

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people's representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Elected as President



The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw convenes the presidential election at the convention hall of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The presidential election of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at the convention hall of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe sought the approval for the attendance of 584 out of 586 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives eligible to attend the meeting and recorded it. He stated the presidential election programmes to the Hluttaw.

The Speaker said that the Presidential Electoral College, comprising all Py-

In the secret presidential ballot, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing secured 429 valid votes from the Pyithu Hluttaw group, while U Nyo Saw received 126 votes from Defence Services Personnel representatives, and Nan Ni Ni Aye obtained 29 votes from the Amyotha Hluttaw group.

idaungsu Hluttaw representatives, must elect one of three Vice-Presidents as the President with secret voting using ballot Form 10. The voting must be held in the

presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives who are also members of the Presidential Electoral College under the Election Rules of the President and

Vice-Presidents. The Speaker explained the way of casting votes under the election law and rules, and identifying the invalid votes.

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- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Request for Free Use of Copyrighted Works

THE traditional Myanmar Thingyan Festival, celebrated nationwide with respect and joy, will be observed in 2026 following the same customs as in previous years. During the celebrations, entertainment programmes, including performances of Thingyan songs, will be presented by Union-level organizations, ministries, state and regional governments, and relevant departments.

At official events, such as the city mayor's pavilions representing the government, and the parade floats in Nay Pyi Taw, performances of Thingyan songs will be broadcast to the public free of charge via radio and television.

Therefore, for public entertainment rather than commercial gain, we respectfully request that copyright holders grant permission for the free use of the songs performed and broadcast at these events.

The Ministry of Information extends its sincere gratitude to all copyright holders who kindly grant permission for such use.

Ministry of Information

Gold Market Rate as of 2 April 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,100,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.



Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed; Head of Service Organization appointed

- The National Defence and Security Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names after the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Soe Naing Tun	Director-General Office of the Amyotha Hluttaw
(b) Dr Zaw Moe Aung	Rector Myanmar Maritime University Ministry of Transport and Communications
- The National Defence and Security Council has appointed U Aung Hsan Tun, Deputy Director-General of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, as Managing Director of the Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Restoration of ancient SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda completed



The ceremony of hoisting the diamond orb and the vane of SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda is in progress.

THE restoration of the ancient SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda on Sagaing Hill, which sustained damage during the Mandalay earthquake, has been completed, and a ceremony was held to hoist the sacred diamond orb and the pannant-shaped vane atop of the pagoda.

The grand, auspicious ceremony took place with great solemnity on the morning of 1 April at the pagoda's platform.

The ancient SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda sustained damage to its upper spire and various structural components during the earthquake. To ensure the long-term structural integrity and preservation of this revered pagoda, comprehensive renovation works were undertaken to restore it to its former glory.

The restoration project was carried out under the guid-

ance of the Sitagu Sayadaw, and the Ayeyawady Foundation family served as the project's primary donors.

Through the collective contributions of devotees from all walks of life, the diamond bud and the vane were successfully refurbished and hoisted to the summit of the pagoda, marking the successful completion of the merit-sharing task. — MT/ZN

Answer "111" to fight against corruption



Answer "111" to improve services

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing ...

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The Deputy Director-General and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office counted the number of ballot papers to be used in the election of the President in the presence of the Presidential Electoral College members under the electoral rules.

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, together with members of the Presidential Electoral College, took out the ballot papers from the staff of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office and cast votes secretly.

According to Rule 43 (k) of the Election Rules of the President and Vice-Presidents, officials from the Office of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw counted and verified, in the presence of members of the Presidential Electoral College, whether the number of ballot papers issued to representatives matched the number of ballot papers retrieved from the ballot box.

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw then announced that a total of 584 ballot papers had been issued to members of the Presidential Electoral College, comprising all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, and that 584 ballot papers had been retrieved from the ballot box, confirming that the numbers were con-

sistent. Therefore, in accordance with Clause (e) of Rule 43 (k) of the Election Rules of the President and Vice-Presidents, the voting was declared valid.

Members of the Presidential Scrutiny Committee signed to record the votes for each presidential candidate in Form 15.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that Presidential Candidate Senior General Min Aung Hlaing from the group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives secured 429 valid votes, Presidential Candidate U Nyo Saw, 126 valid votes from the group of Defence Services Personnel representatives and Presidential Candidate Nan Ni Ni Aye, 29 valid votes

from the group of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, respectively.

As such, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker declared Senior General Min Aung Hlaing from the group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives who won the largest number of valid votes was elected as the President.

He also announced that U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye were elected as Vice-Presidents.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker stated that the meeting of the group of the presidential electoral college ended, and the third-day meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will resume on the morning of 6 April. — MNA/TTA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Announcement 1/2026

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3 April 2026

Election of President

It is hereby announced that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who was nominated as Vice-President by the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, was elected as President by the Presidential Electoral College, comprising all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, under Rule 51 of the Election of President and Vice-Presidents at the presidential election held on 3 April 2026.

Sd/ Aung Lin Dwe
Speaker

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Announcement 2/2026

2nd Waning of Tagu 1387 ME
3 April 2026

Election of Vice-Presidents

It is hereby announced that, under Rule 51 of the Election of President and Vice-Presidents, the Presidential Electoral College, comprising all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, selected the following individuals as Vice-Presidents based on the number of votes they received at the presidential election held on 3 April 2026.

Name	Constituency	Group which elects Vice-President
1. U Nyo Saw	Cocokyun Constituency, Yangon Region	Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representatives
2. Nan Ni Ni Aye	Kayin State Hluttaw (PR System) Constituency 1	Amyotha Hluttaw representatives

Sd/ Aung Lin Dwe
Speaker

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Heads of State/Government send congratulatory messages to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election of President

Press Release

HE Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, sends a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Excellency,

Please, accept my sincere congratulations on Your election to the post of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Russia-Myanmar relations are genuinely friendly in nature, which had been reaffirmed by our meetings in Moscow last year. I am confident that Your Presidency will further facilitate the advancement of constructive bilateral cooperation for the benefit of the peoples of our countries, and in the interests of strengthening stability and security in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Availing of the opportunity, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings to You and all citizens of Myanmar with the forthcoming traditional Myanmar New Year — Thingyan.

I wish You success, good health and well-being.

Respectfully Yours,
V Putin

Press Release

HE Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, sends a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Distinguished Mr President,

Delighted to learn that you have been elected as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend to you my sincere congratulations on behalf of the Chinese government and people.

China and Myanmar are friendly neighbours connected by shared mountains and rivers, and our two peoples enjoy a time-honoured Pauk-Phaw friendship. The two sides, guided by the spirit of the jointly-upheld Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, have maintained amicable relations, and firmly supported each other in times of need and on issues concerning respective core interests and major concerns, fully demonstrating the profound connotation of a China-Myanmar Community with a Shared Future characterized by sharing weal and woe. We met twice last year and reached important consensus on advancing the building of a China-Myanmar Community with a Shared Future, which is currently under active implementation by relevant departments and localities on both sides. This year marks the beginning of China's 15th Five-Year Plan, as Myanmar embarks on a new stage of political transition and national development. I attach great importance to the development of bilateral relations, and stand ready to work with you to enhance strategic exchanges, deepen political mutual trust, and take the lead in advancing more in-depth and substantive progress in the building of a China-Myanmar Community with a Shared Future, so as to bring greater benefits to our two peoples and make more contributions to regional peace and development.

I wish Myanmar prosperity and its people happiness and good health.

I wish you great success in your noble position.

Xi Jinping
President of the People's Republic of China

Press Release

HE Mr Han Zheng, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, sends a congratulatory message to HE U Nyo Saw on his election as Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

HE Mr Han Zheng, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China, sends a congratulatory message to HE Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye on her election as Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Press Release

HE Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, sends a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of my compatriots and personally, I sincerely congratulate You on the election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that Your rich experience as a statesman, professional and personal qualities will enable You to lead Myanmar successfully and ensure the country's stability and socioeconomic development.

I am pleased to note the active dynamics of Belarusian-Myanmar relations observed throughout the past year. The visits at the highest and senior levels, contacts at international fora, bilateral events, and documents signed opened up new prospects for expanding the mutually beneficial cooperation in political, trade and economic, humanitarian, and other fields.

I confirm Belarus' commitment to implementing all the agreements we have reached in order to further strengthen the ties with Myanmar.

I look forward to new meetings to discuss the priority issues on the agenda. Taking the opportunity, I wish Your Excellency good health and success in Your responsible activities for the benefit of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its citizens.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Aleksandr Lukashenko

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Press Release

HE Mr Travnikov Andrey Aleksandrovich, Governor of Novosibirsk Oblast of the Russian Federation, sends a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President and Chairman of State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Dear Mr Min Aung Hlaing!

Please, accept my most sincere and cordial congratulations on your successful election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I deeply appreciate the friendly relations that have developed between our countries. I am convinced that your professional energy and competence will be devoted to the further vigorous development of ties between Novosibirsk Region and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I sincerely wish you, esteemed Mr Min Aung Hlaing, the excellent health, the fulfillment of your plans and further success in leading the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend my assurances of deep respect and a commitment to fruitful cooperation.

A A Travnikov

Associations and Organizations Issue Special Congratulations on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing's Election as President

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, selected as Vice-President by the group of elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, was elected as President by the Presidential Electoral College comprising all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at the presidential election on 3 April 2026. Hence, the Myanmar-China Investment and Trade Promotion Association (MCITP), the Federation of Myanmar Licensed Contractors Associations (Federation of MLCA), the Myanmar-India-China

International Cooperation & Economic Development Association (MICA), the Myanmar-China Buddhist Friendship Exchange Association-MCBFEA, the Inter-Ethnic Unity and Cooperation Organization (IUCO), the Interfaith Friendship Organization, the Myanmar-China Women's Association, the All Myanmar Hindu Central Council, the All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ), the United Wa State Party Central Committee, the Heilongjiang Chamber of Commerce

in Myanmar, the Myanmar Basketball Federation, the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Association, the Myanmar-Vietnam Friendship Association, the Myanmar Music Association (Central), Myanmar-Lao Friendship Association, and the Young Men's Buddhist Association (Central) issued special congratulatory statements over the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President.

The issued statements expressed special pride and pleasure that Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing was elected as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. They also conveyed wishes for the President's peace of mind, full health, and well-being, hoping that he may serve the responsibilities of the State in a sound and prosperous manner. Furthermore, the statements included prayers for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to enjoy peace, stability, and further development and prosperity. — MNA/TTA

Over 1,000 YBS buses to run during Thingyan at standard fares



This image shows a YBS bus approaching a station to pick up passengers.

MORE than 1,000 YBS buses will be in operation during the Thingyan holiday to ensure public transport services, according to the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC).

From 13 to 17 April, covering the entire Thingyan period, buses from 15 companies will run on 71 routes across Yangon.

The YRTC has instructed operators to maintain standard fares throughout the holiday. Passengers who are overcharged may report the matter to the committee, providing the relevant bus line and vehicle number.

Under normal conditions, the YBS system carries over 1.5 million passengers daily, with more than 5,400 buses operating on 141 routes. — ASH/MKKS

Trading amount and foreign exchange rate in the FE market on 2 April 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rate	3,647-3,668	557-558.67	125.30-125.67	43.60
Trading amount in the market	17,856,884.64	3,572,382.17	52,920,700.82	-
The amount sold by CBM into the market	7,006,347.92		3,000,000.00	

- Such a large amount of trading foreign currencies in the market was sold for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, fertilizers, medicines and raw materials for medical supplies, electronic products, raw industrial materials, auto/motorcycle parts, malt and foodstuffs.
- The Central Bank of Myanmar sold an

amount of foreign exchange in the market – US\$3.78 million to the LNG sector, \$2.36 millions to the edible oil sector, \$0.33 million to the fuel sector, \$0.54 million to the motorcycle parts, raw industrial, medicines and medical supplies, and electronic sectors, and 3.00 million baht to the construction sector. — MNA/KTZH



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Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to Securities Exchange Law (National Defence and Security Council Law 52/2026)

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3 April 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council enacts this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

1. This law shall be called the Amendment to the Securities Exchange Law.
2. In Section 2 of the Securities Exchange Law –
 - (a) Subsection (j) shall be replaced as follows: -
“(j). Stock exchange means the market established systematically to contribute to trading systems and ways of securities in line with its criteria.”
 - (b) Subsections (p), (q), (r), (s) and (t) shall be added behind Subsection (o) –
“(p) **Registration advisory company** means the company authorized to operate advisory services to register companies in the Pre Listing Board.
 - (q) **Credit Rating Agency** means the company assessing and grading the credit ratings of the public companies and organizations which will publish securities.
 - (r) **Collective Investment Scheme (CIS)** means a scheme in which the funds of investors are pooled together and invested by a professional fund manager in instruments such as securities or other loan contracts to generate profits. This term also includes schemes where investors contribute to mutual funds, private funds, trust funds, or other funds as specified by the commission from time to time.
 - (s) **Pre-Listing Board** means a market where securities of public companies that do not yet meet the listing requirements of the stock exchange are registered and allowed to be traded under separate standards.
 - (t) **Derivatives Market** means a market in which contracts are traded based on securities and their market indices, interest rates, and foreign exchange rates.”
 - (c) Original Subsections (p), (q), and (r) shall be renumbered as Subsections (u), (v), and (w), respectively.
3. Section 10 of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
“10. The Commission shall -
(a) set the necessary standards to enable collective investment schemes to operate using mutual funds, private funds, trust funds, or other funds as may be determined by the Commission from time to time;
(b) allow collective investment schemes if they comply with the established standards.”
4. In Section 11 of the Securities Exchange Law –
 - (a) Subsection (c) shall be replaced as follows: -
“(c) The Commission may, as necessary, direct the companies licensed to operate stock exchanges and securities to conduct securities exchange businesses under this law.”
 - (b) After Subsection (d), a new Subsection (e) shall be added as follows: -
“(e) Whether an individual citizen or a foreign national, or a company or organization, may be permitted to conduct the securities exchange businesses in accordance with the prescribed standards.”
 - (c) The original Subsection (e) shall be renumbered as Subsection (f).
5. In Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Law –
 - (a) In Subsection (c), the phrase “over-the-counter market” shall be followed by the addition of “Pre-Listing Board and Derivatives Market”.
 - (b) After Subsection (d), new Subsections (e) and (f) shall be added as follows: -
“(e) Agency determining the level of repayment capability
(f) Registration advisory company”
 - (c) The original Subsections (e) and (f) shall be renumbered as Subsections (g) and (h), and in the renumbered Subsection (g), the phrase “over-the-counter market” shall be followed by the addition of “Pre-Listing Board, Derivatives Market, Agency determining the level of repayment capability, Registration advisory company”.
6. After Section 27 of the Securities Exchange Law, a new Section 27-a shall be added as follows: -
“27-a. A company wishing to conduct business related to other businesses designated as securities businesses by the Commission through a notification may apply to the Commission for a licence in accordance with the prescribed standards.”
7. In Section 28 (a) of the Securities Exchange Law, the phrase “Section 26 (b) and Section 27” shall be replaced with “Section 26 (b), Section 27, and Section 27-a”.
8. Section 35 of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
35. (a) Companies intending to issue securities to the public shall —
(1) Before offering and selling loan contracts to the public, sub-

mit to the Commission a summary of information containing details related to the issuance, along with the rating provided by an agency determining the repayment capability.

- (2) For other remaining loan contracts, before offering and selling securities to the public, submit to the Commission a prospectus summary containing information related to the issuance.
- (3) If the company is listed on the stock exchange, when offering securities through a rights issue to current shareholders in proportion to their holdings under the company’s articles of association, the offering letter must be submitted to the Commission in advance.
- (4) When offering to the public, the company must also publicly disclose a prospectus that includes key information about the company, along with its articles of association.
- (b) The Commission shall decide within 60 days on the submissions under clause (1) or (2) of Subsection (a).”
9. Section 39 (a) of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
“(a) Whether a company is a limited liability company or organized as a joint venture, it shall form a board of directors in accordance with its organizational rules and the articles of association of the stock exchange.”
10. Section 41 (b) of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
“(b) Establishing the necessary standards for the company issuing the securities for the securities to be traded on the stock exchange.”
11. Sections 44, 45, and 46 of Chapter VIII of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -

Chapter VIII

Pre-Listing Board, Over-the-Counter Market, and Derivatives Market

44. A company wishing to establish a pre-listing board, over-the-counter market, or derivatives market may apply to the Commission in accordance with the prescribed standards.
45. The Commission shall –
 - (a) Examine the application submitted under Section 44 in accordance with the applicable standards to determine whether it should be approved;
 - (b) After examination under subsection (a), approve to establish the market if it meets the standards, or reject the application if it does not meet the standards.
46. Markets that have been authorized to be established by the Commission shall have the right to operate continuously under their own name and trademark, and shall have the right to sue and be sued.
12. In Sections 47 and 48 of the Securities Exchange Law, the term “over-the-counter market” shall be replaced with “pre-listing board, over-the-counter market, and derivatives market”.
13. Section 55 (b) and (c) of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
(b) No stock exchange, pre-listing board, over-the-counter market, or derivatives market shall be established or operated without the Commission’s approval, and no activities affecting the business of such a stock exchange or market shall be conducted.
(c) The name of an authorized stock exchange, pre-listing board, over-the-counter market, or derivatives market shall not be used without approval, nor shall any person act as a member of such a stock exchange or market without authorization.
14. In Sections 57, 59, 63, and 65 of the Securities Exchange Law, the term “securities company” shall be replaced with “company licensed to operate a securities business”.
15. Section 58 of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
“58. No member of the Commission, employee of the Commission, person responsible in a company licensed to operate a securities exchange business, or any employee of such a company shall disclose, show, or publicly announce any information obtained while performing their official duties to any unrelated person, except as required under existing laws.”
16. Section 64 of the Securities Exchange Law shall be replaced as follows: -
“64. If any member of the Commission, employee of the Commission, person responsible in a company licensed to operate a securities exchange business, or any employee of such a company violates the prohibitions under Section 58, they shall be subject to punishment by imprisonment for up to three years, a fine, or both.”

I hereby sign this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to Securities Exchange Law (National Defence and Security Council Law 53/2026)

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THE National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts this law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

1. This Law shall be called **the Amendment to the Plant Pest Quarantine Law**.
2. The expression “the Ministry of Agriculture” in Section 2(j) and (k) of **the Plant Pest Quarantine Law** shall be replaced with the expression “the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation”.
3. In **the Plant Pest Quarantine Law**, the expressions “Myanma Agricultural Service” and “Managing Director” shall be replaced with “Department of Agriculture” and “Director-General”, respectively.
4. In Section 16 of the Plant Pest Quarantine Law, subsections (a) and (b) shall be replaced as follows:
 - (a) For a first offence, a fine of not less than “K500,000” and not more than “K2.5 million”;

- (b) For a second or subsequent offence, a fine of not less than “K2.5 million” and not more than “K5 million”.

5. In Section 17 of the Plant Pest Quarantine Law, subsections (a) and (b) shall be replaced as follows:

- (a) For a first offence, a fine of not less than “K250,000” and not more than “K1.5 million”;
- (b) For a second or subsequent offence, a fine of not less than “K1.5 million” and not more than “K2.5 million”.

I hereby sign this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

China-Myanmar Martial Arts Exchange held in Yangon

THE 2026 China-Myanmar Martial Arts Exchange were held at the Yangon China Culture Centre in Yangon on 31 March.

The event was organized by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, the Myanmar Wushu Federation and China Media Group (CMG), with the aims of promoting Chinese traditional Wushu and Myanmar traditional martial arts, strengthening cultural ties between the two countries, and fostering continued cooperation in training and technical exchanges between martial artists.

“In my opinion, my first exposure to Chinese culture was

not through classical literature, but through Chinese comics and translated Myanmar books featuring themes such as the Shaolin Temple, Wudang Mountain, tai chi, baguazhang, iron-hand martial arts, legendary warriors and royal swordsmen. Later, on television, I watched vivid portrayals in programmes such as Guan Yu from the Three Kingdoms era, Hawk Warrior and Journey to the West, which inspired many people to learn more about Chinese martial arts,” said U Aung Thu, Vice-Executive Chairman of the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation and Development



The 2026 China-Myanmar Martial Arts Exchange is in full swing in Yangon on 31 March.

Promotion Association.

The discussion was attended by Li Changkao, Counselor of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar; U Thitsa, President of the Myanmar Wushu Federation; Shan Zhangpao, Head of the Yangon-China Culture Centre; U Ohn Maung, Chairman of the Myanmar Writers' Association; writer U Min Min Htike; Li Fuquan, Chairman of

the China-Myanmar Economic Cooperation and Development Promotion Association; and U Thant Htet Sint, Senior Researcher at the Myanmar Institute of Strategy and International Studies (Myanmar – ISIS). Representatives from several Chinese schools also discussed the positive role of martial arts in promoting China-Myanmar friendship.

In addition, a video marking International Taiji Day was screened at the seminar, and three instructors from Henan Shaolin Kung Fu Chan Academy, YuDe Education Centre, and the Myanmar International Education Centre (MIEC) demonstrated basic techniques of Shaolin Kung Fu, Yi Jin Jing, Bajiquan and wushu. — ASH/MKKS

MALI hosts 54th Wednesday Circle Talk on earthquake recovery

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation held its 54th monthly “Wednesday Circle Talk” in Nay Pyi Taw, focusing on the theme of rapid recovery and future preparedness following the major Mandalay earthquake.

During the session, Union Minister U Min Naung reported that while the primary reservoirs in Central Myanmar and

the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area did not breach during the 2025 earthquake, the event caused substantial damage to embankments, diversion weirs, and irrigation canals, alongside significant ground fissuring. These disruptions posed a severe threat to the agriculture, livestock, and production sectors.

In response, the Ministry mobilized personnel and ma-

chinery to work around the clock, successfully restoring irrigation in stages and preventing the widespread loss of summer paddy and other seasonal crops.

Looking ahead, the Minister emphasized that all new departmental infrastructure must strictly comply with the Myanmar National Building Code (MNBC) 2025 to ensure seismic resilience. He also pri-

oritized the reinforcement of existing dams in high-risk zones, advocating for the use of international design standards and global case studies to enhance safety.

Furthermore, the discussion highlighted the need for a coordinated shift toward climate-resilient crop varieties, water-saving technologies, and advanced soil management. The

event concluded with technical contributions from the Departments of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department, Land Records Department, and Agricultural Research Department, as officials and regional representatives discussed strategies to streamline long-term rehabilitation and disaster risk reduction through closer cooperation with the private sector and local communities. — MNA/KZL

OPINION

Prevent transboundary haze air pollution

SMOKE haze levels tend to rise due to intense heat during March, April, and May each year. In years with extremely hot and dry weather conditions, fire hotspots occur more frequently. To effectively prevent and control transboundary haze pollution along the Myanmar-Thailand border, relevant authorities from both countries are making concerted efforts to implement measures aimed at reducing cross-border smoke haze.

Transboundary haze air pollution is a frequent occurrence among neighbouring countries that share borders. To reduce fire hotspots and control cross-border haze pollution, priority areas are designated based on the number and density of fire hotspots in the respective regions and states. Continuous efforts must be undertaken, including shifting from slash-and-burn cultivation to highland farming, producing organic fertilizer from agricultural waste, preventing the careless use of fire in forests, and establishing response plans in the event of haze pollution.

Smoke haze air pollution severely affects public health; therefore, more effective approaches must be sought to successfully implement measures for reducing fire hotspots and controlling haze pollution as a national responsibility. Awareness-raising activities are being carried out by the Ministry of Border Affairs. Such awareness-raising programmes on the prevention of transboundary haze pollution have been conducted at departments and schools.

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Every country places great importance on ensuring that its citizens live long and healthy lives free from illness. As this is not an issue that can be addressed by a single country alone, all neighbouring countries must actively cooperate and participate. To enable everyone to live in good health and well-being, efforts to prevent and control transboundary haze air pollution must be carried out without fail.

Two English-language and a Burmese-language poem about 'time' written 150 years apart

21 March 2026 was World Poetry Day.

By Myint Zan

ON THE occasion, I am reminded of three poems written in the last 150 years about 'Time' and its inexorable march (so to speak) in human affairs and about the human condition. Two poems were written in English and one in Burmese. A reproduction of two English-language poems follows with commentaries. Between the two English poems and commentaries, a translation of a Burmese poem is provided with comments. A third poem is written in English by another Myanmar poet. It is reproduced with commentary. In presenting and commenting on these three poems, a few juxtapositions by cross-referencing the themes of the three poems are made.

A Lament by Percy Bysshe Shelley

Percy Bysshe Shelley (4 August 1792-8 July 1822) was a renowned British poet. His biography and his 'A Lament' poem can be easily downloaded from the World Wide Web.

QUOTE

A Lament

O world! O life! O time!

On whose last steps I climb,
Trembling at that where I had
stood before

When will you return the glory
of your prime?
No more- Oh, never more!

Out of the day and night

A joy has taken flight:

Fresh spring, and summer,
and winter hoar,

Move my faint heart with
grief, but with
Delight

No more-Oh, never more!

UNQUOTE

There is a fair number of interpretations and comments on Shelley's poem, which was composed, perhaps, in the year 1821. After Shelley's death, his widow Mary Shelley (30 August 1797-1 February 1851) published *The Lament* posthumously in 1824.

The first stylistic usage that this writer notices is the use of the word O (without an immediate exclamation mark, albeit later it follows with O world! O Life! O Time!) at the beginning of the first stanza.

The end of the first and second stanzas ends with identical phrases No more-Oh, never more! (Note that it is Oh, not O!)

Online sources state that 'O' is for direct address for solemn expressions and 'Oh' is a 'common expression' of surprise, fear or realization'. Hence, in 'A Lament', Shelley used the expressions 'O' and 'Oh' appropriately, compellingly, and effectively. Commentators state that it was one of Shelley's most 'despairing' poems. One commented that in *The Lament*, there was no 'cyclical' renewal like in other romantic poetry: the loss is permanent, joy has fled and will not return.

I would briefly comment on the second line of the first stanza of the poem '... On whose last steps I climb'. *The Lament* was composed by Shelley, apparently, in the year 1821. Just about a year later, Shelley died by drowning in Italy. By writing 'on whose last steps I climb', did the poet have a premonition of his pending death within a year or so?

The poem is about loss and non-retrieval loss, for that matter. 'Oh, no more, never more' is repeated twice in this short poem. But this dilettante is minded to perhaps overinterpret(?) by pos-

tulating that it can have Theravada Buddhist connotations too. Emphatically, I do not mean that Shelley intended to incorporate Buddhist notions or parts of his poem that embodied or displayed Buddhist notions.

In the United Kingdom, the Pali Text Society, which translated the Theravada Buddhist texts from

non-return, **not** being reborn: to adapt a phrase from Shelley's poem, it connotes indeed it wishes for 'no more future lives'. Ostensibly, almost obviously, Shelley's 'no more!' 'Oh, never more!' is, as the title of the poem indicates, a lament and a longing for 'a joy [that] has taken flight' and the frustrated query: 'when will re-

'non-Buddhistic'. Shelley wrote 'Fresh spring, and summer, and winter hoar, Move my faint heart with grief, but with Delight'. That phrase indicates Shelley's attachments to worldly things, and he implicitly, indeed almost explicitly wished to return, to be 'forever more' (not 'no more') so that 'the glory of your prime' **will return** and 'the joy will **not** take flight'. That, one submits, does not conform with and may be contrary to the Buddhist ideal of non-attachment and a Buddhist aspiration for non-becoming.

The poem can also be seen from the perspective of the movement, so to speak, of the phenomenon or phenomena of Time. The lament of Shelley on the non-reversibility of time can also be seen in a shorter poem in Burmese simply titled 'Time' by Burmese poet Tin Moe.

'Time' by Tin Moe

Tin Moe (19 November 1933-22 January 2007) was a Burmese poet. During his lifetime, he composed well over a thousand poems in Burmese. He composed his last poem on the night of 21 January 2007 in his daughter Moe Cho Thin's house in Baldwin Park, near Los Angeles, in the United States. Around 20 hours after he composed his last poem, he passed away at a tea shop near one of his daughters' houses on 22 January 2007. He has been in exile mainly in Belgium and the United States since 1999. I am not aware of any other translation of Tin Moe's 'Time' poem.

QUOTE

Time

By Tin Moe

Translated by Myint Zan
though one tries to hide away from it
it arrives in one's hiding place
taking my energy and

strength
to whither?

Composed on 12 March 1966
Translated on 12 March 2026,
sixty years to the day after Tin
Moe composed the poem.

UNQUOTE

The poem, first published in 1966, is not quite 'A Lament' which Shelley searingly and passionately composed about 145 years earlier in the year 1821. It does have a twinge of a lament, though that perhaps is not an overarching theme. It does indicate or reflect the movement, the inexorable march of time, as indicated in the opening paragraph. The poet tries to hide from the sweep of time, which inevitably arrives in one's hiding place, sapping one's energy and strength. The poem relays the message that one cannot hide from the ageing process. Tin Moe was 32 years old when he composed his 'Time' poem. Shelley was twenty-nine when he wrote *The Lament*. While Shelley lamented about the non-return of 'the glory of your prime' which moved 'his faint heart with grief but with Delight', Tin Moe pondered whether his 'energy and strength' has gone. Have they gradually, slowly 'wither away'? That leads to the next poem written in English by another Burmese poet, which, in part, deals with the movement of time.

'Grass on the Hill' poem by Myat Lin

The late Burmese poet Kenneth Ba Sein, who died around October 1980, was from 1966 to 1976 the 'Sunday Supplement' Editor of the now defunct English language daily *The Guardian* (Rangoon). The Sunday Supplement published poems, occasionally short stories and articles. Many Sundays saw the English poems

Grass On The Hill

by Myat Lin

While time stood still
in doubts and fears
grass grew on the hill
dripping silent tears

When time moved once again
the hill landslided:
the grass crinkled with pain
browned and dried:

That seared patch once a green spot
now with brown mimosa overgrown
thoans: O winds, I'm touch-me-not
tell passers-by to leave me alone.

composed by Kenneth Ba Sein in his real name and sometimes under the pseudonym Myat Lin. The following poem appeared in the December 1974 issue of the now also defunct *Guardian* magazine (separate publication from that of the newspaper).

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alone.

UNQUOTE

I searched the World Wide Web to see if the poem is reproduced there. I could not find it.

Myat Lin was perhaps in his early to mid-fifties when he composed the poem. It was published eight years after Tin Moe's poem and about 150 years after the first publication of Shelley's *The Lament*. Perhaps it has more connotations with Tin Moe's 'Time' poem than Shelley's. All three poems used the word 'Time', but Myat Lin's poem, like that of

Shelley, has despair as its theme. Shelley's poem is more passionate than Myat Lin's. Myat Lin ends his poem with a plea, 'tell passers-by to leave me alone'. Shelley ends his poem with a lament and negative affirmation, 'No more-Oh, never more!' Both Tin Moe's and Myat Lin's poems lament the movement of time: 'When time moved once again', wrote Myat Lin; Tin Moe wrote that his strength and energy (as a result of his being unable to hide from 'Time') have gone. Though tinged with just a touch of sadness, maybe regret, Tin Moe's poem leans somewhat towards the whimsical. In contrast, the use of the words 'doubts', 'fears', 'tears' and emotional as well as physical 'pain', at least metaphorically, makes Myat Lin's poem a searing one (slightly paraphrasing the phrase 'seared patch' in Myat Lin's poem). The 'seared patch' as well as 'brown mimosa overgrown' are used both as similes (ravages of time as 'seared patch' and overgrown 'brown mimosa') as well as metaphors. The great American poet Robert Frost (26 March 1874-29 January 1963) stated that 'Poetry begins with delight and ends in wisdom'. Both confirming and moving away (somewhat) from the Frostian wisdom (so to speak), yours truly would state that all three poems, in their own ways and with varying degrees and permutations, display wisdom, albeit not necessarily only 'in the end'. They may also display poetic 'delight' ('Delight' as used by Shelley in his poem), but that delight might also be tinged with, indeed suffused by, an existential sorrow.



NATIONAL

CBM blacklists 287 companies for non-compliance

- It is essential to receive the export incomes which is major route of foreign income to the country, it has stated that according to Section 38-b of the Foreign Exchange Management Law and Paragraph 35 of the Foreign Exchange Management Rule, as detailed in Notification 27/2023, exporters must deposit their export earnings into their domestic bank accounts in foreign exchange within specified periods, and for exports to Asian countries, the deposit must be made within 30 days of the export date, and for exports to other countries, within 60 days.
- Chapter 11 of FEML, Section 38-b states “Any person shall not fail to deposit all his export income in foreign exchange, during the stipulated period, in his bank account in the State”, and if a person violates that prohibition, he shall face imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine or both punishments must be imposed according to Section 42-a of FEML. Therefore, the exporters shall have to deposit their export earnings within the fixed period.
- To deposit the export earnings in foreign exchange in the banking accounts by the exporters who exported between 1-1-2021 and 31-3-2025, the Central Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Commerce, Central Bank of Myanmar and AD licensed Banks jointly contacted them to clarify the data, and the licences of companies that failed to do so were revoked.
- According to analysis on 26 March 2026, a total of 287 companies failed to deposit their export earnings, though they exported between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2025, and these companies and the boards of directors were blacklisted as they failed to follow the FEML regulations and notification.

Central Bank of Myanmar

List of (287) companies that did not fully repatriate export revenue from 1-1-2021 to 31-3-2025

No	Name of Company	Names of BOD	CSC No	Address of Company
1	ACCESS COMMUNICATION AND ECO STATE (MYANMAR) CO, LTD	U Kyaw Soe Min	12/MAYAKA(N)002321	40TH STREET (LOWER BLOCK), NO. 150, NO.9 QUARTER, KYAUKTADA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Shwe Ba	12/LAMATA(N)008415	
		Mr. Wong Heng Fatt	A52238489	
2	ADP INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., LTD	Mr. Jiang Bin	EB3548271	NO (22/24), 52 STREET, ROOM (701/C), BOTAHTAUNG TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Myo Ko	12/THAKHANA(N) 151987	
3	ALLIANCE ONE MYANMAR COMPANY LIMITED.	Mr. Leandro Bitencourt Da Silveira	YE415874	CORNER OF MAHABANDoola ROAD AND THEIN PHYU ROAD, UNIT 08-03, UNION FINANCIAL CENTRE (UFC), BOTAHTAUNG TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Someswara Rao Musti	Z5222345	
		Ms. Kee Moei Choo (Sandy)	K4553692E	
		Ms. Law Hoi Yan	K0028781P	
		U Aung Moe Kyaw	12/MAYAKA(N)106397	
4	Alpha Nine Co., Ltd	U Tin Aung	12/THAKHANA(N)123828	NO(14/A), ARIYA MA GIN STREET, 14 QUARTER, YANKIN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
5	AMIN CO., LTD	Daw Hla Hla Aye	12/DAGATA(N)156015	MYANMA GON YI STREET, NO. 143, 1ST FLOOR, MINGALAR TAUNG NYUNT TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Kyaw Win	12/DAGATA(N)157275	
6	ANGEL SWEET & SMILE TRADING COMPANY LIMITED. (ယခင် ကုမ္ပဏီအမည်) @ KAUNG SATT PAING TRADING COMPANY LIMITED (ယခုကုမ္ပဏီအမည်)	U Kyaw Swar Thein	12/OUKATA(N)001006	KYAIKKASAN ROAD, NO. 130, TAMWE TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Zin Thu Aung	12/YAKANA(N)068136	
		U Ba Than	3/PHAPANA(N)013424	
7	Anona Aesthetic International Co, Ltd	Daw Thandar Win	12/LAMATA(N)022442	GANDAMAR STREET, NO. 57, 5 FLOOR A, SANCHAUNG TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
8	ARY INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LIMITED	U A.R.Y Nanabawa	12/PABATA(N)006171	KONZAYDAN ROAD, NO. 126/130, PABEDAN TOWNSHIP, YANGON
		Daw Hawa Bi Bi	12/PABATA(N)007899	
		U Maung Mehmood	12/PABATA(N)002580	
		Daw Zun Zar Win Maung	12/PABATA(N)034756	
9	ASIA SHINE WAY ALUMINIUM COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Shwe Yee Win	12/DAGAHSA(N)016370	GANDAWUN STREET, NO. 43, HLAING THAR YAR INDUSTRIAL ZONE (5), WARD (17), HLAING THAR YAR TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Ye Wai	12/DAGAHSA(N)016735	
10	ASIA WHALE TRAVELS & TOURS COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw May Than Htaik	14/MAAHPA(N)146950	NO (40), GROUND FLOOR, 7TH STREET, LANMADAW, YANGON REGION
		U Maung Maung Lay @ U Maung Hla	6/MAAHYA(N)087195	
		U Zaw Win Ko	6/MAAHYA(N)084272	

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NATIONAL

Yenangyoung opens heatwave shelter amid soaring Magway temperatures

AS Magway Region has recently been listed among the hottest places in the world, a heat relief shelter has been opened in Yenangyoung Township to assist those who find it difficult to remain in their homes and need to escape the extreme heat, particularly elderly residents.

The Township Disaster Management Department has established the shelter at the Sasana Mandine Monastery compound in North Myoma Ward under the supervision of the Township Management and Administration Committee. Members of the committee, led by the chairman, inspected the facility yesterday morning.

The shelter has been operating daily from 8 am to 5 pm since 16 March. As temperatures have risen in recent days, around 70 elderly people have been taking refuge there. Depending on the number of visitors, an additional



Images show elderly residents of Yenangyoung taking refuge at the heatwave prevention centre, where caregiving and healthcare services are provided.

standby location has been prepared in advance at Basic Edu-

cation High School 1.

To help reduce the effects of

the heat in and around the shelter, the Township Fire Services

Department sprayed water using fire engines yesterday morning. The Township Public Health Department and the Department of Traditional Medicine are providing medical check-ups and treatment for elderly visitors, while donors are offering nutritious meals, including chicken rice porridge. Relevant departments and social organizations are also working together to provide necessary assistance.

The shelter has been set up beneath the shade of a large, mature neem tree within the monastery compound to help keep temperatures down. It has been constructed using bamboo frames and roofing, with bamboo flooring and mats. Drinking water is provided in earthen pots, and electric fans and air-coolers have been installed to improve comfort. — Township IPRD/MKKS

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Friday, 3 April 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair over the North Andaman Sea, Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 4 April 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin and Chin State. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. Weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kayin, Chin, Mon and Shan States and generally fair weather in the remaining Regions and States.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Taninthayi Region and Chin and Mon States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 3-5 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight increase in day temperatures in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 April 2026: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 April 2026: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 April 2026: Generally fair weather.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: The weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions. — DMH

MOH issues safety advisory amid scorching summer

THE Ministry of Health has suggested health tips in an announcement for preventing unwanted health issues from the dangers of the heat in the hotter summer.

When the weather becomes hotter, the body tends to lose hydration, which is why the MOH has suggested heat safety tips on 3 April – stay in the shade, wear an umbrella or headwear and loose cotton clothes with light colours covering arms, neck and shoulders for going outside when it is necessary, and drink more water.

Direct exposure to the sunlight, taking a bath immediately after returning from outside, entering or leaving an air-conditioned room or car immediately after being exposed to direct sunlight and consuming alcohol can increase the risk of suffering the dangers of heat, it said.

Symptoms of the heat



A street scene in Yangon on a hot summer day.

exhaustion include dizziness, headache, muscle cramps, lethargy, excessive thirst, agitation, a dangerous rise in body temperature, seizures and unconsciousness, so the vulnerable group such as the elderly, children, pregnant women, people with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and mental illness, manual workers, athletes, obese people, alcoholics and narcotic drug users are at high

of heat-related illness, it said.

If people suffer heat exhaustion symptoms, drink more water and take rest in the shade and a cool area. Patients who lose consciousness due to heat stress should be sent as quickly as possible to the nearest health facility after receiving first aid.

In March, two people died of heat stroke on the streets of Yangon: a taxi driver and a monk. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL BUSINESS

CBM to inject US\$49M into fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 2 April that it would pump US\$49 million into the fuel oil sector.

Moreover, CBM also sold \$2.35 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$4.1 million to fuel oil-importing companies on that day, in addition to transactions of over \$7 million and three million baht in the foreign exchange market.

CBM made over 4.1 million baht in transactions in the foreign exchange market on 31 March. CBM injected \$2 million into fuel oil-importing companies on that day after selling \$2.3 million to fuel oil-importing companies on 30 March, in addition to the injection of over one million baht

in the foreign exchange market.

CBM intervened in the market by injecting \$400,000 into edible oil-importing companies and \$3 million into fuel oil-importing companies on 26 March, in addition to selling 4.4 million baht in the market.

CBM announced on 25 March that it would inject \$26 million into fuel oil-importing businesses. Furthermore, CBM sold \$1 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$289,300 to fuel oil-importing companies, along with an injection of 2.2 million baht.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$3 million to fuel oil-importing companies on



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station in downtown Yangon.

24 March, in addition to sales of 5.678 million baht in the foreign exchange market. CBM also made a \$45 million injection into the fuel oil import sector on 23 March to increase oil imports.

In addition to the injection of large amounts of foreign currencies (yuan, dollar, baht) into the foreign exchange market, CBM

has been injecting US dollars to stabilize the foreign exchange market and calm the oil prices.

CBM injected foreign currencies into the market with a view to curbing the instability and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforce-

ment agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Yangon palm oil wholesale reference price set at K6,680 per viss



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sales inside the supermarket.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market showed an uptick at K6,680 per viss this week ending 2 April, compared to K6,640 per viss recorded last week, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The rise in palm oil price was attributed to a sharp drop in the palm oil output in major producing countries starting from January 2026, a large stockpile and a surge in demand during the Chinese New Year Festival and Ramadan. According to Reuters and industry reports, palm oil output in major producing nations is experiencing stagnant production levels in the first quarter of 2026, keeping the price supported. The Department of Consumer Affairs speculated palm oil market constraints that

other factors include strengthening Malaysia Ringgits, Indonesia's tax hike in palm oil export from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent starting from 1 March, low global stock levels in palm oil reserve situation with tight supplies dropping to 19 per cent in 2025-2026 Financial Year from 20 per cent, increase in palm oil demand ahead of Eid al-Fitr, pushing the FOB price in the producing countries.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is still high. To control

overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are annually imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

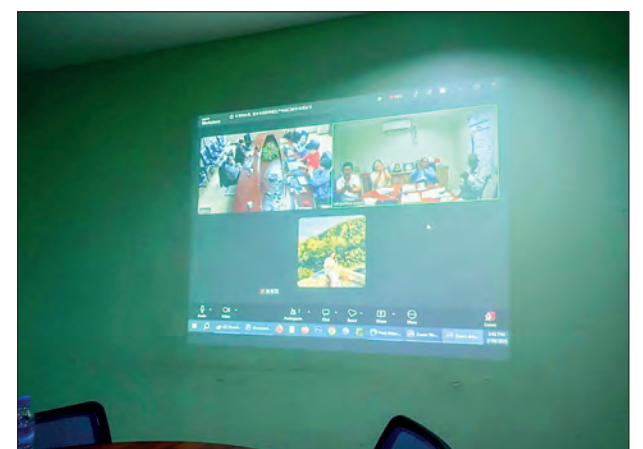
MFVP signs MoU with Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences

THE Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) and Institute of Tropical and Subtropical Cash Crops, Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30 March 2026 to cooperate in the 2026 Yunnan Provincial International Science and Technology Commissioner project.

Implementation of research activities for banana, jackfruit, durian and other tropical fruits and technology exchange are included in this project.

MFVP also signed an MoU with Myan Seed Agribusiness Consultancy Co Ltd on the same day to enhance collaborative efforts in future activities.

This MoU aims to cooperate in research activities for agricultural development, organizing training, seminars, and technical talks, exchanging research findings and implementing advanced farming methods. — NN/KK



Israel restarts operation of largest natural gas field after halt over security concerns

THE Israeli Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure on Thursday announced the resumption of operations at Israel's largest natural gas field, Leviathan, off the country's northern coast in the Mediterranean Sea. The gas field's rig was shut down ahead of the joint US-Israeli attacks on Iran starting from 28 February amid fears that it could be hit by missiles. Israel's domestic natural gas supply had since relied on the second-largest gas field, Tamar, located near the Leviathan field. — Xinhua

Japan's Pasona to open new facility allowing visitors to relive Osaka expo

STAFFING firm Pasona Group Inc said Friday it will open a new complex this fall where visitors can experience the exhibition it presented at its pavilion during last year's World Exposition in Osaka, western Japan. The facility, to be located on Awaji Island in Hyogo Prefecture, will recreate 80 to 90 per cent of the displays from the company's pavilion, including a myocardial sheet made using induced pluripotent stem cell technology — part of the popular beating "iPS heart" that drew around 2.15 million visitors. — Kyodo

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

IT is hereby announced that the bridges, warehouses and chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed for Myanmar New Year holiday from 11 April 2026 to 19 April 2026. If you wish to load/unload or unload goods, you will have to pay a holiday Fees.

MYANMA Port Authority "NOTICE of High Tide"

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.01 feet to 20.07 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of 18 April to 19 April 2026. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

Notification of Objection to Change of Pesticide distributor Name

The Pesticide Registration Board of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces that the distributor registered under the name **MARLARMYAING PUBLIC CO., LTD.** has officially changed its name to **MARLARMYAING AGROCHEMICAL CO., LTD.** to continue its import and distribution operations.

Any party wishing to object to this change of name is invited to submit a formal objection to the Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice. If no objections are received within the prescribed period, the Board will proceed with the finalization of the formalities for the name change as recorded.

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M.V NORDRHONE VOY.NO. (26002)

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (999N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (999N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-4-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2605N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2605N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-4-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CHANG DA 218 VOY.NO. (SW2605)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CHANG DA 218 VOY.NO. (SW2605)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-4-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMIT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S WILHELMSSEN PORT SERVICES (S) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V GLANZ CORAL VOY.NO. (029)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V GLANZ CORAL VOY.NO. (029)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-4-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIPL** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301191/2301178**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S ECL (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V YM SUMMIT VOY.NO. (02/26)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V YM SUMMIT VOY.NO. (02/26)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-4-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S RAFFLES SHIPPING INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Trump imposes 100% tariff on certain pharmaceuticals imports

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This photograph shows the two towers, designed by Herzog and de Meuron, housing the headquarters of Swiss multinational pharma giant Roche, in Basel. **PHOTO: FABRICE COFFRINI / AFP / FILE**

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Thursday imposed a 100 per cent ad valorem tariff on imports of certain patented pharmaceuticals and associated pharmaceutical ingredients.

In an executive order signed Thursday, Trump said such imports are “in such quantities and under such cir-

cumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States”.

The tariffs imposed will be effective on or after 12:01 am eastern daylight time on 31 July 2026.

The tariffs will be 20 per cent for products of companies that have, or that are likely soon to have, onshoring plans approved by the US secretary of commerce, but will increase to 100 per cent on 2 April 2030, the order said.

Japan, the European Union, the Republic of Korea, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein jointly which have struck trade deals with the US will face a 15 per cent tariff, and Britain will face a 10 per cent tariff, according to the order.

Generic pharmaceutical products, biosimilars and related ingredients have been exempted from tariffs at this time, including nuclear medicines, plasma derived therapies, fertility treatments, and cell and gene therapies, the order said. — Xinhua

US intel finds Iran retains significant strike capacity: report

LATEST US intelligence assessments show that roughly half of Iran’s missile launchers are still intact and thousands of one-way attack drones remain in Iran’s arsenal more than one month after the United States and Israel launched massive strikes on Iran, CNN reported on Thursday.

“They are still very much poised to wreak absolute havoc throughout the entire region,” a source familiar with the intelligence told the US media outlet.

The assessments also indicate that

Iran retains a large number of missiles, as well as a significant portion of its coastal defence cruise missiles, a key capability for controlling the Strait of Hormuz, according to the report.

Although Iran’s Navy vessels have largely been destroyed, the separate naval forces belonging to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps still retain roughly half of its capabilities, with “hundreds, if not thousands, of small boats and unmanned surface vessels left”, according to sources cited by CNN. — Xinhua



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Nepal nearly doubles jet fuel prices ahead of busy tourist season

NEPAL has nearly doubled aviation fuel prices as global energy costs surge during the Middle East war, officials said Thursday, raising fears of a fresh blow to its tourism-dependent economy.

The landlocked Himalayan nation of 30 million relies almost entirely on India for its fossil fuel supplies, leaving it exposed to international price shocks.

“Aviation fuel prices have increased,” Manoj Kumar Thakur, spokesman for the state-owned Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC), told AFP.

Jet fuel price has risen by 97.6 per cent, from 127 Nepali rupees (\$0.86) per litre to 251 rupees (\$1.69), NOC said in a statement.

Thakur said while fuel supplies remained stable, the corporation was incurring heavy losses on other petroleum products despite some price hikes last week.

The corporation had already lost five billion rupees (\$33 million) in the past two weeks, he said.



Lukla Airport, officially known as Tenzing-Hillary Airport, is currently operational in the peak spring trekking season as of 3 April 2026.

PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Last month, Nepal began selling half-filled cooking gas cylinders to discourage hoarding and panic buying, and officials are now urging the public to cut back on fuel use. “We are a landlocked country and we are fully dependent on India for petrol, diesel and LPG. The only way out is reducing consumption,” Thakur said. — AFP

SPORTS

Thant Zin suffers defeat at ONE Friday Fights 149

THE ONE Friday Fights 149 & The Inner Circle event was held on 3 April at Lumpinee Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand, where Myanmar fighter Thant Zin suffered a defeat.

Thant Zin faced Thai fighter Jaradchai and was knocked out just 1 minute and 38 seconds into the first round. Despite aiming to end his losing streak, he was unable to turn the tide and has now suffered five consecutive defeats.

In this bout, Jaradchai dominated early, using kicks and knee strikes to weaken Thant Zin before finishing the fight with a decisive head kick in the opening round.

Jaradchai has now secured three consecutive wins in ONE Championship. Meanwhile, Thant Zin, who had won his first two bouts, has since endured a five-fight losing streak. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



ONE
Championship

Thant Zin is defending under Jaradchai's high kicks in this picture. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Napoli and AC Milan face off as Italy licks its World Cup wounds

NAPOLI and AC Milan will face off on Monday with Serie A leaders Inter Milan in their sights, but the return of domestic football over Easter has been completely overshadowed by the fallout from Italy failing to reach yet another World Cup.

Leading Milan by six points with eight matches remaining in the season, Inter would ordinarily be confident of claiming a 21st league crown ahead of the visit of Champions League chasers Roma on Sunday.

But Napoli and Milan have

re-ignited what had looked to be a dead title race, helped by Inter picking up just two points in their last three matches before a traumatic international break for Italian football fans.

Napoli are a point behind Milan after having won their last four matches following the end of a near season-long injury crisis, but will be without Romelu Lukaku after the Belgium striker incurred the wrath of the reigning champions for staying in his home country for treatment on a hip problem. — AFP



Napoli and AC Milan will be looking to close the gap on Serie A leaders Inter Milan. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Boxing: Japan's Taniguchi loses unified light flyweight bid vs Santiago

JAPANESE challenger Masataka Taniguchi fell short in his bid to become a two-division boxing world champion on Friday, losing to WBA and WBO light flyweight title holder Rene Santiago of Puerto Rico by unanimous decision.

The 32-year-old Taniguchi was knocked down in the fifth round and could not make up the points through the remainder of the twelve rounds at Tokyo's Korakuen Hall.

Taniguchi was aiming to become a world champion for the first time since January 2023, when he relinquished the WBO minimumweight crown.

The Tokyo-based southpaw dropped to 21 wins, 15 by knockout, and six losses.

The 33-year-old Santiago, who took the WBA light flyweight belt from Japan's Kyosuke Takami in a unification bout in December, improved to 16-4 with nine KOs. — Kyodo



Japanese boxer Masataka Taniguchi (R) challenges WBA and WBO light flyweight title holder Rene Santiago of Puerto Rico at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo on 3 April 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**



Resilient Pegula reaches WTA Charleston quarters with tiebreak win

DEFENDING champion and top seed Jessica Pegula fought back to reach the WTA Charleston Open quarter-finals on Thursday, requiring a final-set tiebreak to see off Italy's Elisabetta Cocciaretto 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/1).

A resilient Pegula, the world number five from the United States, eventually progressed just a day after laboring more than three hours to beat 72nd-ranked Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan. The latest hard-

fought win, clocking in at just over two hours, was revenge for Pegula, who was stunned by Cocciaretto at Wimbledon last year. Cocciaretto, ranked 43rd in the world, dominated the first set. Pegula's serve was notably wayward, with the American winning just 25 per cent of first serve points. "I don't know what I was doing out there... Oh my gosh, that's horrible," said Pegula after.

Pegula rallied in the second set, but was immediately broken in a topsy-turvy final set, in which she trailed 1-4.

The American hauled it back to 4-4, but then found the net on a break point that would have given her the lead. — AFP

Defending champion Jessica Pegula won a three-set thriller to reach the WTA Charleston Open quarter-finals. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Russia sees attempts to weaken SCO, will ensure they do not succeed: Lavrov

RUSSIA sees attempts to weaken the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and will do everything to ensure they do not succeed, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday.

“We will do everything to ensure that attempts to weaken our organization [the SCO], to diminish its importance, its role in Eurasian affairs do not succeed,” Lavrov said at a meeting with SCO Secretary-General Nurlan Yermekbayev.

The minister added that the organization is witnessing such attempts.

Russia sees great potential in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to resolve issues in the Eurasian region through dialogue, particularly those related to security, Lavrov said. “We certainly see great potential of the organization you lead for addressing Eurasian problems through positive dialogue, constructive projects in both the material and logistical spheres — what we call the Greater Eurasian Partnership. And, of course, in strengthening the collective security of all countries in the region,” Lavrov said.

The Russian minister noted that the SCO has a “unique position” covering both security and trade, economic, social, and transport projects. — SPUTNIK

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An aerial drone photo shows a pedestrian overpass adorned with a banner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 in Xiqing District, north China's Tianjin, 5 August 2025. PHOTO: LI RAN/XINHUA/FILE

Iran almost finalized draft of new navigation regime in Strait of Hormuz

IRAN has nearly completed its draft protocol, which would establish a new navigation regime in the Strait of Hormuz, and plans to begin talks with Oman to develop a joint solution, Iranian Deputy Foreign

Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said in an interview with Sputnik.

“The draft of this protocol is currently in the final stages of preparation. Once we have it ready, we will begin negotia-

tions with Oman so that we can draft a joint protocol,” Gharibabadi said.

In peacetime, all vessels that will pass through the Strait of Hormuz must have all the necessary agreements with the coastal states - Iran and Oman, obtaining the necessary permits and licences in advance, the diplomat added.

Thus, the security of the strait will be ensured, and Iran and Oman will bear greater responsibility for it, Gharibabadi also said.

The requirements will not be applied in the form of restrictions, but rather with the aim of facilitating traffic and ensuring the safe passage of ships. — SPUTNIK



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Microsoft to make \$10 billion AI-related investment in Japan

MICROSOFT Corp will invest 1.6 trillion yen (\$10 billion) in Japan over the four years through 2029 to reinforce infrastructure related to artificial intelligence and cloud computing, a top executive of the US tech giant said Friday.

In a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi in Tokyo, Brad Smith, Microsoft's vice chair and president, said the firm will team up with Japan's SoftBank Group Corp and Sakura Internet Inc, a cloud service provider, under the plan. “We are making the biggest

investment decision in Japan,” Smith told Takaichi at the outset of the meeting, which was open to the media, adding, “We can provide the support that the Japanese economy needs for the future.”

The planned investment will focus not only on technical aspects but also on cultivating human resources and strengthening cybersecurity, he said.

Takaichi welcomed the plan, which she said is “very meaningful” in terms of Japan's “data sovereignty”. — Kyodo