



MACAU SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

During the period of May 01 to May 08, 2026, Macau's security landscape was primarily shaped by the ongoing implications of its new national security law, persistent cyber threats, and significant developments in border management and cross-border crime enforcement. The new security legislation, enacted in March 2026, continues to reinforce Beijing's control and the "patriots governing Macau" principle, impacting legal processes and civil liberties. Concurrently, Macau's government infrastructure faces a high volume of cyberattacks, necessitating robust defensive measures. The region also experienced record-breaking tourist arrivals during the May Day holiday, highlighting both economic vitality and the need for efficient border security, which was addressed by new smart clearance initiatives. These developments underscore Macau's deepening integration with mainland China and its strategic role within the Greater Bay Area, while also presenting challenges related to governance, cybersecurity, and financial crime.

Key Security Developments

- New National Security Law Implementation

Macau's Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a new national security law on March 19, 2026, which allows judges to hear national security cases behind closed doors and mandates defense lawyers to obtain clearances from national security officials. This legislation, which took effect shortly after its publication, significantly buttresses Macau's Committee for Safeguarding National Security (CDSE), established in 2018, and expands the government's powers over political expression. Human Rights Watch has warned that this law could be open to potential misuse and undermine the territory's rule of law.

- Increased Gambling-Related Crime Reporting

On April 29, 2026, Macau confirmed a substantial 63% year-on-year increase in reported gambling-related crimes for 2025, totaling 2,373 cases. This surge is primarily attributed to the enforcement of Law No. 20/2024, which came into force on

October 28, 2024, criminalizing activities previously operating in grey areas, such as illegal currency exchange for gambling. The increase in reported cases, particularly illegal money exchange (from 89 to 471) and fraud (doubling to 667), indicates a regulatory shift towards greater transparency and control over financial flows rather than a systemic deterioration of public order.

- Persistent Cybersecurity Threats to Government Infrastructure

As reported on April 20, 2026, the Macau government's cloud computing center is targeted by an average of over four million cyberattacks each month. Despite this high volume of attempted intrusions throughout 2025, authorities confirmed that no security incidents had occurred, crediting a dedicated monitoring team and a rigorous security management regime. The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) emphasized ongoing efforts to strengthen intrusion detection and blocking capabilities as a pillar of the Executive's e-governance strategy.

- Premier Li Qiang's Directives on Governance and Integration

On May 3, 2026, Chinese Premier Li Qiang called upon Hong Kong and Macau to strengthen governance and leverage their unique positions to serve as vital links between China and the international community. Speaking at the opening of the fourth session of the 14th National People's Congress, Li reaffirmed Beijing's commitment to the "one country, two systems" framework and stressed the importance of ensuring that both Special Administrative Regions are governed by patriots to drive economic and social progress.

- Record-Breaking Border Crossings During May Day Holiday

Macau experienced an unprecedented influx of visitors during the five-day May Day Golden Week holiday (May 1-5, 2026). On May 2, 2026, the city recorded 247,729 tourist arrivals, marking the highest single-day visitor count ever recorded. The total number of border crossings on the same day reached 889,235, also a new record. Overall, Macau welcomed approximately 873,000 visitors during the holiday, a 2.7% increase year-on-year, with hotel occupancy rates exceeding 92.7%.

- Launch of Smart Immigration Clearance at Hengqin Port

On May 7, 2026, authorities from Macau and Zhuhai in Guangdong province jointly launched a smart immigration clearance system at the one-stop joint services lanes at the Hengqin Port. This initiative aims to significantly improve cross-border travel efficiency, particularly for registered drivers, by allowing them to clear immigration using only fingerprint and facial verification, eliminating the need for physical documents. Over 280,000 eligible individuals had registered for the service by April 30.

- Macau's Expanded Diplomatic and Economic Platform Role

Macau is strategically expanding its traditional role as a bridge between China and Portuguese-speaking countries to include Spanish-speaking countries, a move confirmed as a strategic priority on April 26, 2026. This expansion aligns with China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) and aims to leverage Macau's bilingual civil-law interface to facilitate trade and cultural cooperation, positioning it as a knowledge-intensive facilitation platform within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

- Ongoing Counter-Terrorism Preparedness

While no specific counter-terrorism drills were reported within the May 1-8, 2026 period, Macau maintains an intensified security posture against terrorism. Past joint anti-terrorist exercises with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macau Garrison, such as "Spiral Dragon" in July 2024, simulated complex scenarios including chemical weapon attacks and hostage-taking. Casino operators have also been directed to heighten security, install metal detectors, and train staff to identify suspicious individuals, indicating a continuous focus on preventive measures.

- National Security Emphasis in Five-Year Plans

Both China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) and Macau's own third five-year plan, currently being rolled out, explicitly emphasize strengthening national security. These plans underscore the determination of local authorities to safeguard national security, maintain social stability, and firmly uphold the "patriots governing Macau" principle, while also integrating Macau into the overall national development framework, particularly through the Greater Bay Area.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

Macau's recent security and governance developments significantly reinforce its position within China's overarching strategic framework, particularly the "One Country, Two Systems" principle. The implementation of the new national security law, passed in March 2026, solidifies Beijing's authority over the Special Administrative Region, aligning Macau more closely with mainland China's national security priorities. This move, while aimed at safeguarding national sovereignty and stability, has raised concerns among some analysts regarding its potential impact on Macau's rule of law and civil liberties. Premier Li Qiang's directives on May 3, 2026, further emphasized the importance of "patriots governing Macau" and the SAR's role in connecting China with the international community, underscoring Beijing's vision for Macau as a compliant yet globally engaged hub.

Economically, Macau's integration into the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) continues to be a central theme. The record-breaking tourist numbers during the May Day holiday and the launch of smart immigration clearance at Hengqin

Port highlight the increasing cross-border connectivity and economic interdependence with mainland China. This integration is not merely economic but also strategic, as Macau is being positioned to play a vital role in China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) as a "knowledge-intensive facilitation platform."

Furthermore, Macau is actively expanding its diplomatic platform role, traditionally focused on Portuguese-speaking countries, to now include Spanish-speaking nations. This strategic expansion, confirmed in April 2026, leverages Macau's unique cultural and linguistic heritage to serve China's broader foreign policy objectives, particularly in fostering trade and cultural cooperation. This positions Macau as a key intermediary for China's engagement with a significant portion of the global population, enhancing its geopolitical relevance as a "reliable orchestrator of China-Lusophone networks" and potentially "China-Hispanic networks."

Military and Defense Analysis

Macau's defense and foreign relations are constitutionally the responsibility of the central government of China, as stipulated by the Basic Law. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) Macau Garrison is stationed in the SAR to fulfill these defense duties and safeguard national sovereignty, security, and development interests. While no specific military activities or defense acquisitions were reported within the May 01-08, 2026 period, the garrison plays a crucial role in maintaining Macau's long-term prosperity and stability under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework.

The PLA Macau Garrison conducts routine troop rotations, with the 26th rotation having occurred in August 2025, demonstrating continuous operational readiness and adherence to the Garrison Law. Chinese President Xi Jinping inspected the PLA garrison in Macau in December 2024, urging enhanced defense capabilities and emphasizing the importance of the Party's absolute leadership over the military. This oversight ensures that the garrison remains a stabilizing force and contributes to the overall security posture of the SAR. The absence of independent military or defense spending by Macau underscores its reliance on Beijing for defense, with local security forces focusing on internal law enforcement and counter-terrorism preparedness in cooperation with the PLA when necessary.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months):

In the immediate future, Macau will likely continue to see the full implementation and enforcement of its new national security law, leading to increased scrutiny of activities

perceived as threatening national security. Cybersecurity will remain a critical focus, with ongoing efforts to defend against the high volume of monthly cyberattacks targeting government systems. The robust tourism sector, as evidenced by the May Day Golden Week, is expected to maintain high visitor numbers, necessitating continued efficiency in border management, including the further rollout and optimization of smart immigration clearance systems. Macau's role as a platform for China's engagement with Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries will likely see further diplomatic and economic initiatives.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas:

A critical flashpoint remains the potential for increased restrictions on civil liberties and freedom of expression under the new national security law, which could draw international criticism and impact Macau's image as a distinct SAR. The ongoing challenge of cross-border financial crime, particularly money laundering and illegal gambling activities, will require sustained vigilance and enhanced law enforcement cooperation with mainland authorities. While the increase in reported gambling-related crimes reflects improved enforcement, it also highlights the persistent nature of these illicit activities. Furthermore, the constant threat of sophisticated cyberattacks poses an ongoing risk to Macau's digital infrastructure and sensitive data.

Indicators to monitor:

Key indicators to monitor include the number and nature of cases prosecuted under the new national security law, any public reactions or international responses to its enforcement, and the effectiveness of judicial review mechanisms (or lack thereof). Trends in reported cyberattacks and the success rate of defensive measures will be crucial for assessing digital security. Changes in cross-border travel policies, further integration initiatives within the Greater Bay Area, and the development of Macau's "platform" role in international diplomacy and trade will also be important. Any shifts in the types and volumes of gambling-related crimes will indicate the effectiveness of new regulatory and enforcement measures.

Strategic recommendations:

For Macau authorities, strategic recommendations include continued investment in advanced cybersecurity infrastructure and personnel training to counter evolving threats. Clear communication regarding the implementation of the national security law, alongside efforts to uphold the rule of law and judicial independence where possible, could mitigate negative perceptions. Strengthening international cooperation, particularly in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing, is essential given Macau's role as a global gaming hub. For businesses and individuals operating in Macau, it is crucial to understand and adapt to the evolving legal and regulatory environment, especially concerning national security and data protection.

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Macau Daily Times

- [Travel apps fail to provide fast, safe routes for pedestrians](#) (2026-05-08 00:58)

Back in 2025, Macau ranked among the Top 10 Asian cities for walkability. The ranking (ninth position) followed a government bid to increase walkability and encourage commuting on foot, taking advantage of the size and concentration of the region. In the last few years, a series of projects aimed at facilitating pedestrian commuting for tourists [...] The post Travel apps fail to provide fast, safe routes for pedestrians appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Hengqin Port' s smart immigration clearance lane to cut crossing time by 90%](#) (2026-05-08 00:56)

The Smart Immigration Clearance system now operating at Hengqin Port' s one-stop vehicle lanes reduces crossing time from 100 seconds to just eight to 10 seconds, according to performance data announced by authorities. The system, which became operational yesterday, began trial operations on February 27. During the trial, technical teams from the Public Security Forces Affairs [...] The post Hengqin Port' s smart immigration clearance lane to cut crossing time by 90% appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [A Bold Case for Chinese Wine with Cantonese Craft](#) (2026-05-08 00:54)

There is a certain skepticism that follows any attempt to pair Chinese wines with refined Cantonese cuisine —a legacy of thin, candied reds and hollow whites that once haunted domestic cellars. But Chef Tam Kwok-Fung, at his rechristened Chef Tam' s Seasons within Wynn Palace Macau, is out to shatter that memory. His latest tasting menu [...] The post A Bold Case for Chinese Wine with Cantonese Craft appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov' t rolls out two-month diesel subsidy scheme with MOP80 million budget](#) (2026-05-08 00:52)

Effective Monday (May 11), the government will provide a diesel price subsidy of MOP3.3 per liter for two months, with the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSED) director Yau Yun Wah stating that authorities have urged oil companies to prioritize stable supply, as diesel consumption in Macau remains relatively stable. Fuel suppliers participating in the [...] The post Gov' t rolls out two-month diesel subsidy scheme with MOP80 million budget appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau looks to expand recycled water use in Cotai](#) (2026-05-08 00:50)

Macau plans to expand the use of reclaimed water in Cotai, with two new treatment facilities expected to begin supplying recycled water to leisure businesses and urban districts starting in 2029, director of the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA). The push targets cooling systems and toilet flushing to supplement freshwater demand. The comments were made [...] The post Macau looks to expand recycled water use in Cotai appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [The rapid embrace of AI in China, and GBA, may shape how it is used globally](#) (2026-05-08 00:48)

Analysis On a recent weekday, around 50 people gathered outside the headquarters of a Chinese mobile internet company, waiting to get help with installing an artificial intelligence assistant. The scene in Beijing, China’s capital, was repeated for days at several events and was also seen in the southern technology hub Shenzhen in March, as engineers [...] The post The rapid embrace of AI in China, and GBA, may shape how it is used globally appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IC says growing number of youngsters want to work as ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage Inheritors’](#) (2026-05-08 00:46)

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is continuing to offer training and certification for “Intangible Cultural Heritage Inheritor,” IC president Deland Leong said yesterday during a press briefing after a meeting of the Cultural Heritage Council. The IC president noted that the decision to continue offering this training and certification stems from high public demand, especially [...] The post IC says growing number of youngsters want to work as ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage Inheritors’ appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau showcases ‘Jacone’ s Polyphony’ at this year’ s Venice Biennale](#) (2026-05-08 00:44)

At the 61st edition of La Biennale di Venezia, Macau’s “Jacone’ s Polyphony” brings together the works of three emerging local artists on an international stage. Curated by Feng Yan and Ng Sio Ieng, the Macau exhibition reinterprets the creative trajectory of the early Qing dynasty painter, poet, and Catholic convert Wu Li. In 1681, during [...] The post Macau showcases ‘Jacone’ s Polyphony’ at this year’ s Venice Biennale appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Two dual-plate vehicles caught smuggling 38 live ornamental fish](#) (2026-05-08 00:40)

Gongbei Customs at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) intercepted two Guangdong-Macau dual-plate vehicles on Wednesday for illegally carrying live ornamental fish into the mainland. A total of 38 fish were seized. Around 7 p.m., customs officers spotted irregularities during inspection at the Zhuhai highway port. Under the driver’s seat of the first vehicle, they found [...] The post Two dual-plate vehicles caught smuggling 38 live ornamental fish appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Hantavirus risk in Macau low, but rat control urged](#) (2026-05-08 00:38)

Health authorities say the risk of a hantavirus outbreak in Macau is low, with no reported cases in the past 30 years. The virus, recently detected on the cruise ship MV Hondius, is primarily spread by rodents. Still, officials are monitoring the situation. Residents have called for stepped-up cleaning of alleys and trash bins to [...] The post Hantavirus risk in Macau low, but rat control urged appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Service sector driving high-quality growth](#) (2026-05-08 00:02)

The 2026 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition, the world's largest auto show, was a testament to the rapid internationalization and quality upgrade of China's service sector, and compelling evidence of how China pursues high-quality development through innovation and openness. With automakers from 21 countries and regions displaying more than 1,400 vehicles, the industry showcase, held from [...] The post Service sector driving high-quality growth appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Friday, May 8, 2026 – edition no. 4946](#) (2026-05-08 00:01)

\* Wrong turns – Travel apps fail to provide safe, accurate pedestrian routes in Macau, often directing users through illegal crossings and inefficient detours, a Times report finds \* Hengqin Port | Smart immigration lane cuts vehicle crossing times from 100 seconds to 10 \* Taste of Edesia \* Gov't launches two-month diesel subsidy scheme [...] The post Friday, May 8, 2026 – edition no. 4946 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Rainy weekend ahead and a warm Mother's Day](#) (2026-05-07 17:42)

Macau's weather will improve just in time for Mother's Day this Sunday, May 10. The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) predicts heavy rain and thunderstorms today and tomorrow due to a low-pressure trough. However, Sunday will shift to easterly airflow, bringing clearer skies and warm, comfortable conditions. Early next week will see even more sunshine, [...] The post Rainy weekend ahead and a warm Mother's Day appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't updates Northern Taipa development plan, lowering density to almost half](#) (2026-05-07 00:48)

Initially planned to be home to some 36,500 people, the Northern Taipa Urban Zone, which comprises the areas formerly known as Cheok Ka and Sam Ka Villages, has been revised by the government, reducing the density by 45.2% to just 20,000 people. The updated plan was presented yesterday in a plenary meeting of the Urban [...] The post Gov't updates Northern Taipa development plan, lowering density to almost half appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [New women's development plan prioritizes health, families, and social inclusion](#) (2026-05-07 00:46)

Macau has launched its second long-term plan to advance women's development through 2032, outlining 66 policy measures across key areas including health, employment, and gender equality, as authorities seek to strengthen cross-departmental coordination and align with national development strategies. The Macau Women's Development Goals Cross-Departmental Working Group, a sub-body under the Women and Children Affairs [...] The post New women's development plan prioritizes health, families, and social inclusion appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Three residents lose MOP1.1 million in 'mainland authority impersonation scams'](#) (2026-05-07 00:44)

Three local residents have fallen victim to "mainland authority impersonation scams" recently, losing a combined total of more than MOP1.1 million, the Judiciary Police (PJ) said. The three victims, one man and two women, all middle-aged, received fraudulent calls between April 20 and April 29 from scammers pretending to be Wuhan Public Security officers, police [...] The post Three residents lose MOP1.1 million in 'mainland authority impersonation scams' appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Trial expansion of casino shuttle buses records over 3,000 passengers](#) (2026-05-07 00:42)

Macau has extended hotel and casino shuttle bus services to local communities on weekends, with authorities noting that the cumulative number of passengers has exceeded 3,000 as of Tuesday and that the initiative has generally received "positive" feedback, based on figures from the May Day holiday. The five-day May Day holiday in mainland China ended [...] The post Trial expansion of casino shuttle buses records over 3,000 passengers appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau Pavilion facilitates over 400 business matches at 139th Canton Fair](#) (2026-05-07 00:40)

The Macau Pavilion facilitated over 400 business matching sessions during the five-day 139th China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair), connecting 19 participating Macau enterprises with buyers from mainland China, Portuguese-speaking countries, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas, helping local businesses expand into both mainland Chinese and overseas markets. The Commerce and Investment Promotion [...] The post Macau Pavilion facilitates over 400 business matches at 139th Canton Fair appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [HSBC Q1 earnings miss on higher credit losses](#) (2026-05-07 00:38)

HSBC Holdings reported a first-quarter pre-tax profit of USD9.4 billion on Tuesday, falling short of analyst expectations as the bank grappled with unexpected credit charges linked to a U.K. fraud case and rising geopolitical risks. While the London-based lender posted a solid performance across its core businesses, the bottom line fell short of the \$9.59 [...] The post HSBC Q1 earnings miss on higher credit losses appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Fong Pak Ian sworn in as DSI' s new deputy director](#) (2026-05-07 00:36)

Fong Pak Ian was sworn in earlier this week as the new deputy director of the Identification Services Bureau (DSI). The swearing-in ceremony took place in the DSI' s multipurpose room and was presided over by the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Wong Sio Chak, and witnessed by the chief of staff of the Secretary for [...] The post Fong Pak Ian sworn in as DSI' s new deputy director appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Under-18 student involvement in smuggling rises slightly](#) (2026-05-07 00:34)

The first four months of this year saw customs prosecute 68 cases of illegal cross-border smuggling totaling MOP 4.73 million, along with a slight increase in the participation of students under the age of 18. The Macao Customs Service (SA) reported yesterday that during 30 special anti-smuggling operations conducted between January and April of this [...] The post Under-18 student involvement in smuggling rises slightly appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Local gymnasts secure multiple podium finishes at a Hong Kong tournament](#) (2026-05-07 00:32)

Local gymnasts representing the Gymnastics Club Macau (GCM) achieved strong results at the Hong Kong Invitational Tournament 2026, held last weekend. According to a statement from the club, this was the second consecutive year the club has participated in the event. This year, the club sent a delegation of 41 gymnasts to compete in the [...] The post Local gymnasts secure multiple podium finishes at a Hong Kong tournament appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Group calls to upgrade yacht policy to boost marine tourism](#) (2026-05-07 00:30)

A local maritime group has urged the government to enhance yacht travel policies and infrastructure to attract high-end visitors and support the marine economy. Macau Boat Owners Club secretary-general Lai Kin Keung said the current yacht free-travel scheme has seen limited uptake due to insufficient berthing facilities and support services. He suggested expanding marina capacity, [...] The post Group calls to upgrade yacht policy to boost marine tourism appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Thursday, May 7, 2026 – edition no. 4945](#) (2026-05-07 00:01)

\* Taipa light — Gov' t slashes Northern Taipa development density by 45% while expanding green areas, public facilities and heritage protection measures \* Society | New women' s development plan prioritizes health, families, inclusion \* Fraud wave | Three residents lose over MOP1 million in impersonation scam cases \* Transport: Trial expansion of casino shuttle buses [...] The post Thursday, May 7, 2026 – edition no. 4945 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Explosion at a fireworks plant kills at least 26 people and injures dozens of others](#) (2026-05-06 00:46)

An explosion at a fireworks plant in a central Chinese province killed at least 26 people and injured 61 others, state media reported yesterday, prompting the halting of all firework manufacturing near the site. The blast occurred at a fireworks plant in the city of Changsha in Hunan province on Monday afternoon, China's official news [...] The post Explosion at a fireworks plant kills at least 26 people and injures dozens of others appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [May Day tourist flood stays within manageable limits, industry insider assures](#) (2026-05-06 00:44)

Tourist arrivals in Macau reached 869,390 by 9 p.m. on the final day of the mainland's May Day Golden Week holiday, as border checkpoints logged more than 1.23 million crossings (excluding Macau residents), according to the Public Security Police Force The Border Gate, Hengqin, and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge checkpoints handled the majority of arrivals. Industry [...] The post May Day tourist flood stays within manageable limits, industry insider assures appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau tourism interest broadens as Agoda-MGTO deepen hotel promotion tie-up](#) (2026-05-06 00:42)

Travel interest in Macau is expanding beyond its traditional source markets, with strong growth emerging from Asia and the Middle East, according to Agoda search data shared alongside a renewed partnership with the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO). The digital travel platform said accommodation searches for Macau have increased across a wider range of international [...] The post Macau tourism interest broadens as Agoda-MGTO deepen hotel promotion tie-up appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [LRT proposed as key fix for tourist traffic, despite service disruption](#) (2026-05-06 00:40)

Calls for Macau authorities to use the light rapid transit (LRT) system to manage peak tourist traffic emerged yesterday, but the LRT operator announced a train malfunction on one of its lines that caused minor service delays. Legislator Nick Lei addressed the issue of surging tourist numbers during holidays and major events – which often [...] The post LRT proposed as key fix for tourist traffic, despite service disruption appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macao Foundation greenlights 743 grants totaling MOP199 million in Q1](#) (2026-05-06 00:38)

First-quarter records from the Public Assets Supervision and Administration Bureau (DSGAP) show that the Macao Foundation authorized 743 separate funding allocations between January and March, with the combined value reaching MOP198.9 million. These figures appear in the bureau's regular quarterly disclosure covering subsidies distributed through Macau's autonomous funds. Recipients across the three-month period included neighborhood [...] The

post Macao Foundation greenlights 743 grants totaling MOP199 million in Q1 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Melco beats revenue forecasts in Q1 2026, misses EPS](#) (2026-05-06 00:36)

Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd (NASDAQ: MLCO) recently reported its first quarter 2026 results, posting revenue that exceeded analyst expectations while earnings per share (EPS) fell short. The company generated USD1.37 billion in total operating revenues, up about 11% year over year, representing a modest beat over the wider consensus estimate of roughly \$1.3 billion. [...] The post Melco beats revenue forecasts in Q1 2026, misses EPS appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [SMEs qualify for storm compensation under new subsidy rules, even without direct damage](#) (2026-05-06 00:34)

Macau has opened applications for its 2026 Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Catastrophe Property Insurance and Subsidy Scheme, running from May 5 to December 31, with enhanced protection against typhoon-related disruptions. The scheme introduces a new parametric typhoon insurance component alongside traditional indemnity-based coverage, marking an expansion in how business interruption risks are addressed. Under [...] The post SMEs qualify for storm compensation under new subsidy rules, even without direct damage appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Naked man found wandering streets sent for medical check](#) (2026-05-06 00:32)

A man was found wandering naked on a public street and was later intercepted by Public Security Police (PSP), authorities said. The man was subsequently transferred by the Fire Services Bureau to Conde S. Januário Hospital for medical examination and is currently awaiting results. The case remains under investigation. At around 5 p.m., police received [...] The post Naked man found wandering streets sent for medical check appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Man arrested after stealing motorcycle and driving against traffic](#) (2026-05-06 00:30)

A mainland man in his 50s was intercepted by Public Security Police (PSP) after allegedly stealing a motorcycle and riding it against traffic in Taipa. Police said officers on duty last Saturday (May 2) spotted the motorcycle travelling in the wrong direction along Avenida Olimpica and stopped it for inspection. The vehicle was later confirmed [...] The post Man arrested after stealing motorcycle and driving against traffic appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Rainfall exceeds 60mm in parts of Cotai](#) (2026-05-06 00:28)

Macau experienced intermittent showers yesterday due to upper-air disturbances, with the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau forecasting a gradual easing of rainfall later in the day. As of 9:55 a.m. yesterday, most areas in Cotai had recorded over 50 millimeters of rainfall. The

highest reading was 62.6 millimeters at the East Asian Games Avenue station, followed [...] The post Rainfall exceeds 60mm in parts of Cotai appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – edition no. 4944](#) (2026-05-06 00:01)

\* Factory blast — Explosion at a fireworks plant in central China kills at least 26 people and injures dozens, prompting manufacturing shutdowns and urgent safety investigations \* Tourism | May Day visitor surge stays within manageable limits as arrivals exceed expectations \* Markets | MGTO-Agoda partnership targets new international segments, boutique hotel expansion \* [...] The post Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – edition no. 4944 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau sets three border-crossing records as May Day Golden Week boosts tourism](#) (2026-05-05 00:42)

Mainland China’s extension of the May Day Labor Day holiday into a five-day Golden Week helped Macau set three new border-crossing records on the day following the holiday, with 248,000 inbound visitors in a single day – 85% of whom were from the mainland. Macau set three new border-crossing records during this year’s May Day [...] The post Macau sets three border-crossing records as May Day Golden Week boosts tourism appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [G-Dragon concert at Cotai venue sparks mixed accounts of event management](#) (2026-05-05 00:40)

Reports on Sunday’s G-Dragon concert in Macau’s Cotai open-air venue have sparked conflicting accounts, with local media describing the nearly 30,000-capacity event as running smoothly, while attendees told the Times that the on-the-ground experience was more chaotic. The Korean music festival “K-Spark In Macau” made its debut in Macau on Saturday, drawing a crowd of [...] The post G-Dragon concert at Cotai venue sparks mixed accounts of event management appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Casino growth expected to strengthen in May after April miss](#) (2026-05-05 00:38)

Macau’s casino industry is expected to post stronger growth in May after April’s gross gaming revenue came in below forecasts, according to Seaport Research Partners. April GGR in Macau grew 5.5% year-over-year to MOP19.89 billion, falling well short of Seaport’s earlier forecast of more than 11%. The brokerage said the weaker-than-expected result was driven by “low [...] The post Casino growth expected to strengthen in May after April miss appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Premium mass gaming steady at start of Labor Day holiday, Citi says](#) (2026-05-05 00:36)

Citigroup reported that Macau’s premium mass gaming segment showed “solid” wagering activity at the start of the Labor Day holiday, with performance levels ranking second only to the

Chinese New Year period earlier this year. The findings came from the bank's latest May survey of premium mass bet volumes and minimum wagering levels. Total observed [...] The post Premium mass gaming steady at start of Labor Day holiday, Citi says appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Authorities demolish three hazardous buildings ahead of typhoon season](#) (2026-05-05 00:34)

The Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU) demolished three dilapidated buildings last month after their owners failed to comply with removal orders, as authorities ramp up public safety efforts ahead of the city's rainy and typhoon season. The three dangerous structures were located on Rua do Amparo, Rua dos Ervanários, and Pátio de Chung Ka [...] The post Authorities demolish three hazardous buildings ahead of typhoon season appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Lai lands in Eswatini in a trip delayed by lack of overflight clearance](#) (2026-05-05 00:32)

Taiwan's leader Lai Ching-te said he arrived in the African nation of Eswatini over the weekend, days after his government was forced to push back the trip when several countries withdrew permission for him to fly over their territories reportedly over Chinese pressure. In a post on X, Lai said he arrived in Eswatini — [...] The post Lai lands in Eswatini in a trip delayed by lack of overflight clearance appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov't makes positive evaluation of temporary pedestrian zones](#) (2026-05-05 00:30)

The government interdepartmental team responsible for establishing and monitoring the temporary pedestrian zones set up for the May 1 holidays has made a positive evaluation of the zones' outcomes. In a press statement, the group, which includes the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDT), the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), [...] The post Gov't makes positive evaluation of temporary pedestrian zones appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSAL to hold sales and customer service job fair with over 600 vacancies](#) (2026-05-05 00:28)

The Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) will host a two-day job fair for sales and customer service positions on May 15 and 16 at the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre, offering more than 600 vacancies from over 20 local enterprises. Online registration opens today and closes on May 14 at noon. Roles include store and [...] The post DSAL to hold sales and customer service job fair with over 600 vacancies appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Three-vehicle collision leaves one driver with leg injury](#) (2026-05-05 00:26)

A three-vehicle collision on the Amizade Bridge on Tuesday afternoon left one male driver with minor leg injuries, authorities said. The accident occurred around 4 p.m. amid rainy and

slippery road conditions. Police received reports of a collision and a vehicle emitting smoke, but firefighters and officers found no smoke upon arrival. A local male [...] The post Three-vehicle collision leaves one driver with leg injury appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Resident deposits drop 0.4% in March](#) (2026-05-05 00:24)

Resident deposits, including both individuals and companies, decreased by 0.4% in March this year compared with February, the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) reported. According to the report, residents' deposits have shrunk to MOP836.7 billion, while non-resident deposits increased by 5.4% to MOP348.1 billion. Meanwhile, public-sector deposits with the banking sector rose 3.8% to MOP255.5 [...] The post Resident deposits drop 0.4% in March appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Does frequent worship lead to better mental health?](#) (2026-05-05 00:01)

Worldwide, the landscape of religion is anything but serene. Many denominations are riven by divisions. In some regions, believers face violence. Countless faith leaders have betrayed their flocks through corruption or sexual abuse. Against this backdrop, a long-running debate persists: what role can religion play in enhancing personal well-being and reducing mental health risks? Several [...] The post Does frequent worship lead to better mental health? appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – edition no. 4943](#) (2026-05-05 00:01)

\* Holiday frenzy — Macau sees triple border record as Golden Week boosts travel flow, with nearly 800,000 tourist arrivals so far \* G-Dragon concert at Cotai venue sparks mixed accounts of event management \* Gaming | Casino growth expected to strengthen in May after April miss \* Citigroup reported that the premium mass gaming [...] The post Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – edition no. 4943 appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Scoring system proposed to replace ‘highest bidder wins’ for public housing shops](#) (2026-05-01 01:10)

The Housing Bureau (IH) has been conducting open tenders for the leasing of 23 public housing commercial units in Macau, including those in New Urban Zone A. Some have suggested a comprehensive scoring system to replace the “highest bidder wins” approach, along with the promotion of regular tenders and a dynamic rent adjustment mechanism, while [...] The post Scoring system proposed to replace ‘highest bidder wins’ for public housing shops appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Sam Hou Fai calls for stronger labor force to support economic diversification](#) (2026-05-01 01:08)

Chief Executive Sam Hou Fai has called on all sectors of society to strengthen support for workers and promote labor values, stressing that labor is the foundation of both economic development and social progress. Speaking at a reception marking the 136th International

Labor Day, Sam extended his greetings to workers across all industries and expressed [...] The post Sam Hou Fai calls for stronger labor force to support economic diversification appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Wood-fire Flavours](#) (2026-05-01 01:06)

MGM’ s recent “Gastronomic Journey with Star Chefs” series, welcome back culinary master Chef Dave Pynt, chef-owner and founder of Singapore’ s award-winning wood-fire grill restaurant Burnt Ends. Chef Pynt returns to Macau for his second guest-chef takeover, presenting an exclusive epicurean experience at Grill 58 of MGM Cotai. Showcasing refined Australian-style barbecue, the pop-up offers an exceptional [...] The post Wood-fire Flavours appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Gov’ t in ‘no rush’ to implement senior meal pilot previously set for last month](#) (2026-05-01 01:04)

The government had announced a “Pilot Scheme for Elderly Cafeteria Service for Seniors” in Seac Pai Van for this month, but with April now ended and no sign of the program, the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) stated that it is in no rush to implement it. Earlier last month, Secretary for Social and Cultural Affairs [...] The post Gov’ t in ‘no rush’ to implement senior meal pilot previously set for last month appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [MGTO projects 800,000 visitors during May Day holiday](#) (2026-05-01 01:02)

Macau’ s tourism sector is preparing for a surge in arrivals as mainland China’ s May Day Golden Week begins today (May 1), with authorities estimating an average of around 160,000 visitors per day over the five-day holiday, totaling approximately 800,000 arrivals, Macao Governemnt Tourism Office (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said. Hotel occupancy rates [...] The post MGTO projects 800,000 visitors during May Day holiday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Smoking ban at school and daycare entrances to expand to 12 more sites](#) (2026-05-01 01:00)

Smoking will be banned at the entrances of eight more schools and four more nurseries starting in June. The results of the public consultation on amendments to the Tobacco Control Law are also set to be released that month, the Health Bureau (SSM) announced. The plan was revealed by Health Bureau director Alvis Lo during [...] The post Smoking ban at school and daycare entrances to expand to 12 more sites appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Showers and thunderstorms expected during May Day holiday](#) (2026-05-01 00:58)

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau has forecast mostly cloudy conditions with showers during the upcoming May Day holiday and the following weekend. Under the influence of easterly winds, Friday and Saturday (May 1–2) will start off cloudy with occasional showers. A trough of low pressure is expected to move closer to the coast of Guangdong [...] The post

Showers and thunderstorms expected during May Day holiday appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [March imports surge 26%](#) (2026-05-01 00:56)

The total value of merchandise imports rose 26% year-on-year to MOP12.98 billion in March, according to data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). Imports of mobile phones surged by 110%, while gold jewellery increased by 36%. In contrast, imports of food and beverages fell by 13.4% during the same period. Export value also grew [...] The post March imports surge 26% appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [DSOP reviews LRT South Line integration](#) (2026-05-01 00:54)

The Public Works Bureau (DSOP) said it is reviewing a proposal to integrate the LRT South Line cross-sea section with a passage linking to Zone A of the New Urban Area. It noted that existing links, including the A1 and A2 bridges and the B ramp, already include pedestrian walkways. The A3 flyover is expected [...] The post DSOP reviews LRT South Line integration appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [IPIM opens second phase applications for ‘First Store Economy’ plan](#) (2026-05-01 00:52)

Macau’s “First Store Economy Scheme” will open its second-phase applications from May 1 to July 31, the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) announced. The first phase received 20 preliminary applications that met the scheme’s objectives and requirements, involving brands from Portugal, mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, including tech-driven concepts such as interactive motion [...] The post IPIM opens second phase applications for ‘First Store Economy’ plan appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Macau joins China’s C929 certification team as four deals are signed](#) (2026-05-01 00:50)

Civil aviation authorities from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau signed four cooperative arrangements in Hong Kong yesterday, deepening mutual recognition of airworthiness standards and launching joint certification work on the C929 wide-body passenger aircraft. The agreements were signed by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department, and the [...] The post Macau joins China’s C929 certification team as four deals are signed appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Openness of China benefits its trading partners](#) (2026-05-01 00:02)

The global economic landscape stands at a crossroads. While some traditional economic powers have retreated behind protectionism and unilateral tariffs, China has charted a decisively different course. Beijing’s strategy to expand imports while optimizing their structure has become a stabilizing force in global trade. This is not merely a policy of convenience but a manifestation [...] The post Openness of China benefits its trading partners appeared first on MACAU DAILY TIMES 澳門每日時報.

- [Friday, May 1, 2026 – edition no. 4942](#) (2026-05-01 00:01)

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