ACROSS 1- Give it ___!; 6- Coarse file, angry tone of voice; 10- Not Rep. or Dem.; 13- Challenger; 14- List-shortening abbr.; 15- Not tricked by; 16- French farewell; 17- Rocket launcher; 18- Dull pain; 19- Soft shoes; 20- Reconsider; 22- Of little width; 24- Basic monetary unit; 28- Dines at home; 31- V-formation fliers; 32- Russian liquor; 34- Wish undone; 36- Tibetan oxen; 37- Yank's foe; 38- Endless; 41- Fido's appointment; 42- "___ Tu": 1974 hit; 44- Legal conclusion?; 45- Keyed in; 47- Beasts of burden; 49- Concurs; 51- Spanish rice dish; 53- Fake; 56- Portal; 59- Former monetary unit of Angola; 61- Circle overhead?; 64- 100 dinars; 65- Wild guesses; 66- Mild cheese; 67- Work like a dog; 68- Painter Matisse; 69- Rejections; 70- ABA member; 71- Church instrument;

DOWN 1- First person; 2- Radioactive gas; 3- Author Jong; 4- Goes ballistic; 5- Capote, to friends; 6- Continues a subscription; 7- Rat-___; 8- Scarf; 9- Tartan; 10- Business mag; 11- ___ degree; 12- Female rabbit; 15- Annie with a gun; 20- Revolve; 21- Eggy drink; 23- Autumn tool; 25- Depart; 26- Invited; 27- Take a break; 29- Like some vbs.; 30- Convent dweller; 32- Vice ___; 33- Like most sumo wrestlers; 35- Diner; 37- Harvest; 39- Conductor ___-Pekka Salonen; 40- Caustic substances; 43- Rarely; 46- Book of hymns; 48- ___-mo replay; 50- 'It's true!'; 52- Main artery; 54- Nasal tone; 55- Horselike African mammal; 57- Civil disturbance; 58- Hold on!; 60- The doctor ___; 61- Female fowl; 62- Tumult; 63- Vegas opening; 65- HBO alternative;

Yesterday's solution

S	M	I	T			A	C	H		A	B	E
A	O	N	E		U	B	O	A	T	M	O	A
N	O	L	A		N	O	O	S	E	S	O	S
G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R	K	E
G			E	T	A			N	O	E	S	
	E	U	R	O	P	E		S	Y	S	T	E
H	A	N		A	P	R	I	L		A	T	L
U	V	E	A		Y	E	S	E	S	U	L	N
T	E	M	P	E		C	A	D	E	T	E	L
S	P	I	R	I	T		S	N	E	E	R	S
	L	A	I	R			A	R	I			
I	G	O		C	O	M	P	E	T	I	T	I
F	A	Y	E		N	E	A	T	O		H	A
S	E	E	N		S	E	N	O	R		E	M
O	L	D	E		T	E	N				R	A



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency calls 999
Fire department 28 572 222
PJ (Open line) 993
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
PSP 28 573 333
Customs 28 559 944
S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
IAM 28 387 333
Tourism 28 333 000
Airport 59 888 88

Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
Water Supply – Report 2822 0088
Telephone – Report 1000
Electricity – Report 28 339 922
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081

AD



MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times
MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

RUGBY

SPRINGBOKS COACH GETS 6-MATCH BAN AFTER RAISING 'MATCH-FIXING' QUERY

STEVE DOUGLAS,
SPORTS WRITER

AP PHOTO



South Africa's head coach Rassie Erasmus

SOUTH Africa coach Rassie Erasmus was banned for six international games by World Rugby on Tuesday, a day after questioning whether the failure of officials to spot what he perceived to be illegal tackles by opponents could amount to "match-fixing" or "manipulation of the game or result."

Erasmus' contentious remarks were made at a news conference Monday ahead of the Springboks' test match against Ireland on Saturday. He had previously been banned by World Rugby on two separate occasions for hostile comments toward match officials.

Now he has a third suspension, with World Rugby saying a disciplinary panel found his comments "suggest that match officials acted with bias/prejudice or deliberately influenced the outcome of a match" and "constituted an unacceptable attack on the credibility and competence of the match officials."

Referring to the Boks' 21-19 loss to France on Friday, Erasmus argued the French team committed 17 illegal hip-drop tackles that weren't picked up by the officials on the field or the Television Match Official.

"The TMO doesn't come in once," Erasmus said. "I'm not saying he's wrong. I'm saying if he didn't see it, it must be a technology problem. If he saw it and he decided not to act on it, is that not match-fixing? Is that not interfering with the outcome of a game if you see this injury that happens there?"

Moments later, when referring to the same incidents, Erasmus said: "If the TMO didn't see it, maybe then technology must be better. If he saw it and he ignored it, what does that boil down to? Manipulation of the game or the result, or injured players getting injured."

Erasmus said he was not making an "accusation" about the officials, and acknowledged there was "a drive in World Rugby that the TMO should stay out and not interrupt the game."

World Rugby said the disciplinary panel determined his conduct "clearly amounts to disrespecting the authority of the match officials by impugning their integrity."

Reacting to the sanction, SA Rugby said it was requesting a full misconduct hearing for Erasmus to give him the chance to "contextualize his comments and assure the panel that it was not his intention to allege that any match official had acted with ulterior motives."

"SA Rugby trusted that such a hearing could be expedited considering the seriousness of the charge," the union said.

In its statement, World Rugby said Erasmus was entitled to such a hearing.

The suspension applies immediately — starting with the Ireland game in the inaugural Nations Championship this weekend — and includes any match-day involvement, including coaching, direct or indirect contact with team management or players on match days.

"Respect is fundamental to rugby, and match officials are central to the sport," the global governing body said. "Protecting their wellbeing and integrity, and their right to perform without abuse or intimidation, is a responsibility World Rugby and unions take seriously. Coaches, players, unions and everyone in the game must uphold these standards."

Erasmus was previously suspended from all rugby for two months, and banned from matchday activity with the Boks for 10 months, for attacking match officials on social media when the British and Irish Lions toured South Africa in 2021.

The following year, World Rugby suspended him from any involvement in the two Springboks' matches following a review into Erasmus' critical social media posts following the team's narrow losses to Ireland and France in November tests.

At the time of both bans, Erasmus was the Springboks' director of rugby. **MDT/AP**

AD

New Rugby Season

Saturdays, 9-11am, Taipa Stadium

BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 6 – 18

- Team working
- Co-operation
- Fitness and FUN

SIGN UP NOW!!



MACAU BATS RUGBY

FOOTBALL | GALÁCTICOS

Beckham sues for $41 million after his fragrance is sold in gas stations and discount stores

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

A dispute over the sale of David Beckham perfumes has struck a sour note with the soccer star turned style icon.

Beckham's commercial company is suing a beauty firm after his "luxury" fragrances were allegedly found for sale in discount stores and a gas station bargain bin.

DB Ventures has filed a claim in the New York Supreme Court against German beauty group Coty, which makes and distributes a range of Beckham-branded fragrances and toiletries. They include the Classic and Instinct lines and the eaux de toilette Intimately and Exquisite Leather.

The claim argues that Beckham's "world-renowned global brand is synonymous with excellence and refinement," and "David Beckham products are a symbol of everyday luxury."

AP PHOTO



"Imagine, then, the shock and dismay experienced when DB Ventures discovered that David Beckham products were being offered for sale in a gas station," the legal document says. "How could this possibly have happened? Desperation and greed."

Lawyers for DB Ventures allege that Beckham-branded products "ended up in the bargain bin inside a gas station" and at British budget retailer Poundland, "allowing the product to be sold for dollar store prices and associating the David Beckham brand with cheap, discount products."

DB Ventures is seeking at least $41 million in damages for breach of its licensing agreement.

Coty has asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuit, which was filed in April. The company argues that New York courts have no jurisdiction in the case, and says DB Ventures is using the claim to "manufacture its early exit" from its licensing deal and hand over the Beckham contracts to another firm, Interparfums.

The company told The Associated Press on Tuesday that "Coty strongly disputes the claims and has asked the court to dismiss them. As this is an ongoing legal matter, we will not comment further."

DB Ventures' parent company, U.S. entertainment and lifestyles firm Authentic Brands, declined to comment.

Beckham, who played for a number of clubs including Manchester United and Real Madrid and captained the England men's national team, parlayed success on the pitch into a lucrative business career that includes co-ownership of soccer team Inter Miami. He was knighted last year by King Charles III, becoming Sir David.

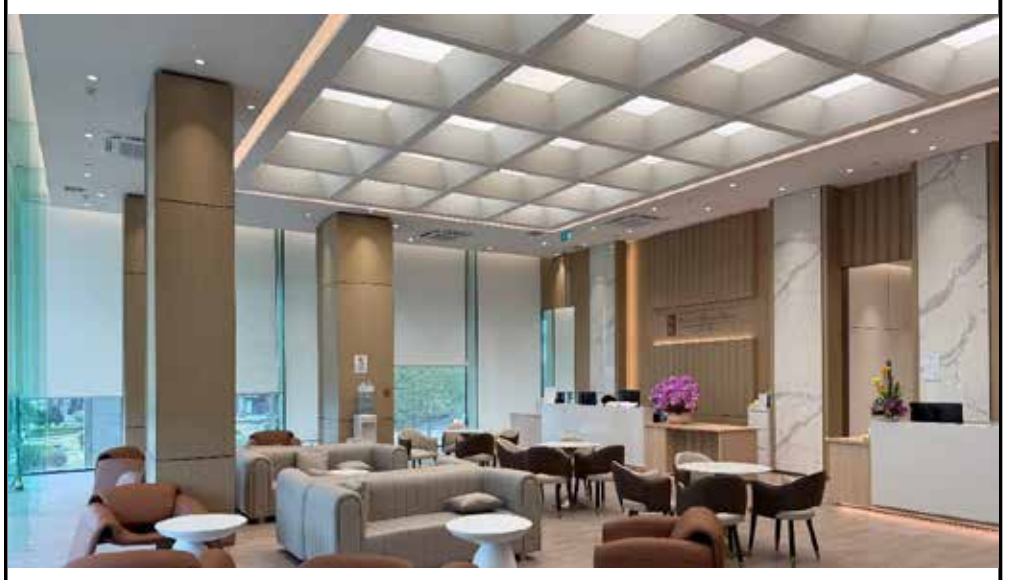
He also has had a very public persona as a fashion model, "Bend It Like Beckham" movie muse and husband of Spice Girl-turned-fashion designer Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham. The couple have four children.

The Sunday Times Rich List earlier this year estimated the Beckhams' wealth at almost 1.2 billion pounds ($1.58 billion). **MDT/AP**

AD



仁德 CENTRO MÉDICO PEDDER 仁德醫療中心



General Surgery：Dr. Fok Manson, Dr. Lai Cheuck Seen Edward, Dr. Kwong Man, Dr. Nie Fu Zhong, Dr. U Chong San, Dr. Lei Chin Chong, Dr. Leong Iat Lun
Obstetrics & Gynaecology：Dr. Luo Yifan, Dr. Fong Kuan Io
Cardiology：Dr. Jin Chun, Dr. Leong Man Kin
Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery：Dr. Cheng Zheng Ang, Dr. Liu Shuiming, Dr. Luo Junji
Orthopaedics：Dr. Lam Kun Kuan
Plastic Surgery：Dr. Lam U Lin
Dermatology：Dr. Chan Pou San
Urology：Dr. Lo Kwong Yin, Dr. Zhao Yun Qiao
Paediatric Surgery：Dr. Yeung Chung Kwong
Paediatrics：Dr. Zhang Zhiqin
Ophthalmology：Dr. Lai Iat Fan
General Medicine：Dr. Ng Kam Hong, Dr. Lam Weng Chio
Psychology：Angela Desiree Yao
Dietitian：Chan Lai U

Em Macau, Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen no. 1567, The Carat Res-Do-Chao R & 1F
T. 2832 2229 Website: www.peddermacau.com
Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 - 19:30 Sat 09:00 - 14:00 Sun & PH closed

MacauDaily 澳門每日時報 ®
Times

Ex-Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang acknowledges 'serious mistakes,' says he would return if board asks

THE BUZZ

Ex-Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang acknowledges "serious mistakes" and signals interest in returning if company board chooses.

Key House lawmakers said Tuesday that former Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has voluntarily agreed to appear for transcribed interviews as the chipmaker faces intensifying national scrutiny over sales of its advanced computer chips.

Huang will appear before the committees on Dec. 1, followed by the company's general counsel, Tim Teter, on Dec. 2.

"We look forward to hearing from Jensen Huang and Tim Teter on their roles in a potential breach of our national security," said a statement from the chairmen of three House committees with oversight over China and intelligence issues.

"The American people need answers on Mr. Huang and Nvidia's role in allowing dangerous PRC actors to access our most advanced chips, as well as the role of a potential Chinese intelligence asset in this scandal," the lawmakers said.

Also Tuesday, Nvidia said it's creating a new board committee to oversee national security and global trade compliance following revelations that Huang had an extramarital affair with an alleged spy for China.

OPINION

The Conversation



Barbara Ortutay,
MDT/AP Technology Writer

Anthropic promises to pursue humanity's benefit. Its IPO filing gives it wiggle room

When Anthropic goes public on Wall Street, the new pressure to deliver profits will test a commitment it has made since its founding: to prioritize humanity's benefit as it develops artificial intelligence.

The San Francisco startup, which plans an initial public offering this month, has sketched out a governance structure it says will protect its broader mission against financial interests. But those mechanisms give it wide leeway to decide whether it's benefiting society, experts say.

Like OpenAI, Anthropic is a public benefit corporation, a legal designation used by companies that pledge to balance shareholder interests with the public good. How that will play out for companies worth potentially trillions of dollars is uncharted territory.

"I think then the real test emerges if and when the question of public benefit becomes costly," said Sarah Kreps, director of Cornell University's Tech Policy Institute.

Anthropic pledges to pursue humanity's long-term benefit through the responsible development of advanced AI. It has also pledged at least 5% of its stock to a public benefit fund, while its founders have committed to donate 80% of their wealth.

Other tech companies have pledged to do good, including Google, which featured "Don't Be Evil" in its 2004 investor prospectus. But those words were not legally binding.

A public benefit charter seeks to give directors room to consider more than shareholder value. Yet whatever a company chooses as its public benefit mission will likely be much harder to measure than profits. That's particularly true for AI companies, whose leaders have exalted AI as the solution to many of humanity's problems – from curing cancer to creating economic prosperity.

"There are these echo chambers, the Silicon Valley bubble where they really think that what they're doing is for the good of humanity," Kreps said. Someone immersed in that environment might not ask the right questions about measuring public benefit.

Competitive pressure could also test Anthropic's ambitions. As AI companies face competition, including from open-source Chinese models, Kreps asked, "will they start to rethink some of those guardrails? And what happens then?"

Anthropic's Long-Term Benefit Trust is intended to operate as an independent body with expertise in AI safety, national security, public policy and social enterprise. Its special share carries voting authority but no economic rights, an arrangement designed to insulate trustees from financial pressure.

Three directors are elected by the trust and three by other shareholders, including founders with a 50.1% voting majority. A seventh director, with a potentially tie-breaking vote, is nominated by the trust but cannot be appointed or removed without consent from the board's nominating committee, which is expected to be controlled by the founders.

Effectively, the trust can hold Anthropic accountable on AI safety and its broader mission only up to a point, said Stavros Gadinis, a UC Berkeley law professor.

The trust "cannot determine the everyday decisions of these directors or the management of the company," he said. "If they disagree, they will have to go through the effort of removing directors, and they may not be able to remove a majority."

Going public will require Anthropic to report finances and generally become more transparent. Gadinis believes that scrutiny could be as powerful as its corporate safeguards.

The real test remains whether Anthropic's commitment to humanity survives when public benefit conflicts with making a profit. [Abridged]

AP PHOTO



The interior of the church in Curahuara de Carangas, Bolivia

BOLIVIA

Centuries-old Andean Sistine Chapel' undergoes restoration

CARLOS VALDEZ, CURAHUARA DE CARANGAS

A 418-year-old church built and painted by Indigenous hands is getting a new lease of life in Bolivia's high-altitude desert, where its colorful murals tell the story of an encounter between Spanish Catholicism and ancient Andean beliefs.

Known as the "Andean Sistine Chapel," the modest adobe church in the western province of Oruro is celebrated for its elaborate murals depicting biblical scenes alongside Indigenous religious symbols.

"It is a jewel of mestizo Baroque art," said the Rev. Jacek Dziadosz, a Polish priest known locally as Father Jacinto. He said the church reflects how Spanish colonizers and Indigenous communities sometimes collaborated, creating a religious blend that endures today.

About a dozen Aymara workers, including several women, are putting the finishing touches on a new thatched roof and whitewashing the church's walls ahead of the restoration's scheduled completion in mid-December.

The project received about $66,000 from the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, with technical support from heritage conservation specialists and the Catholic University of Bolivia.

Finding workers skilled in traditional thatching techniques was a challenge, said Josefina Matas, a conservation specialist and university professor.

The new roof is expected to last another 25 years, withstanding freezing winds, intense sunshine, rain and hail at an altitude of nearly 4,000 meters (13,100 feet), said technical supervisor Elizabeth Aguilar.

Construction of the church began around 1608, according to an inscription on its walls. Indigenous artists used natural pigments to depict biblical stories, including Genesis, the Great Flood and the Apocalypse. Missionaries used the paintings to teach Christianity to people who could not read.

"I still use these paintings to teach catechism to children and young people from rural communities, even in the age of TikTok," Dziadosz said.

The murals also reveal how Indigenous artists incorporated their own beliefs into Christian imagery.

One towering painting depicts the resurrected Christ flanked by the sun and moon, powerful symbols in Andean spirituality. A rainbow behind Jesus represents the sun's return, the priest explained.

In a depiction of the seven deadly sins, anger takes the form of a Spanish soldier wielding a sword. The artists also included human sacrifice, a practice associated with pre-Columbian religious rituals.

The Last Supper features a guinea pig, a traditional Andean festive dish, instead of bread. A black cat symbolizing bad luck appears beside Judas, while a white dog representing good fortune rests at Jesus' feet.

The Three Wise Men ride llamas rather than camels, another nod to Andean traditions.

"The murals were painted to warn people about sin and the importance of repentance," Matas said. "There is something from outside, but there is also something that is ours."

Curahuara de Carangas, a region known for raising llamas and other camelids, was once home to Inca, Aymara and Spanish communities.

The area also lay along a major colonial trade route carrying silver from the mines of Potosí to Pacific ports for shipment to Spain.

Despite the harsh conditions of the Andean highlands, Indigenous cultures flourished there long before Spanish colonizers arrived and built churches to spread Christianity. **MDT/AP**

AP PHOTO



North Macedonia Authorities in North Macedonia detained four citizens for questioning over an alleged Iran-linked assassination plot in Greece, officials said yesterdayy. A fifth person was questioned and a sixth remained wanted. The suspects allegedly acted on instructions from an Iranian national.

AP PHOTO



USA President Donald Trump's nominee for Navy secretary, Hung Cao (pictured), acknowledged yesterday that the Iran war is straining naval resources. Senators questioned him about lengthy deployments, depleted weapons stockpiles and forces diverted from Asia. Cao also needs a congressional waiver for confirmation.

USA The United States lost its measles-elimination status yesterday as outbreaks spread largely among unvaccinated people. Mexico and Bolivia also lost the designation. U.S. cases have exceeded 5,400 this year, with 10 deaths, amid falling vaccination rates and criticism of the federal response.

AP PHOTO



Mozambique's opposition leader Venancio Mondlane went on trial Tuesday on charges including instigating terrorism over protests following the disputed 2024 election. He denies wrongdoing and faces up to 24 years in prison. His party says the prosecution is politically motivated.

AP PHOTO



Nigeria A Nigerian student admitted blackmailing a Canadian teenager over an intimate photograph after posing as a woman online. The teenager said he paid about $2,000 before cutting contact. Sextortion scams increasingly target young people through social media and private messaging apps.