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ongoing commitment to nurturing talent and driving digital transformation. Zain Bahrain employees will have access to a wide range of personalized learning resources and skill-de-

velopment programs powered by artificial intelligence. The platform recommends tailored training paths based on each employee's learning needs and career goals. This initiative aligns

with Zain Bahrain's strategic vision to empower its workforce with cutting-edge digital tools, fostering a culture of learning, innovation, and future readiness across the organization

China halts ban on export to US of some dual-use metals

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China suspended an export ban to the United States that had targeted gallium, germanium and antimony, metals crucial for modern technology, Beijing's commerce ministry announced Sunday in a further de-escalation of the trade war with Washington.

The restrictions banned the export of so-called dual-use goods, materials that can have both civilian and military applications.

Imposed in December 2024, the ban will now be suspended until November 27, 2026, Bei-



US President Donald Trump (L) and China's President Xi Jinping

jing's commerce ministry said in a statement.

The announcement comes after leaders Xi Jinping and Donald Trump met on October 30 in South Korea and agreed to walk back some punitive measures imposed during their tit-for-tat tariff escalation.

At one point, duties on both sides had reached prohibitive triple-digit levels, hampering trade between the world's two largest economies and snarling global supply chains.

Throughout the trade war, China has sought to leverage its chokehold over the critical minerals underpinning everything

from smartphones to advanced military technology.

Gallium, germanium and antimony are not classed as rare earth elements but are crucial for entire sectors of the economy.

China accounts for 94% of the world's production of gallium -- used in integrated circuits, LEDs and photovoltaic panels -- according to a report by the European Union published in 2024.

For germanium, essential for fibre optics and infrared, China makes up 83 percent of production.

Antimony is used both in bat-

tery technology and by the arms industry to reinforce armour plating and ammunition.

In its brief statement, the commerce ministry also announced the easing of restrictions on exports of graphite-related products, which had likewise been banned under the controls on dual-use goods.

These are the latest de-escalation measures taken by Beijing since the Xi-Trump meeting.

On Wednesday, China announced that it would extend the suspension of additional tariffs on US goods for one year, keeping them at 10%.

Environmental Stewardship: Alba Ladies lead tree planting activity at Bahrain Polytechnic



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As part of Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba)'s ongoing commitment to social responsibility and in celebration of Bahraini women's leading role in humanitarian initiatives, a group of Alba female employees carried environment-related activities at Bahrain Polytechnic on 06 November 2025.

During the visit, Alba Ladies planted trees and irrigat-



ed plants across the college's campus, while also distributing saplings to students to promote environmental awareness and sustainability.

This initiative, part of a series of community-driven activities leading up to Bahraini Women's Day in December, reflects Alba's pledge to planting 6,000 trees annually – within and beyond its premises – in support of Bahrain's national goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.