
CHINA'S XI TO VISIT SOUTH-EAST ASIA AS TRADE CONFLICT WITH US WIDENS

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Chinese President Xi Jinping will begin a three-nation tour of South-east Asia next week, his first overseas trip in 2025, aiming to consolidate ties with some of Chinas closest neighbours as trade tension escalates with the US.

Mr Xi will visit Vietnam from April 14 to 15, and Malaysia and Cambodia from April 15 to 18, state-run Xinhua news agency said on April 11, after the Chinese President pledged this week to deepen all-round cooperation with Chinas neighbours.

Hit with 145 per cent US tariffs since US President Donald Trump took office in 2025, China is moving quickly to strengthen ties with other countries lying in the shadow of Washingtons damaging trade levies.

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