

Unicef warns of fallout from education funding cuts

AFP, United Nations

Millions more children around the world could end up out of school by the end of 2026 due to a forecasted plunge in international aid for education, Unicef said Tuesday.

Official development aid earmarked for education is expected to drop 24 percent by next year compared to 2023, or \$3.2 billion, the UN agency said.

It said 80 percent of this decline is linked to three donor countries: the United States, Germany and France.

If these cuts become reality, Unicef estimates that around six million more children could end up out of school by the end of next year, raising the total from 272 million to 278 million.



Chinese militia members march during a military parade to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, in Beijing, China, yesterday. *Inset*, President Xi Jinping stands in a car to review the troops during the military parade.

PHOTO: REUTERS

21,000 children disabled in Gaza war: UN body

24 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes

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At least 21,000 children in Gaza have been disabled since the war between Israel and Hamas began on October 7, 2023, a United Nations committee said yesterday.

Around 40,500 children have suffered “new war-related injuries” in the nearly two years since the war erupted, with more than half of them left disabled, said the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Israeli military moved deeper into Gaza City yesterday, with soldiers and tanks pushing into Sheikh Radwan, one of the urban centre’s largest and most crowded neighbourhoods.

At least 24 Palestinians, some of them children, were killed by the military across Gaza yesterday, most of them in Gaza City, according to local health officials.



World faces ‘peace or war’

Says Xi as Putin, Kim join him for massive military parade in Tiananmen Square

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Chinese President Xi Jinping warned the world was facing a choice between peace or war at a massive military parade in Beijing yesterday, flanked by Russia’s Vladimir Putin and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un in an unprecedented show of force.

The event to mark 80 years since Japan’s defeat at the end of World War Two was largely shunned by Western leaders, with Putin and Kim - pariahs in the West due to the Ukraine war and Kim’s nuclear ambitions - the guests of honour.

Designed to project China’s military might and diplomatic clout, it also comes as US President Donald Trump’s tariffs and volatile policymaking strain its relations with allies and rivals alike.

“Today, mankind is faced with the choice of peace or war, dialogue



or confrontation, win-win or zero-sum,” Xi told a crowd of more than 50,000 spectators at Tiananmen Square, adding that the Chinese people “firmly stand on the right side of history”.

Riding in an open-top limousine, Xi then inspected the troops and cutting-edge military equipment such as hypersonic missiles, underwater drones and a weaponised ‘robot wolf’.

Helicopters trailing large banners

and fighter jets flew in formation during a 70-minute showcase that culminated in the release of 80,000 ‘peace’ birds, reports Reuters.

In a post directed at Xi on Truth Social as the parade kicked off, Trump highlighted the US role in helping China secure its freedom from Japan during World War Two.

“Please give my warmest regards to Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong Un, as you conspire against the United States of America,” Trump added. The Kremlin said Putin was not conspiring against the US and suggested Trump was being ironic in his remarks.

Donning a tunic suit in the style worn by former leader Mao Zedong, Xi earlier greeted more than 25 leaders on the red carpet, including Indonesia’s Prabowo Subianto who made a surprise appearance despite widespread protests at home.

Xi, Putin, Kim and Iran challenge rules-based order

Says EU’s Kallas

REUTERS, Brussels

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said yesterday the leaders of China, Russia, Iran and North Korea - who appeared together at a military parade in Beijing - represented an “autocratic alliance” challenging the rules-based international order.

“While Western leaders gather in diplomacy, an autocratic alliance is seeking a fast track to a new world order,” Kallas, the European Union’s high representative for foreign and security policy, told reporters in Brussels.

“Looking at President Xi standing alongside the leaders of Russia, Iran, (and) North Korea in Beijing today, these aren’t just anti-Western optics: This is a direct challenge to the international system built on rules.”

“We are experiencing deliberate attempts to change the international order,” Kallas said, in a subsequent speech.

“China and Russia also speak of leading changes together not seen in a hundred years and the revision of the global security order.”

11 dead in US strike on drug-carrying boat from Venezuela

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump said US forces had attacked a boat carrying drugs to the United States Tuesday, killing 11 “narcoterrorists” from a gang he alleged was controlled by leftist Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro.

Trump posted a video online of an open-topped speedboat carrying a number of people traveling on a body of water before it exploded in a ball of flames.

The move is a potentially significant escalation in the standoff between Caracas

and Washington, after the United States deployed eight warships to Latin America in what it bills as a war on drug trafficking.

Trump initially announced at the White House that US forces had “shot out a boat... a drug carrying boat, lots of drugs in that boat” without giving details.

The Republican later posted a statement about the strike on his Truth Social network, along with the black and white video of the exploding boat. “Earlier this morning, on my Orders, US Military Forces conducted a kinetic strike ...No US forces were harmed, Trump said.



An Afghan man sits among the ruins of a house destroyed by the earthquake in Dara-i-Nur district, Nangarhar province, eastern Afghanistan, yesterday. Hope was quickly fading of finding survivors in the rubble of homes, as emergency services struggled to reach remote villages.

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