

TAIWAN ROW
Japan warns
citizens in
China about
safety

AFP, Tokyo

Japan has warned its citizens in China to be careful of their surroundings and to avoid big crowds amid a diplomatic row over Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's comments on Taiwan.

The escalating spat has already seen Beijing advise Chinese citizens to avoid travelling to Japan and hit Tokyo stocks. The screenings of at least two Japanese movies will also be postponed in China, state media reported.

"Pay attention to your surroundings and avoid as much as possible squares where large crowds gather, or places that are likely to be identified as being used by many Japanese people," the Japanese embassy in China said.

Beijing yesterday vowed to "protect the safety" of foreigners, but said it had reiterated a "strong protest" with Tokyo over Takaichi's comments.

Western aid cuts could
cause 22.6m deaths

Say researchers; WFP warns 318 million people will face crisis-level hunger or worse next year

REUTERS, Washington

Abrupt cuts to development aid by major donor countries could cause up to 22.6 million additional deaths in developing countries by 2030, including 5.4 million children under five, according to a new study by the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) and other organizations.

The warning comes as the United States, Britain, Germany and France have each reduced development aid for the first time in nearly three decades and are planning further cuts in 2025. The ISGlobal study said continued cuts could reverse decades of progress in global health and poverty reduction.

The global health research centre's report, a copy of which was viewed by Reuters, examined data from 93 low- and middle-income countries to estimate the impact of further reductions in official development assistance (ODA) in 2025, on top of sharp cuts over the past five years.

It concluded that a severe reduction in that assistance would



lead to 22.6 million additional deaths, including 5.4 million children under five, by 2030, significantly higher than the research institute had estimated in a previous study that focused on US cuts.

The authors modeled both a severe and a mild scenario for future aid cuts, along with one that would have maintained 2023 funding levels.

Meanwhile, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) warned yesterday that the world is facing a deepening hunger crisis with resources falling far short of needs, citing sharp declines in humanitarian funding.

In its 2026 Global Outlook, the Rome-based WFP said 318 million people were expected to face crisis levels of hunger or worse next year, more than double the number in 2019.

Trump declines to rule
out troops in Venezuela
Floats talks with Maduro amid escalation

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump said on Monday he has not ruled out putting American forces on the ground in Venezuela, while expressing a willingness to hear directly from Nicolas Maduro regarding the Venezuelan leader's proposals to avert further US military escalation.

Asked if he would rule out US troops on the ground in the South American country, Trump said: "No, I don't rule out that, I don't rule out anything."

Still, questioned if he would speak to Maduro directly, Trump told reporters at the White House: "I probably would talk to him, yeah. I talk to everybody."

Maduro, when asked about Trump's comments on Monday, said differences should be resolved through diplomacy and that he is willing to hold face-to-face talks with anyone interested.

"In the United States, whoever wants to talk with Venezuela will talk, face to face, without any problem," Maduro said.

The US has been waging a campaign of deadly strikes against suspected drug trafficking boats off the Venezuelan coast and the Pacific coast of Latin America.

Maduro has repeatedly alleged that a US military buildup in the Caribbean is designed to drive him from power.

Taken as a whole, Trump's comments suggest he is willing to dramatically escalate his administration's confrontation with Venezuela, even as he is open to seeking an off-ramp if presented with an interesting enough proposal from the Venezuelan government.



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No company
immune if AI
bubble bursts
Google boss warns

AFP, San Francisco

The head of Google's parent company Alphabet warned that every company would be impacted if the AI bubble were to burst, in an interview to the BBC.

Sundai Pichai acknowledged there was "irrationality" behind the boom in artificial intelligence investment, which has fueled a tech rally this year.

But fears that the AI bubble could burst have led to a selloff, sending global stock markets tumbling in recent months.

Asked if Google would be impacted by the AI bubble bursting, Pichai told the BBC: "I think no company is going to be immune, including us."

The interview, published late Monday, covered long-standing concerns surrounding AI, including energy needs, reducing climate targets, accuracy and the impact of AI on jobs.

Pichai warned of the "immense" energy requirements of AI, which accounted for 1.5 percent of global electricity consumption last year, according to the International Energy Agency.

AI's global computing footprint could reach 200 gigawatts by 2030 -- the annual equivalent of Brazil's electric consumption -- half of that in the United States.

Geopolitical tensions have helped drive a tech frenzy to build massive data centers housing tens of thousands of chips requiring a phenomenal amount of electrical power and large-scale cool.



US colleges see
17pc drop in
newly enrolled
int'l students

REUTERS, New York

The number of newly enrolled international students at US colleges and universities dropped by 17 percent this autumn following new restrictions on student visas and other Trump administration policies, according to a report released on Monday.

Among the schools citing declines in new enrollments, 96 percent said visa application concerns were a factor, and 68 percent cited travel restrictions, according to the nonprofit Institute of International Education, which collected data from 825 US higher education institutions.

As part of its increased scrutiny of legal immigration, the Trump administration has authorised consular officers to ask visa applicants to make their social media accounts public in an effort to identify any who may be hostile toward the United States. Some student visas have been revoked, and students seeking new visas have faced delays.

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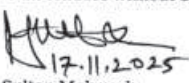
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