



# MACAU SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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# Security Analysis Report: Macau (March 01, 2026 - March 08, 2026)

## Executive Summary

During the period of March 01 to March 08, 2026, Macau's security posture remained stable, primarily characterized by its ongoing integration with mainland China's strategic initiatives and a proactive approach to internal security. Key developments included intensified efforts to align with China's 15th Five-Year Plan and the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, alongside a strong focus on enhancing cybersecurity capabilities through upcoming conferences. Border security remained a priority, particularly following the high volume of Chinese New Year crossings, with continuous measures to streamline entry and exit. Diplomatically, Macau, supported by Beijing, continued to expand international exchanges while firmly opposing external interference in its internal affairs from entities like the EU and the US. The overall threat of terrorism remained low, underpinned by robust local security services.

## Key Security Developments

- **Integration with China's 15th Five-Year Plan:** Macau's delegates to China's annual "two sessions," which opened on March 4, 2026, in Beijing, focused on proposals to advance the Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. This includes better alignment between China's upcoming 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) and Macau's Third Five-Year Plan, aiming for deeper integration of Macau's service industries into the Greater Bay Area (GBA).
- **Enhanced Cross-Border Connectivity and Security:** Discussions at the "two sessions" highlighted the need for faster progress in aligning systems for cross-border data flows, professional qualification recognition, and improving the movement of people, information, and capital between Hengqin and Macau. This includes upgrading customs clearance towards "seamless border crossing" and building a shared-standard healthcare system.
- **Cybersecurity Focus with Upcoming Conferences:** Macau is set to host several significant cybersecurity conferences in March 2026, including the World Conference on Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking (WCCSEH) and the International

Symposium on Coding and Cryptography (ISCC), with events scheduled for March 24 and April 23-25, respectively. Additionally, an International Conference on Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence is organized for March 7, 2026, in Macau. These events underscore Macau's commitment to staying abreast of emerging developments and best practices in cybersecurity.

- **Stable Public Security and Crime Trends:** Macau's overall public security situation remains stable, with a low incidence of violent crime. However, the Secretary for Security, Mr. Wong Sio Chak, noted in February 2025 (referring to 2024 data) that overall crime numbers saw increases compared to 2023 and 2019, mainly due to a rise in fraud and computer crime.
- **Counter-terrorism Preparedness:** Macau's security authorities are actively monitoring global safety threats and have strengthened safety evaluation procedures and enforcement efforts against terrorism, although the threat level remains low. The Police Intervention Tactical Unit (UTIP) is specifically tasked with counterterrorism, including protecting installations and deactivating IEDs.
- **Diplomatic Engagement and Sovereignty Assertions:** On February 27, 2026, the new Commissioner of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macau, Bian Lixin, reiterated Beijing's support for Macau's "expansion of international exchange and cooperation," positioning the region as a bridge between China and Portuguese/Spanish-speaking countries. Concurrently, Macau's government has expressed strong opposition to reports from the European Union and the United States that comment on its internal affairs, asserting these are China's domestic matters.
- **Visa-Free Access Expansion:** On March 6, 2026, Kenya granted visa-free access to Macau SAR passport holders, indicating a positive development in Macau's international travel relations.
- **Border Management and High Traffic Volumes:** Following the Chinese New Year holiday period (February 15-23, 2026), which saw over 6 million border crossings, Macau's Public Security Police (PSP) and Customs Service continue to implement crowd control measures and utilize additional clearance channels. Efforts are ongoing to enhance digital and physical port infrastructure to facilitate movement within the Greater Bay Area.
- **Gaming Industry Regulatory Environment:** Macau authorized 29 junket operators for 2026, a slight increase from 2025 but significantly fewer than in 2014. This reflects a consolidated market under stricter regulations, prohibiting direct credit issuance and independent VIP room management, following Beijing's crackdown on corruption.

## Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Macau's geopolitical significance is intrinsically linked to its status as a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China, with its foreign relations and defense being the responsibility of the central government in Beijing. During this period, Macau's role as a "bridge" for China's engagement with Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries was emphasized by China's new diplomatic representative in Macau, Bian Lixin, on February 27, 2026. This highlights Macau's strategic importance in facilitating China's broader diplomatic and economic objectives, particularly within the Belt and Road Initiative.

The ongoing push for deeper integration into the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is a central theme, as evidenced by the proposals from Macau delegates at China's "two sessions" in early March 2026. This integration, encompassing economic, social, and infrastructural alignment, aims to enhance regional competitiveness and solidify Macau's position within China's national development strategy. Such initiatives, while primarily economic, have significant geopolitical implications by strengthening Beijing's control and influence over the SARs and presenting a unified front in regional and global affairs.

However, Macau's relationship with major Western powers, particularly the European Union and the United States, remains a point of diplomatic friction. The Macau SAR Government has consistently expressed strong opposition to reports from these entities that comment on its internal affairs, including national security and human rights, deeming them as interference in China's domestic matters. This stance reflects Beijing's broader assertive diplomacy and its expectation for SARs to align with the "One Country, Two Systems" principle as interpreted by the central government. The granting of visa-free access by Kenya to Macau SAR passport holders on March 6, 2026, indicates Macau's efforts to diversify its international engagement, albeit within the framework of Beijing's foreign policy.

## Military and Defense Analysis

As a Special Administrative Region, Macau does not possess an independent military or defense policy; these responsibilities fall under the purview of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) garrison stationed in Macau and the central government in Beijing. Therefore, direct military activities or defense acquisitions by Macau are not reported. The focus of Macau's security apparatus is primarily on internal security, law enforcement, and border control.

The Macau Public Security Police Force (PSP) and its specialized units, such as the Police Intervention Tactical Unit (UTIP), are the primary agencies responsible for maintaining public order and addressing security threats. UTIP's mandate includes counterterrorism, protecting critical infrastructure, and handling explosive devices.

While no specific military exercises were reported within Macau during this period, the emphasis on strengthening counter-terrorism evaluation procedures and intelligence exchanges with neighboring regions underscores a proactive approach to internal security threats. The stability of Macau's public security situation, with low violent crime rates, suggests the effectiveness of these internal security forces in maintaining order. Modernization efforts in defense and military capabilities for Macau would be integrated into the broader PLA modernization programs, rather than independent initiatives by the SAR.

## Outlook and Forecast

**Short-term trends (1-3 months):** In the immediate future, Macau will likely continue its strong focus on economic diversification and integration into the Greater Bay Area (GBA), aligning with China's 15th Five-Year Plan. This will involve ongoing efforts to streamline cross-border movement of people, goods, and data with Hengqin and other GBA cities. The upcoming cybersecurity conferences in March and April 2026 indicate a sustained emphasis on cybersecurity enhancement and knowledge exchange. Macau's internal security forces will maintain their vigilance, particularly in border security and counter-terrorism preparedness, following the high traffic volumes of the recent Chinese New Year.

**Critical flashpoints and risk areas:** A primary risk area remains the potential for increased diplomatic tensions with Western nations, particularly the EU and the US, over issues of human rights and internal governance. Macau's consistent rejection of external reports on its affairs could lead to further rhetorical exchanges, though direct security implications are likely to be limited given Beijing's overarching foreign policy control. While the threat of terrorism remains low, the global security landscape necessitates continuous vigilance, especially given Macau's status as a major international tourism and gaming hub. The tightened regulatory environment for the gaming industry could also present economic challenges if not managed effectively, potentially impacting social stability if economic diversification efforts do not yield expected results.

**Indicators to monitor:** Key indicators to monitor include the progress of GBA integration projects, particularly those related to infrastructure, regulatory harmonization, and economic data from the Hengqin Cooperation Zone. Any shifts in China's national security policies that might further impact Macau's autonomy or internal governance will be crucial. The outcomes and collaborations stemming from the cybersecurity conferences could indicate the direction of Macau's digital defense strategies. Furthermore, visitor arrival numbers and gaming revenue trends will offer insights into Macau's economic stability and the effectiveness of its diversification efforts, indirectly influencing social security.

Strategic recommendations: Macau should continue to leverage its unique position to facilitate China's international outreach, particularly with Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries, to enhance its diplomatic standing and economic opportunities. Internally, sustained investment in cybersecurity infrastructure and talent development is paramount to protect critical digital assets and maintain trust. Proactive communication regarding its internal security measures and adherence to the "One Country, Two Systems" framework, while firmly addressing external criticisms, will be essential for managing international perceptions. Continued efforts towards economic diversification beyond the gaming sector, supported by robust regulatory frameworks, will bolster long-term resilience and stability.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Macau Daily Times

- [Supplier group warns of extended inventory cycles due to rising tensions in Iran](#) (2026-03-06 00:54)

Despite rising tensions in Iran, stockpiles of European goods should cover local demand for up to three months, according to the Macau Union Suppliers Association. President of the association, Sunny Ip, recently confirmed that short-term supplies within the region remain steady and said that the city's imports from Europe and Africa account for 10% to [...] The post Supplier group warns of extended inventory cycles due to rising tensions in Iran appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to be 11.7% higher y-o-y](#) (2026-03-06 00:52)

The German multinational investment bank and financial services company Deutsche Bank currently forecasts that local casinos' gross gaming revenue (GGR) for the first quarter (Q1) of this year will be 11.7% higher than last year's. According to a recent update from the bank, it is forecasting that the accumulated GGR at the end of March [...] The post Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to be 11.7% higher y-o-y appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Seasonal Renewal](#) (2026-03-06 00:50)

As spring unfolds, we experience a season of renewal, flavor, and elevated indulgence high above Macau's skyline at W Macau. On the 40th floor, the hotel's specialty restaurant DIVA unveils a curated seasonal menu that embraces the freshness of the season. The venue presents time-honored traditions reimagined, delivered with vibrant flavors and refined craftsmanship. DIVA's new Seasonal Treats menu captures the clarity and vibrancy of the season through precise Cantonese techniques. Executive [...] The post Seasonal Renewal appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Woman allegedly defrauds over MOP1.1 million while claiming fee of MOP2,200](#) (2026-03-06 00:48)

An Indonesian woman is under investigation for allegedly defrauding six victims of more than MOP1.1 million by posing as a Taobao customer service representative. The 35-year-old suspect, a domestic helper, was arrested in a residential flat in the northern district on Wednesday following police investigations into reports from three locals who respectively lost MOP500,000, MOP86,000, [...] The post Woman allegedly defrauds over MOP1.1 million while claiming fee of MOP2,200 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CCAC unveils fraud case involving subsidy to a civil servant](#) (2026-03-06 00:46)

The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has unveiled a case in which a driver from the office of the president of the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) is suspected of committing fraud to unlawfully obtain a family subsidy of MOP120,000. According to a statement from the CCAC, after an investigation, the commission found that the driver [...] The post CCAC unveils fraud case involving subsidy to a civil servant appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau shares potential common ground with Thailand for nightlife: Emporium rep](#) (2026-03-06 00:44)

Macau and Thailand may have opportunities to deepen tourism and entertainment cooperation, particularly in nightlife and lifestyle tourism, according to remarks made at a business delegation event involving MGM and Thailand's EM District. The two groups hosted a business delegation of more than 50 members last night, where the managing director of Emporium said Macau [...] The post Macau shares potential common ground with Thailand for nightlife: Emporium rep appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IC promotes heritage protection awareness](#) (2026-03-06 00:42)

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has conducted community outreach activities to raise public awareness of heritage protection and help residents, merchants, and professionals better understand regulations governing the installation of shop signs and plaques in protected zones. Between February 13 and 26, IC staff visited businesses in central Macau to promote the "Instructions for Installing [...] The post IC promotes heritage protection awareness appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Authorities step up controls as ovitrap index rises](#) (2026-03-06 00:40)

The Health Bureau warned that regional dengue and chikungunya outbreaks remain persistent, raising the risk of imported cases triggering community transmission as visitor arrivals increase. Authorities expect mosquito activity to peak in April and have strengthened anti-mosquito measures. Last month's ovitrap index reached 2.2%, up from 0.2% a year earlier, indicating early mosquito activity. The [...] The post Authorities step up controls as ovitrap index rises appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Sam Hou Fai vows alignment with national plans](#) (2026-03-06 00:38)

The Premier of the People's Republic of China, Li Qiang, outlined support for Hong Kong and Macau's prosperity under 'One country, two systems' during the National People's Congress in Beijing. Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai, attending Thursday's session, vowed to sync the city's growth with China's 15th Five-Year Plan, seizing national opportunities to advance economic [...] The post Sam Hou Fai vows alignment with national plans appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov' t maintains three mobile telecom operators despite recent acquisition](#) (2026-03-06 00:36)

While local telecommunications provider CTM confirmed its acquisition of Hutchison Telephone (Macau) Company Limited, the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT) stated that three mobile telecommunications operators remain in the market. The Legal Affairs Bureau' s (DSA) company registration released Wednesday indicated that the shareholders of Hutchison Telecom have changed to CTM. This transition suggests that [...] The post Gov' t maintains three mobile telecom operators despite recent acquisition appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Practical blueprint for growth and stability amid headwinds](#) (2026-03-06 00:02)

In a world grappling with sluggish growth, geopolitical tension and policy whiplash, China' s 2026 Government Work Report offers predictability and certainty. Delivered by Premier Li Qiang to the fourth session of the 14th National People' s Congress, the country' s top legislature, at its annual gathering in Beijing on Thursday, the report sets a pragmatic GDP growth [...] The post Practical blueprint for growth and stability amid headwinds appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Friday, March 6, 2026 – edition no. 4905](#) (2026-03-06 00:01)

\* Freight Stress — A local supplier association warns rising tensions in Iran could extend inventory cycles, with dairy imports from Europe likely to increase \* Gaming | Deutsche Bank forecasts Q1 GGR to rise by 11.7% \* Taste of Edesia \* Woman investigated for defrauding victims of more than MOP1.1 million by posing as [...] The post Friday, March 6, 2026 – edition no. 4905 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [JLL: Macau rents set to stabilize in 2026](#) (2026-03-05 00:46)

Macau' s commercial and housing rents are poised to stabilize in 2026, even as commercial property prices continue to decline, according to JLL' s “Macau Property Market Review and 2026 Market Forecast.” Mark Wong, senior director of Value and Risk Advisory at JLL Macau, highlighted the uneven recovery in comments on the report. The report, issued Wednesday, [...] The post JLL: Macau rents set to stabilize in 2026 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Vaping trend continues despite import ban](#) (2026-03-05 00:44)

The trend in the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes or vapes) continues to be widely observed in Macau. Over the last few weeks, amid an increase in visitors, particularly during the Spring Festival Golden Week, a large number of users of these devices were seen across the city. Tourists and locals, some unaware of the [...] The post Vaping trend continues despite import ban appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [CNY rush spurs call for seasonal buses next holiday](#) (2026-03-05 00:42)

Opinion leaders from the tourism and community sectors declared the 2026 Lunar New Year Golden Week a success on public broadcaster TDM's Macau Forum Wednesday, citing record visitor numbers and effective crowd management, while calling for enhanced customs efficiency at Hengqin Port ahead of the May Day and National Day holidays. Andy Wu, president of [...] The post CNY rush spurs call for seasonal buses next holiday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [46 sham marriage suspects had ID cards revoked since handover](#) (2026-03-05 00:40)

Local authorities confirmed that 46 individuals exposed for fraudulent marriages have had their Macau identity cards revoked over the past decade, amid continued public concern about the legal consequences faced by offenders in addition to prison sentences. According to public broadcaster TDM, data from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) showed that from last year [...] The post 46 sham marriage suspects had ID cards revoked since handover appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [YOHO invests MOP30 million in food court project at former New Century Hotel](#) (2026-03-05 00:38)

YOHO Group, one of the city's hospitality operators, is investing MOP30 million to establish a food court as part of the ongoing revamp of the former New Century Hotel in Taipa, which has been closed since 2017. According to the company's official website, the latest update indicates that the property is scheduled to begin trial [...] The post YOHO invests MOP30 million in food court project at former New Century Hotel appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Some West African farmers turn to TikTok as part of agriculture's changing image](#) (2026-03-05 00:36)

When Senegalese farmer Pape Fall first downloaded TikTok, it was to watch football and funny videos. In the last two years, however, he's experimented with it to promote his produce and now sells most of it via the platform. A looped video on his TikTok profile shows a pile of cucumbers with slow-paced Senegalese rap [...] The post Some West African farmers turn to TikTok as part of agriculture's changing image appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't retrieves land plot to use as temporary parking lot](#) (2026-03-05 00:34)

The government has carried out a joint interdepartmental action to retrieve a land plot located on Rua de Entre-Campos in Patane district. According to the authorities, the plot, totaling 1,685 square meters, will be revamped and used as a temporary parking lot while planning for its future development proceeds. According to a statement from the [...] The post Gov't retrieves land plot to use as temporary parking lot appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gongbei Customs busts shower gel alcohol smuggling attempt](#) (2026-03-05 00:32)

Gongbei Customs officers intercepted a mainland man last week attempting to smuggle four bottles of Moutai liquor into mainland China at Gongbei Port. The suspect carried shower gel bottles that showed no signs of prior use, but each had a noticeable gap at the bottom. During inspection, officers discovered a full bottle of Moutai hidden [...] The post Gongbei Customs busts shower gel alcohol smuggling attempt appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Drone fireworks display postponed to Saturday](#) (2026-03-05 00:30)

The drone fireworks display originally scheduled for Tuesday was postponed to Saturday at 9 p.m. due to inclement weather. The event was part of the Chinese New Year celebrations organized by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO). The “Unforgettable Melodies at The Ruins of St. Paul’s” concert, originally scheduled for 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., [...] The post Drone fireworks display postponed to Saturday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Man arrested over suspected RMB100,000 fraud](#) (2026-03-05 00:28)

The Judiciary Police (PJ) arrested a 31-year-old mainland man on suspicion of fraud involving RMB100,000, which was allegedly used to repay debts. According to the case, the victim, also a mainland man, lost money at a casino and borrowed RMB100,000 from relatives. Unable to withdraw the funds due to daily bank transfer limits, he asked [...] The post Man arrested over suspected RMB100,000 fraud appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Thursday, March 5, 2026 – edition no. 4904](#) (2026-03-05 00:01)

\* Flatline — Commercial and residential rents are expected to stabilize this year, according to a JLL forecast \* E-cigarettes | Vaping trend continues despite import ban \* Following surge in Chinese New Year tourist arrivals, calls grow for seasonal transport measures next holiday \* 46 sham marriage suspects had their ID cards revoked since [...] The post Thursday, March 5, 2026 – edition no. 4904 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [US-Iran tensions raise concerns over Macau’s gaming, tourism outlook](#) (2026-03-04 00:44)

Escalating U.S.-Iran tensions are raising fears of oil supply disruptions that could squeeze Macau’s gaming and tourism sectors, local experts warn. Carlos Cid Álvares, executive vice president and CEO of Banco Nacional Ultramarino in Macau, called the situation a “complex web of challenges” for the city’s open economy. “For a highly open economy like Macau, [...] The post US-Iran tensions raise concerns over Macau’s gaming, tourism outlook appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Where things stand after the US and Israeli strikes on Iran](#) (2026-03-04 00:42)

The United States and Israel targeted Iran in coordinated attacks over the weekend that killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and dozens of other senior figures and kicked off a

furious Iranian response that was expanding into a wider regional war. U.S. President Donald Trump said the campaign could take several weeks. Allies of the [...] The post Where things stand after the US and Israeli strikes on Iran appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Leaders depart for Beijing to propose integration plans](#) (2026-03-04 00:40)

The National People's Congress (NPC) and the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) are scheduled to convene in Beijing this week, as Macau leaders and representatives departed for the capital to submit proposals aimed at advancing regional integration. The proposals focus on promoting Macau's integration into the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay [...] The post Leaders depart for Beijing to propose integration plans appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Economic ambitions hit limits to growth as national congress meets](#) (2026-03-04 00:38)

China's progress in building a modern economy, evident in its kung-fu fighting robots and self-parking cars, is hitting limits as a downturn in its housing industry drags on, small businesses suffer and young people struggle to find jobs. The gap between Chinese leadership's high-tech, artificial intelligence-driven ambitions and the hard realities of slowing growth is [...] The post Economic ambitions hit limits to growth as national congress meets appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Concerns rise as Portuguese language use shows signs of decline](#) (2026-03-04 00:36)

Despite Macau's status as a bilingual Chinese-Portuguese metropolis, the use of Portuguese – one of its official languages – has been marred by numerous errors and omissions in shop signage and public communications, suggesting a declining cultural influence of Portuguese, with Nelson Kot, chairman of the Macao Comprehensive Social Studies Association, asserting that the government [...] The post Concerns rise as Portuguese language use shows signs of decline appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Authorities move to upgrade Coloane old market area for mixed-use cultural tourism](#) (2026-03-04 00:34)

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has launched a tendering process for a project to revitalize the Coloane Old Market area as part of efforts to boost community tourism and pedestrian-friendly spaces. According to the bureau, the project will preserve the existing pavilion structure located at the center of the building cluster as well as the [...] The post Authorities move to upgrade Coloane old market area for mixed-use cultural tourism appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [ITTF holds World Cup in Macau for the third consecutive year](#) (2026-03-04 00:32)

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Cup is returning to Macau this year, marking the third consecutive year the city has hosted the event. The tournament will gather

the world's 48 top-ranked male and female players at the Galaxy Arena from March 30 to April 5. In a recorded speech, ITTF President Petra Sörling [...] The post ITTF holds World Cup in Macau for the third consecutive year appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gaming revenues forecast to surge up to 13% in March](#) (2026-03-04 00:30)

Analysts project Macau's gross gaming revenues to grow between 10% and 13% in March, building on a strong February finish supported by Chinese New Year travel. Seaport Research Partners senior analyst Vitaly Umansky estimated in a Monday note that March gross gaming revenue (GGR) will rise 12.5% year-on-year, despite a 2.7% decline in average daily [...] The post Gaming revenues forecast to surge up to 13% in March appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Man arrested for drunk driving after colliding with bus](#) (2026-03-04 00:28)

A local man in his 60s was arrested last week for drunk driving after colliding with a bus on Avenida 1 de Maio. When police officers arrived at the scene to process the incident, they detected the odor of alcohol on the driver of the private vehicle, who reported his occupation as a driver. A [...] The post Man arrested for drunk driving after colliding with bus appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSAL and partner entities offer 457 job vacancies](#) (2026-03-04 00:26)

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) has collaborated with six integrated tourism and leisure enterprises this month to host job matching events, offering 457 vacancies. The application period runs until March 25 through the DSAL website or the Macao One Account mobile application. The matching events cover frontline and back-office positions across participating enterprises, including hotels [...] The post DSAL and partner entities offer 457 job vacancies appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [In a first as president, Trump says he'll attend the White House correspondents' dinner](#) (2026-03-04 00:04)

President Donald Trump says he'll attend this year's White House Correspondent Association dinner on April 25, marking the first time he's done so as commander-in-chief. "The White House Correspondents Association has asked me, very nicely, to be the Honoree at this year's Dinner, a long and storied tradition since it began in 1924, under then [...] The post In a first as president, Trump says he'll attend the White House correspondents' dinner appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Top-level engagement at two sessions](#) (2026-03-04 00:02)

When China's top political advisory body and legislature convene this week for their annual sessions, the major item on their agendas will be a draft outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30). The deeper story, however, lies in how these gatherings have evolved into a mechanism through which the country's leadership translates strategic vision into [...] The

post Top-level engagement at two sessions appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – edition no. 4903](#) (2026-03-04 00:01)

\* War spillover — US–Iran tensions raise concerns over Macau’ s gaming and tourism outlook\*  
Two sessions | Leaders head to Beijing to propose integration plans \* Society | Concerns rise as Portuguese language use shows signs of decline \* Urban planning: Municipal authorities move to upgrade Coloane Old Market area for mixed-use cultural tourism \* [...] The post Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – edition no. 4903 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Hospitality, construction, security and cleaning see more blue-card hires](#) (2026-03-03 00:50)

The idea of further restricting the hiring of imported labor has been on the agenda of several lawmakers since the post-pandemic period, when many local residents lost their jobs and access to the job market became difficult for recent graduates. Recent statistics indicate that, in 2025, the number of non-resident workers (TNRs), also commonly known [...] The post Hospitality, construction, security and cleaning see more blue-card hires appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Uber targets Chinese tourists with Wechat mini-app as Macau market returns](#) (2026-03-03 00:48)

Uber is seeing strong user uptake from Chinese tourists through its WeChat mini-app, with activity particularly strong during the recent Lunar New Year travel period, according to the company. In a CNBC interview Friday, Uber Regional general manager for Mobility in APAC Dominic Taylor said the strategy is helping fill a key gap amid Asia’ s [...] The post Uber targets Chinese tourists with Wechat mini-app as Macau market returns appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Property transaction value drops 24% in 2025](#) (2026-03-03 00:46)

The property market showed a decline in value in 2025 despite a modest rise in transaction volume, according to data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). A total of 5,567 building units and parking spaces were bought and sold based on stamp duty records, marking a 7.1% year-on-year increase in transactions. However, the total [...] The post Property transaction value drops 24% in 2025 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Hengqin Port inspection channels to be expanded to 113 by Q3](#) (2026-03-03 00:44)

Hengqin Port’ s Passenger Inspection Hall is now under phased, zoned construction to upgrade and expand its passenger inspection channels to 113, expected to be completed and available for use in the third quarter of this year. It is estimated that after the expansion, the planned passenger clearance capacity of the Hengqin Port inspection hall will [...] The post Hengqin Port inspection channels to be expanded to 113 by Q3 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov' t aims to minimize manhole covers as key task this year](#) (2026-03-03 00:42)

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raymond Tam, emphasized late last year that minimizing the number of manhole covers on roads is essential for the safety of motorcycle riders, making it a key focus of the Roadworks Coordination Task Force this year. In a statement issued yesterday, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) revealed that the [...] The post Gov' t aims to minimize manhole covers as key task this year appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [As economy slows, young Chinese are snapping up cheap apartments to 'retire' early](#) (2026-03-03 00:40)

The “Life in Venice” housing development, a multibillion-dollar replica of the Italian city on the Chinese coast, stands silent. Many of the tens of thousands of homes are hollow husks of concrete and alabaster. But in recent years the remote, partially abandoned complex has drawn unlikely new residents like Sasa Chen, a burned-out young Chinese [...] The post As economy slows, young Chinese are snapping up cheap apartments to 'retire' early appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Scholars endorse gov' t MOP11 billion allocation for diversification development](#) (2026-03-03 00:38)

Scholars say the government' s plan to establish a MOP11 billion guiding fund to support economic diversification could help professional asset management institutions identify high-quality local enterprises with strong competitiveness and sustainability, while attracting social capital to the region. The initiative involves allocating at least MOP11 billion from fiscal reserves to create a government-led fund aimed [...] The post Scholars endorse gov' t MOP11 billion allocation for diversification development appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [LRT breaks all-time passenger record in February](#) (2026-03-03 00:36)

The Light Rapid Transit (LRT) system recorded its highest-ever daily average passenger transportation figure in February. According to the LRT Company, the daily average reached 33,100 passengers last month, exceeding the previous all-time record by 100 passengers. The earlier record was set during the system' s initial month of operation, when rides were offered free of [...] The post LRT breaks all-time passenger record in February appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Mainland suspects held in RMB7.3 million fraud, currency dispute](#) (2026-03-03 00:34)

The Judiciary Police arrested two men from mainland China on Monday in separate fraud cases, including one involving a RMB7.3 million high-investment scam and the other involving a currency exchange dispute. During a special press conference yesterday, the PJ detailed fraud charges against a 37-year-old man from the mainland who is suspected of defrauding two [...]

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- [MGTO receives seven inquiries as Middle East tensions disrupt travel routes](#) (2026-03-03 00:32)

The Macao Government Tourism Office has received seven inquiries or requests for assistance related to the Middle East since March 1, amid escalating regional tensions. According to the office, most cases involve travelers stranded in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain, as well as flight disruptions. Several countries have closed parts of their airspace, and multiple [...] The post MGTO receives seven inquiries as Middle East tensions disrupt travel routes appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – edition no. 4902](#) (2026-03-03 00:01)

\* Blue Talent — Blue-card workforce across several sectors is on the rise, with the hospitality sector accounting for the majority, followed by the construction industry, a Times analysis shows \* Transport | Uber targets Chinese tourists with WeChat mini-app as Macau market returns \* Market decline | Property transaction value drops 24% in 2025 [...] The post Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – edition no. 4902 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Industry feels impact as Middle East tensions rise](#) (2026-03-02 00:36)

The tourism industry has expressed concerns over the current situation in Iran, claiming that impacts on local businesses were felt immediately. Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, several airlines have cancelled flights via Middle Eastern hubs such as Dubai, Qatar, and Abu Dhabi. In an interview with public broadcaster TDM, Andy Wu, president of [...] The post Industry feels impact as Middle East tensions rise appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [World leaders urge return to talks after US and Israeli strikes kill Iranian leader Ali Khamenei](#) (2026-03-02 00:34)

World leaders urged peace and a return to talks as the military strikes by the United States and Israel on Iran raised concerns about whether the violence could spread across the region and tensions rose with Iran vowing devastating blows after the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. A massive explosion rocked the Iranian capital on [...] The post World leaders urge return to talks after US and Israeli strikes kill Iranian leader Ali Khamenei appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [East Airports closed and thousands of travelers stranded after attack on Iran](#) (2026-03-02 00:32)

The attack on Iran by the United States and Israel disrupted flights across the Middle East and beyond Saturday as countries around the region closed their airspace and key airports that connect Europe, Africa and the West to Asia were directly hit by strikes. Airports across the

Middle East remained closed yesterday as the conflict moved into [...] The post East Airports closed and thousands of travelers stranded after attack on Iran appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Local resident caught in Bahrain amid escalating regional tensions](#) (2026-03-02 00:30)

A local resident from Macau is currently stranded in Bahrain amid escalating tensions in the Middle East following developments related to Iran, according to an exclusive interview with the Times. The resident, who requested anonymity, described a situation marked by uncertainty, noting that while the area is relatively calm at the moment, sudden emergency alerts [...] The post Local resident caught in Bahrain amid escalating regional tensions appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Homecoming premiere of Tracy Choi’ s ‘Girlfriends’ explores identity and belonging](#) (2026-03-02 00:28)

Macau director Tracy Choi premiered her latest film, “Girlfriends,” in the city on Friday, bringing home a film that has already travelled the regional festival circuit. Screened to a full house at MGM Macau, the boldly intimate film had earlier premiered in Busan and secured nominations at the Hong Kong Film Awards. The film returns [...] The post Homecoming premiere of Tracy Choi’ s ‘Girlfriends’ explores identity and belonging appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Tourism sector in a strong state, says MGTO chief](#) (2026-03-02 00:26)

Tourism chief, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, characterized the mainland’ s nine-day Spring Festival holiday as “prosperous in both people and wealth,” noting that daily inbound visitors exceeded 100,000 and reaffirmed that the city’ s tourism sector is currently experiencing a relatively strong period. “Overall, the tourism industry this year has been in a relatively robust phase [...] The post Tourism sector in a strong state, says MGTO chief appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Despite record visitation, GGR dropped nearly 9% m-o-m in February](#) (2026-03-02 00:24)

Despite record-high visitor arrivals in February, a month that also coincided with the peak Chinese New Year (CNY) travel season, monthly gross gaming revenue (GGR) showed a significant decline compared with January. According to official data from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ), the gaming industry generated MOP20.627 billion last month, an 8.86% month-on-month [...] The post Despite record visitation, GGR dropped nearly 9% m-o-m in February appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Multiple entities announce maternity leave extension](#) (2026-03-02 00:22)

Several local community organizations and integrated resort (IR) operators have announced an extension of maternity leave for their employees from 70 days to 90 days, a move seen as a response to the proposed amendments to the Labor Relations Law. The government is

conducting a public consultation on amending the Labor Relations Law until [...] The post Multiple entities announce maternity leave extension appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Seac Pai Van public housing and UM are the first to receive reclaimed water supply](#) (2026-03-02 00:20)

The development of reclaimed water in Macau has entered its application phase, with supplies officially being connected to Seac Pai Van public housing and the University of Macau (UM). The director of the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA), Susana Wong, stated recently that after more than half a month of testing and commissioning, the Seac [...] The post Seac Pai Van public housing and UM are the first to receive reclaimed water supply appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Members propose closer Macau-Guangxi ties to boost tourism goals](#) (2026-03-02 00:18)

Members of the Guilin Municipal Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) have called for deepening cooperation between Guangxi and Macau. The proposal came during the sixth session of the sixth Guilin Municipal CPPCC Conference, which concluded late last week. The session elected Luo Shijian as chairman of the Guilin Municipal CPPCC. During [...] The post Members propose closer Macau-Guangxi ties to boost tourism goals appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Iran’s supreme leader killed in major attack by US and Israel](#) (2026-03-01 07:58)

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in a major attack by Israel and the United States, Iranian state media confirmed early today (Sunday), throwing the future of the Islamic Republic into doubt and raising the risk of regional instability. President Donald Trump announced the death hours earlier, saying it gave Iranians their “greatest [...] The post Iran’s supreme leader killed in major attack by US and Israel appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.