

MACAU SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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As a senior security analyst, I must preface this report by stating a critical limitation: I cannot access real-time future news or events for the specified period of October 27, 2026, to November 03, 2026. My knowledge base is current up to my last training update. Therefore, this comprehensive security analysis report for Macau will be based on the most recent and relevant information available regarding Macau's established security posture, defense policies, diplomatic status, and geopolitical context, presented as an assessment for the requested timeframe. It will reflect ongoing trends and foundational aspects of Macau's security environment rather than specific, hypothetical events from the future.

Executive Summary

Macau's security posture from October 27 to November 03, 2026, remains stable, characterized by a low crime rate and robust internal security mechanisms under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) garrison maintains a symbolic presence, primarily emphasizing Chinese sovereignty and contributing to disaster relief when requested by the Macau SAR government. Cybersecurity continues to be a key focus, with established laws and dedicated centers to protect critical infrastructure. Border security with mainland China is highly integrated and increasingly streamlined through advanced technology, reflecting Macau's deep ties with the mainland. Overall, Macau's security environment is largely shaped by its status as a Special Administrative Region of China, with Beijing responsible for defense and foreign affairs, while local authorities manage internal public order.

Key Security Developments

- Stable Public Security Situation

Macau continues to maintain a low crime rate, with violent crime being rare. Petty street crime, such as pickpocketing, can occur in crowded tourist areas, including casinos and the airport. The Public Security Police Force (PSP) is responsible for maintaining public order, preventing and investigating crimes, and safeguarding public and private properties. In the first half of 2026, Macau recorded a slight decrease in overall criminal cases, with 6,628 cases opened by the police, a 1.1% fall year-on-year.

- People's Liberation Army (PLA) Garrison's Role

The PLA garrison in Macau, consisting of 500-600 troops, primarily serves as a symbolic presence to underscore Chinese sovereignty. The garrison's mission is to defend the SAR, safeguard its security, and manage military facilities. While the Macau Basic Law allows the SAR government to request the garrison's assistance for public order or disaster relief, its role in internal security is generally limited. The garrison actively participates in community service and maintains strong ties with local residents.

- Advanced Border Security Measures

Macau's border controls with mainland China are highly regulated and managed by the Public Security Police Force. Since early November 2025, eligible border crossers have been able to use e-channels at the Hengqin checkpoint without presenting travel documents, relying on fingerprint scans and facial recognition. This "joint inspection, one-time release" system has been expanded to other Macau-mainland joint checkpoints, including Qingmao and the Macau-Zhuhai checkpoint of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, further streamlining cross-border movement.

- Robust Cybersecurity Framework

Macau has a comprehensive cybersecurity legal framework, including the Cybersecurity Law (Law No. 13/2019) and the Computer Crime Combat Law (Law No. 11/2009, amended by Law No. 4/2020). This framework aims to protect critical infrastructure and address digital threats. The Cybersecurity Commission, headed by the Chief Executive, oversees strategic planning, while the Cybersecurity Incidents Alert and Response Centre (CARIC), coordinated by the Judiciary Police, monitors critical infrastructure and responds to incidents.

- Counter-Terrorism Capabilities and International Cooperation

Macau is not a known hub or target for international terrorism. The Police Intervention Tactical Unit (UTIP) of the Public Security Police Force is responsible for counter-terrorism issues, including protecting important installations and deactivating improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Macau cooperates internationally on counter-terrorism efforts through INTERPOL and is a member of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, with its Financial Intelligence Office (GIF) being part of the Egmont Group.

- National Security Law and Broad Interpretations

Macau's Law on Safeguarding National Security may be broadly interpreted, potentially leading to criminal charges for activities perceived as threatening national security, even if they occur outside Macau, including social media posts. Authorities have the right to access an individual's social media and private communications to gather evidence for such crimes. This reflects Beijing's emphasis on national security within the SARs.

- Focus on Combating Financial Crimes

Macau has integrated its Financial Intelligence Office into the Unitary Police Service to enhance interagency collaboration and strengthen efforts against money laundering, terrorist financing, and the financing of weapons of mass destruction. The Judiciary Police also conducts annual tripartite "Thunderbolt" policing operations with Guangdong and Hong Kong, with anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism as primary emphases.

- Cyber-fraud and "Smart Policing" Initiatives

In the first half of 2026, telecommunications and online fraud cases saw a significant decrease of 38.5% year-on-year, indicating the effectiveness of preventive measures and increased public awareness. The Public Security Forces of Macao (FSM) continues to improve its "smart policing" initiatives and enhance cooperation with security forces in neighboring regions to combat cyber-fraud and other crimes.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Macau's security developments are inextricably linked to its status as a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework. Beijing is solely responsible for Macau's defense and foreign affairs, meaning Macau does not conduct an independent foreign policy or grand strategy. Instead, its external role is to serve Chinese sovereignty, regime security, and economic strategy, particularly through platforms like the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macao). This arrangement ensures Macau's stability and prosperity are deeply integrated with mainland China's national priorities and development plans, including the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The emphasis on national security, as seen in Macau's Law on Safeguarding National Security, reflects a broader trend of Beijing asserting greater control over its SARs. This approach aims to prevent any political instability akin to that experienced in Hong Kong from taking root in Macau, ensuring that governance remains "safe and sound in the hands of patriots." While this strengthens Beijing's influence, it also raises concerns among international observers regarding the potential for broad interpretations of the law and its impact on individual freedoms and digital privacy. The U.S. State Department, for instance, advises increased caution for travelers due to the arbitrary enforcement of local laws and a limited ability to provide emergency consular services.

Regionally, Macau's stability contributes to the overall security of the Greater Bay Area. Its role as a separate customs territory and economic entity allows it to engage in international agreements in commercial and economic matters, serving as a bridge

for China's economic outreach, particularly to Portuguese-speaking countries. The seamless integration of border controls with mainland China, utilizing advanced technology, further solidifies Macau's connectivity and economic interdependence with Zhuhai and other parts of Guangdong province. This deep integration, while economically beneficial, also means Macau's security dynamics are increasingly intertwined with China's domestic security priorities and its geopolitical stance on issues like the South China Sea, though Macau itself is not a direct military actor in such disputes.

Military and Defense Analysis

Macau's defense is the sole responsibility of the Central Government of China. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) maintains a garrison in Macau, consisting of approximately 500 to 600 troops stationed within the SAR, with the remainder of the 1,200-strong garrison residing across the border in Zhuhai. This presence is primarily symbolic, designed to underscore Chinese sovereignty over the territory. The PLA garrison's mission, as outlined in the Law on Stationing Troops in the Macau Special Administrative Region, includes preventing and resisting aggression, safeguarding Macau's security, undertaking defense services, and managing military facilities.

The garrison is under the command and control of the Central Military Commission and its budget is administered by the central government in Beijing. While the Macau SAR government can request the garrison's assistance for maintaining public order or disaster relief, the Chief Executive has indicated that the garrison will not play a role in internal security. Historically, the PLA Macau Garrison has maintained a low profile, with soldiers often wearing civilian clothing off-base and not engaging in business activities. The garrison regularly enhances its combat readiness through rigorous training and exercises, bolstering its capability to respond to potential threats. Modernization programs and defense spending trends for Macau are determined by Beijing as part of the overall national defense strategy, rather than by the SAR government itself. Macau residents are prohibited from joining the PLA.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): In the immediate future, Macau is expected to maintain its current stable security environment, characterized by low crime rates and robust internal policing. The focus will likely remain on enhancing cybersecurity measures, particularly for critical infrastructure, and continuing the streamlining of border controls with mainland China through advanced technological solutions like facial recognition and fingerprint scanning at e-channels. Given the upcoming 25th

anniversary of Macau's return to China in December 2024 (as per past news, which can be projected as an ongoing emphasis), there will be a continued emphasis on stability and showcasing the success of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle. This may involve continued public engagement activities by the PLA garrison and local security forces to foster community trust.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: The primary flashpoint remains the potential for broad interpretation and enforcement of Macau's Law on Safeguarding National Security. This could lead to increased scrutiny of individuals and organizations, particularly those perceived as challenging Beijing's authority, even through activities outside Macau or on social media. While violent crime is rare, the high concentration of tourism and gaming activities presents a persistent risk of petty crime, financial scams, and illegal money exchange operations, which require continuous vigilance from law enforcement. Furthermore, Macau's reliance on digital infrastructure for its economy makes it vulnerable to sophisticated cyberattacks, necessitating ongoing investment in cybersecurity defenses and incident response capabilities.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include any changes in the enforcement of the National Security Law, particularly concerning freedom of expression or assembly. The frequency and nature of cybersecurity incidents targeting critical infrastructure or financial institutions will also be crucial. Monitoring crime statistics, especially those related to financial fraud and illegal gambling activities, will provide insights into the effectiveness of local law enforcement. Additionally, any shifts in Beijing's policy towards SARs, or broader geopolitical tensions in the South China Sea or US-China relations, could indirectly influence Macau's security posture and its relationship with the mainland.

Strategic recommendations: To further enhance Macau's security, it is recommended that local authorities continue to invest in advanced cybersecurity training and technology for both public and private critical infrastructure operators. Strengthening international cooperation on cybercrime and financial intelligence sharing, particularly with regional partners, would also be beneficial. While maintaining a low-profile, the PLA garrison should continue its community engagement initiatives to reinforce trust and its role in disaster relief. For foreign governments, providing clear travel advisories that highlight the implications of the National Security Law and consular assistance limitations is essential for their citizens. Finally, Macau should continue to diversify its economy to reduce over-reliance on gaming, which can have associated security risks, and further integrate into the Greater Bay Area's economic development while carefully balancing economic growth with national security imperatives.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Macau Daily Times

• Disappointing October accounts for the fifth consecutive month in the ‘red’ (2026-11-02 00:46)

Gross gaming revenue (GGR) from local casinos fell sharply in October, continuing the decline since June and marking the fifth straight month of year-over-year declines. Last month’s result (MOP21.68 billion) was 10% lower than the same month last year, when GGR reached MOP24.09 billion. Usually fueled by high visitation during the National Day Golden Week, October has historically been one of the strongest months for casino revenue. Compared with September, October still shows a 20% increase, but it adds to the poor second-half results of 2026, bringing those results closer to the government’s projection, which, at the time of the [⋯]

• Lawmaker urges ‘seamless’ border crossings as Hengqin traffic surges (2026-11-02 00:44)

In a recent spoken inquiry at the Legislative Assembly (AL), lawmaker Lam Lon Wai has called on the government to assess whether the city’s land border crossings can handle rapidly rising vehicle traffic and to coordinate with mainland authorities to achieve fully “contactless” clearance for drivers and passengers. In the written inquiry submitted on 16 October, Lam said that growing exchanges between Macau and Guangdong, together with the development of the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, had pushed cross-border vehicle flows to record levels. Lam cited Hengqin Port handling about 1.25 million vehicle crossings in 2022, rising to roughly [⋯]

• Gastronomy decade offers lessons for other cities, tourism chief says (2026-11-02 00:42)

As the city prepares to mark the milestone anniversary next year, Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said that Macau’s decade as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy offers lessons that could serve as a reference for other cities seeking similar recognition. “We are working with UNESCO on a research project to examine the results since Macau’s designation and how it can further drive sustainable urban development, hoping to provide a reference for cities interested in applying or already designated,” she said on the sidelines of the official opening of the 2026 Bocuse d’Or Asia-Pacific [⋯]

• CE praises elderly workers as a symbol of Macau’s vitality (2026-11-02 00:40)

Chief Executive (CE) Sam Hou Fai has described elderly residents who remain active and socially engaged as embodying the “Vibrant Macau” vision. He recounted his decades-long relationship with his barber in a shop in an old district as an example of the city’s enduring neighborhood character. In a recent blog post, Sam said he had been going to the same barbershop in an old district for more than 30 years, from his return from studying in Portugal through his time as a judge and as president of the Court of Final Appeal to his current role. “For decades, his careful […]

• Skid resistance to improve on roads following motorcycle crash (2026-11-02 00:38)

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) has pledged to improve the anti-slip performance of road markings, manhole covers, and bridge expansion joints following safety concerns raised by lawmaker Leong Pou U after a motorcycle accident near the artificial island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. The bureau issued its response after consulting with the Public Works Bureau (DSOP), as noted in the written response. The inquiry called for a review of road design after a motorcyclist slipped near a bend on the connecting bridge linking Zone A of the New Urban Zone to the bridge’s artificial island. Leong said the accident occurred at […]

• Binance and billionaire founder Zhao victims of largest cryptocurrency heist (2026-11-02 00:36)

Targeted in what looks like the largest cryptocurrency heist in history, Binance and Changpeng Zhao have been front-page news for most of the crypto exchange’s short history, often in unflattering ways. He and his company have been accused of turning a blind eye as the exchange was used by drug traffickers, child abusers, terrorists and money launderers. Zhao himself even went to jail over the charges. On Thursday, a hacking group, possibly from North Korea, turned against the company, allegedly stealing an estimated $6.3 billion in bitcoin and other crypto from its customers. Here’s a look at the fabulously successful […]

• Natural stupidity (2026-11-02 00:34)

We live in an extraordinary moment of paradox. On the one hand, never in human history has information been so abundant, so accessible, and so rapidly disseminated. Yet never has it seemed so difficult to distinguish truth from falsehood, knowledge from ignorance, and credible information from fabricated narratives. The internet was once celebrated as the gateway to an information society, promising a world where knowledge would empower citizens, strengthen democracy, foster intellectual progress, and bring humanity closer to the truth. But is this really happening? Fueled by the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the proliferation of fake news, the […]

• Committee backs tougher penalties for collusion in social housing tenders (2026-11-02 00:30)

A new bill under scrutiny at the Legislative Assembly (AL) provides that companies found colluding in tenders for commercial units in social housing buildings would lose their deposits

and could have their contracts terminated. The AL First Standing Committee said it has completed detailed scrutiny of the bill governing the allocation of commercial space in social housing buildings and signed its opinion after four meetings. The bill, which passed its first reading on June 25, aims to reform a regime in place for more than 30 years, the committee said no longer suits current economic and social conditions. It seeks [⋯]

• IAM completes 120-hectare hill forest restoration (2026-11-02 00:28)

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) completed the second phase of its hill forest restoration program in 2024, restoring 120 hectares over three years by replacing aging trees with native species to rebuild local forest ecosystems. The bureau has since carried out long-term maintenance to improve seedling survival, and said that patrols by forestry staff are routine. The IAM expects to promote more diverse vegetation in the forest to provide more and better wildlife habitats. It also said it will continue to monitor conditions and educate the public.

• First mainland yachts dock in Macau as city counts 220-plus berths (2026-11-02 00:26)

The first four mainland yachts arrived in Macau under the Guangdong-Macau yacht free-travel scheme, in a ceremony marking a new stage of two-way exchanges and connectivity between the two places. The Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) said Macau now has more than 220 yacht berths, sufficient to accommodate local and non-local yachts and to support yacht exhibitions and sailing events. The bureau has also established a temporary anchorage area off Hac Sa Beach. Mainland yachts participating in the travel scheme can apply for entry and exit online, with approval completed within 48 hours if documents are complete, and the owner [⋯]

• China’s record-breaking exports of clean tech making big dent in emissions (2026-10-30 00:52)

China is exporting a record amount of clean energy technology and equipment as the energy crisis from the Iran war drives surging demand for renewables, and that will help reduce global emissions, according to a report released Thursday. Once installed or deployed, these 2026 exports will likely avert emissions of about 450 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, roughly equal to Brazil’s annual emissions, says the analysis by the Finland-based Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. It’s a small sign of progress as global efforts to curb climate change fall short. In November, Turkey will host [⋯]

• SMEs and community groups turning pink ribbon into action (2026-10-30 00:50)

In Macau, breast cancer awareness is increasingly being advanced not only by hospitals and advocacy groups but also by small businesses, survivors, and community organizations willing to make the issue visible. From Lord Stow’s long-running Pink Ribbon campaign to a local survivor’s account of diagnosis and recovery, and to the International Ladies’ Club of Macau’s (ILCM) educational initiatives, the message is consistent: early detection, open conversation, and practical support can drastically improve outcomes. The Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation, which has received donations from Lord Stow’s campaign, advocates

regular breast awareness and screening, including monthly self-examinations, clinical breast examinations, and, […]

• A Symphony of Heritage: Reviving the Imperial Feast at Chai Jia Chai (2026-10-30 00:48)

In the heart of modern dining, where fusion often threatens to overshadow tradition, an evening at Chai Jia Chai stands as a resolute testament to the enduring majesty of Chinese gastronomy. Guided by the masterful hands of Chef Tsai Shih Wei, the meal was not merely a dinner, but a profound historical reenactment. Inspired by the Qing Dynasty's legendary Manchu Han Imperial Feast—a banquet so grand it historically spanned three days and 108 dishes—Chef Tsai has distilled that monumental heritage into a refined, contemporary tasting menu. It is a stunning revival of history, crafted with impeccable modern finesse. The evening […]

• MGM hits Q3 revenue record, market share reaches 17.1% (2026-10-30 00:46)

MGM China reported record third-quarter (Q3) revenue and its highest-ever share of Macau's gaming market, though earnings growth lagged sales growth. Revenue rose 4.9% year over year to HKD8.93 billion for the three months ended Sept. 30, 2026, while adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) increased 0.9% to HKD2.39 billion. Both were third-quarter records, but not all-time quarterly highs. The operator's market share in Macau reached 17.1%, with MGM Cotai at 10.5% and MGM Macau at 6.6%. The gains contrasted with a 3.8% decline in Macau's quarterly gross gaming revenue to MOP60.22 billion, which the company attributed […]

• SSM evaluates new Taipa health center as lawmaker raises access concerns (2026-10-30 00:44)

The Health Bureau (SSM) said it will continue assessing Taipa's population growth and medical needs and optimize resources in the district in response to lawmaker Leong Hong Sai's concerns about insufficient healthcare facilities and poor walking access in Taipa. In a written reply, the bureau said Macau currently has nine health centers, three health stations, and a health station at Macau New Neighborhood in Hengqin, all providing accessible community medical services. The Taipa and Lago health centers already cover most of Taipa Island, it said, but the bureau will continue to evaluate the district's population growth and medical demand. In […]

• 292-building conditions survey in historic center (2026-10-30 00:42)

The Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) announced yesterday that it will launch a building condition survey next Wednesday, with the first phase covering 292 buildings across three zones in the old district around the Ruins of St. Paul's and running for 60 to 90 days. The pilot area covers Rua de Nossa Senhora do Amparo, Rua da Tercena, Rua do Infante, Rua de Cinco de Outubro, and Rua das Estalagens. The authorities said the pilot program is intended to support the government's policy direction and the Third Five-Year Plan by advancing urban

renewal and systematically gathering data on shared [⋯]

• Inflation up 1.33% in September due to fuel prices (2026-10-30 00:40)

The Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) reported that the Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 1.33% year-over-year and 0.14% month-over-month in September 2026. For the 12 months ended September this year, the average Composite CPI increased by 1.03% compared with the previous period (October 2024 – September 2025). In September, the Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages price index rose 1.25% year-over-year, driven by higher charges for dining out and takeout, while the Transport index rose 4.39% due to rising fuel prices, DSEC noted. In addition, the price indices for Miscellaneous Goods & Services (such as personal care products, insurance, jewelry, and [⋯]

• Customs seizes MOP1.48 million in smuggled goods (2026-10-30 00:38)

Macau Customs Service (SA) intercepted 30 suspected smuggling cases in one week, seizing cigarettes, e-cigarettes, silver pellets, and other goods worth an estimated MOP1.48 million as authorities intensified border enforcement under Operation Thunder 2026. The seizures, made from Oct. 16 to 22, took place at Macau International Airport, the Inner Harbour Ferry Terminal and the Border Gate, according to the bureau. During this period, officers declared confiscating about 157,000 cigarettes and 58,000 e-cigarettes, along with 319 used electronic products, roughly 38 kilograms of suspected silver pellets, 103 cosmetic products and about 120 boxes of medical devices. In this set of [⋯]

• New parking lot at Av. Marginal do Patane opens today (2026-10-30 00:36)

A new public parking lot will open today at Avenida Marginal do Patane. The facility will offer a total of 93 motorcycle parking spaces. The new facility results from a revamp of the existing outdoor motorcycle parking area, which previously offered free parking but was often fully occupied. The lot opens at 10 a.m. today, and the Transport Bureau says it aims to increase parking turnover in the area. To that end, the facility will enforce the 30-minute parking fare and “first 15 minutes free” to facilitate short-term parking.

• CE extends condolences for the death of the former Vice Premier (2026-10-30 00:34)

Chief Executive (CE) Sam Hou Fai expressed deep sorrow at the death of former Vice-Premier Liu Yandong and, on behalf of the Macau SAR, extended condolences to her family. Liu, a former Politburo member and CPPCC vice-chairwoman, died in Beijing on the afternoon of October 28. Sam praised her leadership in education, science, health care, and women’s and children’s affairs, as well as her support for Macau’s development. Liu visited Macau in 2006 and 2009 as deputy leader of the Central Coordination Group for Hong Kong and Macau Affairs. The CE noted that residents will remember her guidance and enduring [⋯]

• NIMBY or pension: Australia pops the data center bubble (2026-10-30 00:02)

Not in my backyard or in my retirement fund. Australia is giving us a chilling preview of how fast the trillion-dollar AI data center buildout can unwind. Builders are planning to add around 23 gigawatts of compute capacity, up from just 6 gigawatts in February, according to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The country is seen as a prime destination: It's priced competitively — rental rates in Sydney are half of those in Singapore — and the biggest cities have more space. But odds are that most of these won't materialize. Local communities are increasingly vocal, and successful pushback by [⋯]

- Friday, October 30, 2026 – edition no. 5065 (2026-10-30 00:01)

* Clean sweep — China's record-breaking clean technology exports could avert emissions equivalent to Brazil's annual output, according to a Finland-based research center * Pink ribbon, stronger community action — A Times investigation finds that SMEs and community groups are joining forces to raise breast cancer awareness and promote early detection * Taste of Edesia * Gaming: MGM China posts record Q3 revenue, lifting its market share to 17.1% despite softer overall gaming demand * SSM weighs another Taipa health center amid concerns over accessibility * City: Gov't launches a pilot survey of 292 historic center buildings to assess conditions [⋯]

- Revision cuts 2040 population forecast, earmarks land for major projects (2026-10-29 00:42)

Macau's planning population has been revised down to about 783,000 by 2040 under the government's amended Urban Master Plan (2020-2040), which also earmarks land for three major public construction projects. The revised version was presented yesterday to members of the Urban Planning Committee at a special meeting dedicated solely to this topic. The meeting, chaired by Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) director Lai Weng Leong, heard the consultant team's revised plan. According to the presentation, the amendment accommodates land needs for major public construction projects and for "1+4" industrial diversification, and updates the plan to reflect higher-level plans, legislation, [⋯]

- SCL prices US$1 billion senior unsecured notes offering (2026-10-29 00:40)

Local casino operator Sands China Ltd. (SCL) priced US$1 billion (MOP8.08 billion) of senior unsecured notes yesterday, according to a press release from its parent company, Las Vegas Sands Corp. (LVS). The offering consists of two tranches, one of US$700 million (MOP5.7 billion) in 6.4% senior notes maturing in 2032 and another of US$300 million (MOP2.4 billion) in 6.7% senior notes maturing in 2033. The transaction is scheduled to close on Nov. 3 (next Tuesday) and is subject to customary closing conditions. According to the same statement, "Sands China intends to use the net proceeds of approximately US$989 million from [⋯]

- Macau pitches itself as ASEAN's gateway to GBA (2026-10-29 00:38)

Macau can bridge ASEAN and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) by improving certification services and connectivity, business and diplomatic leaders said during a

panel at the 31st Macau International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF). Speaking at the ASEAN Symposium, Kelvin Tan, chairman of the Macau ASEAN International Chamber of Commerce (MAICC), said Macau's future is "increasingly intertwined with ASEAN's." "We are not simply a point of transit; we are a platform. A connector. A place where ASEAN and Chinese businesses can meet, build trust, and grow together," Tan added. The symposium, titled "Macau as the Bridge: Connecting the [⋯]

• Macau still able to reach MOP236B gaming target, CreditSights says (2026-10-29 00:36)

Despite four consecutive months of year-over-year declines, CreditSights said Macau casinos can still meet the government's MOP236 billion (US$29.2 billion) gross gaming revenue (GGR) target for 2026 in its latest report. The financial research firm said it was "too early to conclude" whether recent softer results signal lasting structural weakness or a cyclical slowdown. "For now, we still see room for Macau to reach its 2026 GGR target," analysts Nicholas Chen and David Bussey said. They wrote that Macau needs an average monthly GGR of MOP16.3 billion (US$2.02 billion) in the fourth quarter to reach the annual goal. Missing the [⋯]

• Seac Pai Van chosen as pilot for 15-minute elderly service circle (2026-10-29 00:34)

The Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) continues to build a "15-minute community elderly service circle" in line with its aging-in-place policy, using Seac Pai Van as a pilot site. An information zone will launch on the Macao One Account platform next month, offering an electronic map, activity registration, assistive equipment rental, and smart check-in to encourage more older residents to participate in community activities and access support. Aging in place remains the preference of most older residents and a policy goal the government is pursuing, with the bureau continuing to build community support networks in partnership with organizations. Day centers across [⋯]

• Halal moments need more than a brochure (2026-10-29 00:30)

Macau wants a place on the Muslim travel map, and it should. The city has the hotels, food culture and connectivity to compete. What it still needs, despite a promising start, is the infrastructure and clarity that turn a "Muslim-friendly" label into something travelers can trust. The opportunity is sizable. International Muslim arrivals reached 176 million in 2024, up 25% from 2023, according to the Mastercard-CrescentRating Global Muslim Travel Index. By 2030, arrivals are projected to reach 245 million, with spending hitting US$230 billion. Macau debuted in the 2025 index, ranking 16th among destinations outside the Organization of Islamic Cooperation [⋯]

• Macau green space grows 10.3% over five years, IAM claims (2026-10-29 00:28)

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) said that over the past five years, greening efforts have expanded green space under its management by 10.3% and increased tree numbers by 8.1% compared with 2020, while planting more than 19,000 mangrove seedlings. Under the Third Five-Year Plan, the bureau will add or improve at least 200,000 square meters of green space,

plant about 3,000 trees, and introduce green areas to suitable footbridges and elevatedwalkways. The bureau said it has invited mainland experts to lead industry talks and courses,with 45 participants.

• ID’s VP retires ahead of merger (2026-10-29 00:26)

The vice-president of the Sports Bureau (ID), Cheang Kai Meng, will retire voluntarily, effective November 1, according to a publication in the government’s official gazette. The vice-president’s retirement coincides with the day the ID completes its merger with the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) to form a single bureau, the Cultural and Sports Bureau (DSCD). Cheang will retire after 30 years of public service. The Executive Council announced the merger’s procedure and timing the previous day at a press conference, noting that it had concluded its analysis of the administrative regulations and would also merge two previous funds into one.

• Another MOP100,000 lost to scams (2026-10-29 00:24)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) revealed yesterday that it had received seven additional reports of telecom fraud, involving the so-called “TikTok Customer Service” scam and the “MPay scam.” After reporting some 15 cases the day before, with losses totaling over MOP560,000, the PJ said the new cases, all of the same kind, add another MOP100,000+ to the total damages caused by this type of fraud. The new cases include three involving “TikTok” and four involving “MPay.” In the highest loss reported yesterday, a local resident lost up to MOP68,000.

• Oktoberfest kickoff at MGM Cotai (2026-10-29 00:22)

Oktoberfest Macau at MGM 2026 officially opened yesterday (October 28) at MGM Cotai and will run through November 8. The annual festival transforms the resort’s Roof Terrace into a Bavarian-style celebration featuring authentic German beer, traditional cuisine, and live entertainment. Having drawn over 200,000 attendees over the years, the event continues to celebrate Macau’s cultural diversity and tourism appeal. This year’s highlights include the Macau debut of the German band SAKRISCH GUAT, performing Bavarian tunes, international hits, and Chinese classics. New “Cantopop DJ Nights” on October 30 and 31 will feature Cantomania and Halloween costume contests. Guests can enjoy Paulaner [⋯]

• Thursday, October 29, 2026 – edition no. 5064 (2026-10-29 00:01)

* Population shortfall — Macau’s revised Urban Master Plan cuts its 2040 population projection by 25,000 to 783,000, while reserving land for three major public projects * Gaming | Sands China prices USD1b in new notes to refinance debt * Cooperation | Macau pitches itself as ASEAN’s gateway to the GBA * Gaming: CreditSights says Macau casinos can still meet the MOP236 billion GGR target despite four months of declines * Society: Seac Pai Van selected to pilot 15-minute elderly community service circle * China: Beijing takes Mbappé’s apology seriously after Mao remarks spark backlash, cost sponsorships and trigger broadcast [⋯]

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• Culture and sports to merge into new bureau next month (2026-10-28 00:40)

In one of the government's most significant public administration overhauls, the Executive Council has approved the creation of a Cultural and Sports Bureau and a unified Cultural and Sports Fund, effective Nov. 1, 2026, merging the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Cultural Development Fund (FDC), Sports Bureau (ID), and Sports Fund (FD). Secretary for Administration and Justice Wong Sio Chak, the Executive Council (ExCo) spokesperson, said the restructuring is intended to strengthen governance, improve the use of public resources, and support Macau's economic diversification. "Setting up the Cultural and Sports Bureau is an important step for the Macau SAR government to [⋯]

• Fire bureau warns that blocking escape routes won't be tolerated; 102 fined (2026-10-28 00:38)

The Fire Services Bureau (CB) has completed 102 administrative penalty procedures against residents who blocked building escape routes with motorcycles or other items, with 37 additional cases underway, the bureau informed during its activity report for the first nine months. The CB took the opportunity to warn citizens that it will continue to enforce the law in all cases when initial warnings are ignored. Speaking at a quarterly press conference yesterday, Sheong Wa, acting head of the bureau's Research and Planning Department, said many residents have a habit of parking motorcycles around buildings, blocking escape routes and emergency access routes, [⋯]

• Macau pay rises slow to 1.1%, 2027 outlook improves, survey finds (2026-10-28 00:36)

Average actual salary increases in Macau slowed to 1.1% this year, down from 1.6% last year, with 23 of 38 surveyed organizations saying that they are freezing salaries, the 2026 Greater Bay Area (GBA) Pay and Benefits Survey found. Excluding organizations that froze pay, the average increase noted was 2.5%. For 2027, the average forecast increase is 3.1%. Of the 38 local organizations, 15 said they hoped to raise pay, while the rest said they needed to wait and see. None predicted a freeze. Presenting the Macau findings, Iao Kit U, the chair of the survey's Macau chapter, said staff [⋯]

• Investment flows into Macau dropped by 43.5% in 2025 (2026-10-28 00:34)

Inward direct investment flows to Macau fell 43.5% year over year to MOP6.20 billion in 2025, according to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). In a statement, DSEC said this significant drop was due to reduced reinvestment by foreign direct investors and to large loan repayments

by some enterprises. According to the same release, inward direct investment in 2025 primarily flowed into Financial Activities (MOP7.81 billion) and the Construction Sector (MOP1.41 billion). Meanwhile, investment flows into Macau came primarily from the mainland (MOP5.62 billion) and from Hong Kong (MOP7.47 billion). Inward direct investment income totaled MOP42.51 billion in 2025, with [⋯]

• Chinese brands cut ties with Mbappé over ‘Chinese dictator’ remark (2026-10-28 00:32)

French soccer star Kylian Mbappé’s face appears in ads across China, from subway stations to elevators, but now at least three companies are cutting ties with the national team captain after he made some comments apparently referring to Mao Zedong, the founding leader of Communist China, as a dictator. Beverage maker Dongpeng, dairy giant Mengniu and cheese maker Milkground announced Tuesday in similarly worded statements that they were ending agreements with the soccer star, each saying they oppose “any words and actions that hurt national sentiment.” The companies did not specify what prompted their decisions, but they released their statements [⋯]

• In Suriname’s rainforest, Saamaka woodcarvers face the pull of gold mining and logging (2026-10-28 00:31)

Standing atop a giant block of wood, 63-year-old Alingo Doekoe bent over and swung a traditional pick, skillfully chiseling away shards of timber. Bit by bit, a board for Adji-boto, a traditional Saamaka game with roots in West Africa, was taking shape. Here in Piki Seei — the Saamaka name for the village officially known in Dutch as Pikin Slee — tembe, the Saamaka tradition of woodcarving and decorative art, has long been part of everyday life. The Saamaka are one of six tribal peoples in Suriname whose ancestors escaped slavery during Dutch colonial rule, building independent communities in the [⋯]

• CCAC flags ID’s poor oversight on fitness centers (2026-10-28 00:30)

Macau’s anti-corruption watchdog found negligence and enforcement failures in the Sports Bureau’s (ID) supervision of fitness centers. In a statement issued yesterday, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) said ID had failed to exercise its statutory supervisory powers effectively and had misinterpreted procedures for investigating and penalizing administrative offenses. The inquiry followed complaints received over two years alleging that fitness centers operating as sports or fitness clubs were conducting commercial activities without the prior approval required under Decree-Law No. 47/98/M. The CCAC states it initiated sanctioning procedures against nine establishments in mid-July 2024. However, seven establishments received no fine notices, and [⋯]

• Sharp decline in students victimized by scams, police say (2026-10-28 00:28)

The number of students falling victim to scams has fallen by nearly 60% year over year, with overall telecom and online fraud cases down 43.8% in the first three quarters, according to the Judiciary Police (PJ), which called its campus anti-fraud work a staged success. PJ Director Sit

Chong Meng said the force relies on the School Safety Liaison Network and a model of proactive prevention, coordinated response, and follow-up support for youth crime. The Campus Anti-Fraud Vaccine Program is now in its third year. While results have been encouraging, some students still need greater awareness, so the force needs [⋯]

• Second batch of central fund payments deposited (2026-10-28 00:26)

The Social Security Fund (FSS) announced that the second batch of approved applicants for 2026 withdrawals from government-managed sub-accounts under the Non-Mandatory Central Provident Fund System received their payments earlier this week. Beneficiaries who applied by paper form in August or September for the 2026 Special Allocation from Budget Surplus, and whose applications were approved, had the allocation and any remaining sub-account balance deposited into designated bank accounts on October 27. The fund reminds residents to stay alert for fraud, stating it does not send text messages with hyperlinks.

• Registration opens for November ecological zone activities (2026-10-28 00:24)

Registration is now open for activities in Macau’s Ecological Zones, with limited spots available on a first-come, first-served basis. The November Open Days, organized by the Environmental Protection Services Bureau (DSPA), will be held on November 14 and 28 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., offering 120 spots for two-hour guided tours of Ecological Zones I and II. Participants can view plants and birds and learn about the mangrove ecosystem. A family nature workshop on November 14 has 10 places per session, and a wetland birdwatching tour on November 28 offers 50 places. Registration is available on the bureau’s website.

• US futures and Asian stocks advance following a rally on Wall Street (2026-10-28 00:04)

Asian stocks were mostly higher Tuesday after an AI-led rally on Wall Street ahead of major corporate earnings and central-bank decisions. U.S. futures edged higher and oil prices extended losses. South Korea’s Kospi jumped more than 4% and was trading 3.6% higher at 5,667.99 by midday. Computer chipmaker SK Hynix surged 7% and Samsung Electronics gained 4.8%. Tokyo’s Nikkei 225 added 2.2% to 63,542.77. Testing equipment maker Advantest jumped more than 10% and OpenAI investor SoftBank Group climbed 7%. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng gave up early gains, slipping 0.2% to 23,174.44, while the Shanghai Composite edged 0.1% lower to 3,692.58. [⋯]

• Israel’s election is about more than Netanyahu (2026-10-28 00:02)

Israel’s election is widely seen as a referendum on Benjamin Netanyahu, the country’s longest-serving prime minister. Polls suggest a tight race with his main rival, former military chief Gadi Eisenkot. But the vote will also test how Israelis weigh security, military service and accountability after years of war. Israelis vote for parties rather than individual candidates. No party has ever won a majority in the Knesset, so the contest will continue after the polls close, as larger and smaller parties negotiate to assemble a governing coalition. It could be weeks or even months before a prime minister is named. The [⋯]

• Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – edition no. 5063 (2026-10-28 00:01)

* Two in one — Gov't merges culture and sports into a single bureau and fund from Nov. 1, streamlining administration while keeping existing subsidies and budgets unchanged * Traffic | Escape routes blocked, more than 100 residents fined * Administration | Anti-graft watchdog faults Sports Bureau over fitness centers * Macau salary increases slow to 1.1% this year, but employers forecast a stronger 3.1% rise in 2027 * Foreign direct investment flows into Macau plunged 43.5% to MOP6.2 billion in 2025 * Chinese brands cut ties with French football star Kylian Mbappé after his apparent reference to Mao as [⋯]

• MGM and Chef Nic Welcome the Return of "MGM Chef Nic Gastronomusic Fest 2026" This December (2026-10-27 08:22)

The highly anticipated annual gastronomy and music extravaganza makes its return! Jointly presented by MGM and lifestyle and gourmet brand "Chef Nic", the fifth "MGM Chef Nic Gastronomusic Fest" will take place on December 5 and 6 at the Roof Terrace of MGM COTAI. Tickets will go on public sale starting from November 2. Led by multi-talented artist Nicholas "Chef Nic" Tse and his team of top regional chefs, the event brings together MGM's international culinary team that delivers a diverse range of flavors and acclaimed music acts from the Greater China. Combining global gastronomy, live music, and entertainment, this [⋯]

• Society backs revision, analysis report finds (2026-10-27 00:46)

Public feedback on the first draft amendment to the Urban Master Plan (2020-2040) broadly supports revising the plan to accommodate major public construction projects and future development needs, according to an analysis report released by the Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU). The DSSCU said it received feedback during the public consultation, which ran from June 29 to August 27, a 60-day period, during which it collected 219 submissions through briefing and consultation sessions, a dedicated website, the Macao One Account platform, email, in-person visits, post, and fax. The total number of opinions and suggestions was 4,091. Respondents focused on [⋯]

• Construction waste dropped by more than 50% in 5 years (2026-10-27 00:44)

The Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) said total construction waste has fallen by 50% to 60% since the current regime took effect in 2021, compared with 2020, indicating significant progress in reducing waste at the source. The data was released as the government prepares to tighten its construction waste management regime starting April 1 next year. As the Times previously reported, the new regime will also introduce exhaust-emission standards for non-road diesel machinery starting January 1, 2028, under two administrative regulations aimed at reducing pollution and strengthening waste management. Drawing on more than five years of experience, DSPA said the review [⋯]

• Outer Harbour Terminal to remain open as future use is studied (2026-10-27 00:42)

The government has no plans to close the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal, with the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) chief saying both ferry terminals still have their own users. However, planning authorities would need to study the terminal's future use. Speaking to reporters at a public event, DSAMA director Susana Wong said the Taipa and Outer Harbor terminals now handle about 60% and 40% of passenger traffic, respectively, with annual totals of roughly 7 million and 8 million trips. Before the pandemic, combined annual traffic at the two terminals exceeded 10 million. Wong said the Taipa terminal's larger share likely [⋯]

- MICE sector pivots to zero carbon as AI takes a role in hospitality (2026-10-27 00:40)

Macau's integrated resort industry is positioning sustainability and artificial intelligence as twin engines for its next phase of growth. Senior executives from SJM Resorts and Wynn Macau told the Global Tourism Economy Forum that technology must strengthen, rather than replace, the human experience. Gerard Walker, chief hospitality officer at SJM Resorts, said the shift toward low-carbon meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions is no longer optional for Macau's tourism economy. "Nice to have" is no longer enough, Walker told delegates. "It is essential and a competitive edge." "Event organizers are no longer asking whether you care," Walker said. "They ask whether [⋯]

- Uber sees strong growth during Golden Week (2026-10-27 00:38)

Uber announced yesterday that ridership grew strongly during its Uber Taxi operation in Macau over the National Day Golden Week holidays. According to the company release, ridership among mainland China users jumped 130% when compared with the week before. "Compared to the eve of Golden Week (Sep. 24 to 30), during Golden Week (Oct. 1 to 7), Uber recorded a 130% increase in active mainland China riders. This reflects mainland users' high trust in Uber and continued travel habits. It also highlights Uber's success in leveraging technology to help the local Macau taxi industry capture cross-border tourism opportunities," Uber noted. [⋯]

- What to know about China's plenum as Xi seeks stronger Communist Party discipline (2026-10-27 00:36)

China's political leaders and elites began a four-day meeting Monday to discuss strengthening the ruling Communist Party's discipline, as Chinese President Xi Jinping pushes for greater loyalty and reliability from officials while deepening his yearslong campaign against corruption. This week's closed-door gathering, known as the fifth plenum of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, comes roughly a year before Xi is widely expected to secure his fourth five-year term as the party's leader and personnel changes to key leadership bodies. Xi began the meeting by delivering a work report and speaking about a draft policy decision on advancing [⋯]

- Domestic workers reach post-pandemic high at 29,200 (2026-10-27 00:34)

The number of domestic workers in Macau reached a new post-pandemic high at the end of September, according to data from the Public Security Police Force (PSP). The data show that at

the end of last month, Macau had more than 29,200 domestic workers, the highest figure sincethe end of 2020. The increase is also reflected quarter-over-quarter, with 193 more workersthan at the end of June this year. The overall number of domestic workers peaked in Macau inApril 2020, when more than 31,000 were registered.

• Andre Couto ends 2026 LSTA in third (2026-10-27 00:32)

Macau racer Andre Couto finished the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Asia (LSTA) season in third overall. Couto closed the season with a last-weekend appearance at the Lamborghini World Finals in Monza, Italy. Joining American Barrett Wolfe at the wheel of the Lamborghini Super Trofeo Huracán Super Trofeo EVO2 from the South Korean team Lamborghini Busan – Racegraph, Couto stepped onto the podium in Race 1 on Saturday but, unfortunately, did not finish Race 2 on Sunday due to engine problems. This was the final time the Huracán Super Trofeo EVO2 cars were seen on track, as they will be replaced by […]

• EASL: Hou Chon receives Nagasaki Velca tomorrow (2026-10-27 00:30)

Macau's Hou Chon team will face Japan's Nagasaki Velca tomorrow (Oct. 28) in the second game of this season's East Asia Super League (EASL). The game will be held at the Tap Seac Multi-sports Pavilion at 8:10 p.m. and is free to attend. This will be the local team's first home game of the year, following a loss to Taiwan's Taipei Fubon Braves (89-103) in Cebu, Philippines, in the season opener earlier this month. Macau Hou Chon plays in Group B of the EASL.

• Name certificate row erupts as bureau clarifies scope following HYROX complaint (2026-10-27 00:28)

The Identification Services Bureau (DSI) said its certificate on the adoptability of association names covers only whether a name may be used, not trademarks, planned events, or other rights. The response came after a listener complained on public broadcaster TDM's radio program that a local group had allegedly used a well-known overseas sports brand without authorization. The bureau said the certificate is part of the association registration process, which focuses on name distinctiveness to avoid confusion with existing associations. During application processing, it found no commercial registration or trademark record in Macau and no identical or similar association name, so […]

• From the 'Brussels Effect' to the 'Beijing Effect' in AI (2026-10-27 00:02)

Legal scholar Anu Bradford argues that, despite its many challenges, the European Union remains an influential superpower capable of shaping the world through what she calls the "Brussels Effect." This phenomenon explains how European regulations influence global corporate practices, determining product design, compliance requirements, and standards far beyond the EU's borders. Unlike traditional geopolitical influence, the Brussels Effect relies neither on military power nor diplomatic coercion. Instead, it exploits the economic leverage of the EU's single market – an integrated, affluent marketplace of approximately 450 million

consumers that multinational corporations cannot afford to ignore. European legislation is generally stricter than [⋯]

- Tuesday, October 27, 2026 – edition no. 5062 (2026-10-27 00:01)

* Master rewrite — Gov’t plans to revise Macau’s Urban Master Plan after collecting 4,091 public opinions and suggestions, with broad support for major projects and new land-use priorities * Environment | Construction waste cut by over half since 2020 * Ferry terminal | Outer Harbour stays, future remains uncertain * Macau’s resorts embrace zero-carbon events and AI-powered hospitality, balancing sustainability goals with personalized guest experiences and service * Uber Taxi reports 130% surge in active mainland riders during Golden Week * Xi opens Communist Party plenum to tighten discipline, deepen anti-corruption efforts and consolidate authority before 2027 DOWNLOAD [⋯]