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## 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.

## Nicaraguan Co-Presidents Send Congratulatory Message

HE Mr Daniel Ortega Saavedra and HE Mrs Rosario Murillo, Co-Presidents of the Republic of Nicaragua, send 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  
Min Aung Hlaing,  
President-Elect of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Nay Pyi Taw

On behalf of the People and Government of Reconciliation and National Unity of the Republic of Nicaragua, and on our own behalf, we wish to express our Warmest Congratulations on your Election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to continue strengthening the Bonds of Friendship and Solidarity that unite our Countries, with the certainty that we will continue advancing on the Paths of Peace, Stability, Progress, Well-being and Development for our Peoples.

From our Blessed and Always Free Nicaragua, please accept our Fraternal Embrace and the Affection of all Nicaraguan Families.

**Daniel Ortega Saavedra**

**Rosario Murillo**



## Myitkyina Airport Resumes Passenger Flights After 40-Day Hiatus

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Passengers line up to board an Air Thanlwin passenger aircraft at Myitkyina Airport in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

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# NATIONAL

- 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.

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## Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed Deputy Director-General Dr Myo Nyein Aye of the Department of Transport Planning under the Ministry of Transport and Communications as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.



## 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

## Parties, associations and organizations release special congratulatory statements on election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing 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 New Generation Wunthanu Party, the Myanmar Hokkien Clan Association, the Myanmar-born Chinese Charity Association, the Myanmar-Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Wenzhou General Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar-Anhui Chamber of Commerce, the Yangon Yunnanese Association, the Guangdong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Myanmar-India Friendship Association, the Myanmar-India International Business Federation (MIIBF), the Association of Myanmar-Japan Socio-Economic Development Cooperation (AMJSEDC), the Myanmar Medical Council, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Traditional Medical Council, the Myanmar Dental

Medical Council, the Myanmar Private Hospitals Association, the Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Manufacturer Association, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Manufacturers and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, the Myanmar Nurse and Midwife Council, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce for Pharmaceutical & Medical Device, the Myanmar Academy of Medical Sciences, the Myanmar Press Council, the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central), the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, the Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar and the Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association, the Myanmar Steel Association and the Myanmar Washu Federation issued the special congratulatory messages over the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President.

The statements expressed special pride and pleasure that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was elected as the President

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. These associations and organizations conveyed full confidence that, as the President and with the new government, he will successfully lead the country's peaceful transition to a multiparty democratic system, implementing the policy of "Mother Figure People, Father Figure People", and fulfill the genuine wishes of the public in achieving durable peace, rule of law, and socioeconomic development, and endeavours to keep abreast of international community. It was affirmed that the President would govern in accordance with the six cardinal principles of leadership. Wishes were also expressed that President Senior General Min Aung Hlaing may enjoy peace of mind, good health, and personal well-being, and carry out his responsibilities for the nation in a healthy and prosperous manner. Furthermore, it was hoped that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar would enjoy peace, prosperity, and further development. — MNA/TTA

## Refresher Course for Senior Judicial Officers wraps up

THE closing ceremony of the Refresher Course No 5 for Senior Judicial Officers was held at the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of the Union at 7 am on 3 April, and Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay attended and delivered the opening speech.

The ceremony was attended by the Union Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court of the

Union, directors-general, deputy permanent secretary, deputy directors-general, assistant secretary, directors and the trainees. The Refresher Course lasted for nine weeks from 3 February 2026 to 3 April 2026 and was taken by 11 senior judicial officers at the level of Deputy Director, District Judge and Additional District Judge. — MNA



Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay delivers a speech at the closing ceremony of the Refresher Course No 5 for Senior Judicial Officers in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 April.

# NATIONAL

## Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker inspects preparations for Walking Thingyan at Nay Pyi Taw Square

DEPUTY Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Maung Maung Ohn, accompanied by relevant officials, inspected the preparations for Walking Thingyan at Nay Pyi Taw Square yesterday.

The Deputy Speaker and party observed the construction of the festival entrance arch, preparations for the opening ceremony, arrangements for traditional dance troupes to perform at the opening event, construction of pavilions for traditional Thanaka and tea festivals, and Htamane pavilions. They also observed the construction of Maha Thingyan pavilions by respective ministries, preparations for Satuditha, measures to prevent fire hazards and ensure uninterrupted water supply within the festival area, and arrangements to provide healthcare services for visitors. He instructed the respective committees to cooperate and ensure the timely completion of their assigned tasks.



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn observes the preparations for Walking Thingyan at Nay Pyi Taw Square yesterday.

At the Walking Thingyan Festival to be held at Nay Pyi Taw Square, famous local artists including academy Yan Aung, academy Ye Aung, academy Nay Aung, and academy

Soe Myat Thuzar, along with Si Thu Lwin, Phoe Kar, Phyo Gyi, G Latt, Naw Naw, Wai La, Hlwan Paing, Shwe Htoo, G Fatt, Wana, Zwe Htet, Project K, May Khalar, Connie, Tun Eindra Bo, Chaw

Su Khin, Sung Tin Par, Nan Su Yati Soe, Yadanar Mai, Bobby Soxer, Yoon Myat Thu, and A Yoon will perform popular songs on different days in collaboration with Mercury IX Band and New

Paper Band. The Shwe Thanlwin family will provide free food to the visitors.

This year's Maha Thingyan Festival will be organized not merely as a festive celebration, but with the aim of enabling the government, members of parliament, civil servants, and the public to participate together in unity, embracing a renewed spirit, new individuals, and a new political landscape. It is also intended to be a meaningful traditional Myanmar festival.

Similarly, the Walking Thingyan festivals will be prioritized across the country in the 2026 Thingyan Festival (1387 ME). Arrangements are being made not to allow decorative vehicles and open trucks, but the festival will feature traditional activities such as group dances, food donation events, washing elders' hair, trimming their nails, donating medicines, and releasing fish to preserve the essence of Myanmar culture. — MNA/KTZH

## Myitkyina Airport Resumes Passenger Flights After 40-Day Hiatus

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ALTHOUGH the Myitkyina Airport has been suspended since 21 February, it plays a key role as a transport facility for residents in Kachin State. As of 11:50 am on 4 April, passenger flights have resumed operations at Myitkyina Airport.

The terrorist group attacked Myitkyina Airport with drones at 8:12 pm on 20 February, causing damage to a Myanmar National Airlines aircraft. Since 21 February, flights have been suspended at the airport for more than 40 days.

Air ThanLwin, which has been operating domestic flights, resumed its services on 4 April. To ensure smooth travel for the people, four airlines that normally operate from Myitkyina Airport – Myanmar National Airlines, Air ThanLwin, Mann Yadanabon Airlines, and Mingala Airlines – will operate on a rotating schedule on Myitkyina-Putao domestic flights

Myanmar National Airlines, Air ThanLwin, Mann Yadanabon Airlines, and Mingala Airlines will operate Myitkyina-Putao domestic flights on a rotating weekly schedule.



This image shows passengers walking towards the Myitkyina Airport terminal after disembarking. PHOTO: KACHIN STATE IPRD

throughout the week.

Myanmar National Airlines is scheduled to operate the domestic flight to Putao Airport twice a week, every Wednesday

and Sunday. Moreover, Mann Yadanabon Airlines and Mingalar Airlines have arranged to run the domestic flights to Putao, said U Sithu, the in-charge of

Myitkyina Airport.

With airlines resuming regular operations, travel for residents, whether for personal, health, or other reasons, will be

come more convenient. Furthermore, government departments will be able to conduct their office work more smoothly and efficiently. — State IPRD/TTA

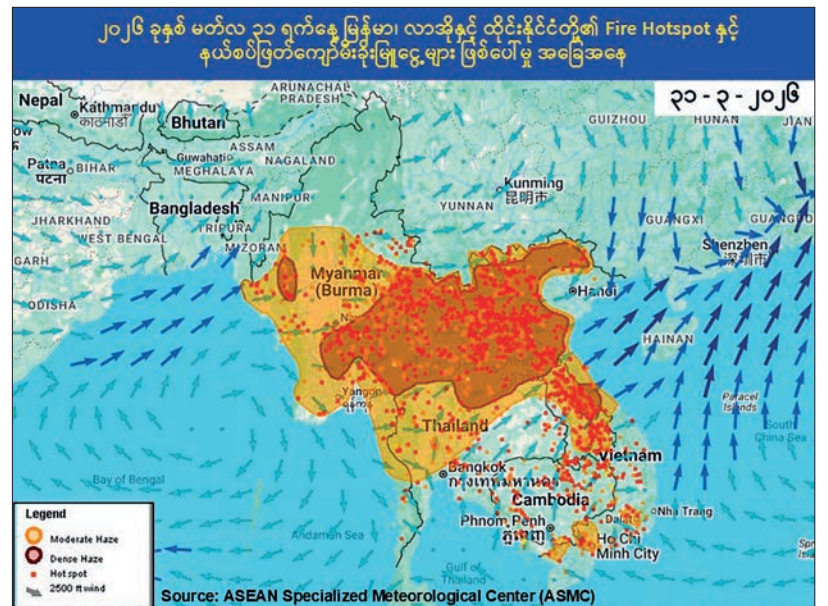
# NATIONAL

## Notice on Transboundary Haze Pollution

- According to statements issued by the Singapore-based ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Centre (ASMC), regarding conditions that may lead to transboundary haze pollution-
  - In the northern ASEAN region, including Myanmar and the Mekong sub-regions, the situation has reached Alert Level 3 for fire hotspots and smoke haze starting 27 March 2026.
  - The dry conditions are forecast to persist over the Mekong sub-region, and the Fire Hotspot and smoke haze situation could escalate further.
  - Based on NOAA-20 satellite surveillance, a total of 2,806 and 3,139 hotspots were detected in the sub-region on 25 and 26 March, respectively. Scattered to widespread hotspots were detected, particularly in Myanmar and the Lao PDR.
  - Widespread moderate to dense transboundary smoke haze was observed stretching across the Mekong sub-region.
  - In the coming weeks, the dry conditions are forecast to persist over most parts of the Mekong sub-region, with the prevailing winds expected to blow mostly from the south or southwest. Under these conditions, the hotspot and smoke haze situation could escalate further, thereby increasing the risk of severe transboundary haze occurrence in the sub-region.
- Myanmar became a member of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP) in 2003. In line with this agreement, Myanmar is implementing the ASEAN Roadmap on Transboundary Haze Pollution Control (2023-2030), which aims to achieve a haze-free ASEAN by 2030, and indices have been set for reducing fire hotspots in the Mekong sub-region under the Chiang Rai Plan of Action (2017).
- To implement the objectives and goals discussed during the trilateral meeting among the leaders of Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand on 7 April 2023, the three countries are jointly implementing a Joint Plan of Action (CLEAR Sky Strategy) to control transboundary haze pollution.
- At the national level, Myanmar has formed committees and working groups at various levels, including the Environmental Conservation Committee and the Committee on Myanmar-Thailand Transboundary Haze Pollution Prevention, as well as regional and state-level task forces, to implement haze pollution control measures and reduce fire hotspots.
- Starting from 2025, ground inspection teams comprising the General Adminis-

- tration Department, Environmental Conservation Department, and related departments have been formed, with 85 district-level teams and 220 township-level teams. These teams conduct field inspections to verify the occurrence of fire hotspots, raise awareness among local communities in affected areas, monitor hotspot conditions, measure air quality, organize educational talks, distribute pamphlets, and conduct talk shows via social media platforms.
- To address the current transboundary haze pollution occurring along the borders of Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos, Myanmar will continue to cooperate with Thailand and Laos.
- The people are urged to cooperate in controlling haze pollution by refraining from burning waste materials.

### Committee on Myanmar-Thailand Transboundary Haze Pollution Prevention



A map shows occurrences of fire hotspots and transboundary haze pollution in Myanmar, Laos and Thailand on 31 March 2026.



The Ayeyawady Myitson-Upstream Hydropower Project Support and Cooperation Committee and locals meet in Shwenyaung Ward, Myitkyina, on 3 April. PHOTO: KACHIN STATE IPRD

## Discussions ongoing with Myitkyina residents on Ayeyawady Myitson-Upstream Hydropower Project

AS the Ayeyawady Myitson Upstream Hydropower Project Support and Cooperation Committee of Kachin State has been continuously holding public meetings to provide guidance and collaboration on the Ayeyawady Myitson-Upstream Hydropower Project, a discussion was held with residents at Yuchen Chinese Cultural School in Shwenyaung Ward, Myitkyina,

at 9:30 am on 3 April.

The meeting was attended by members of the Kachin State Government, community elders, Chinese temple officials, residents, and students. U Tun Tun Hlaing, Dr Aung Win, U Naw Thwe, and U Jang Khunt (aka) U Naw Khunt, members of the committee, explained the Ayeyawady Myitson-Upstream Hydropower Project with refer-

ence to professional opinions, geological findings, the world's largest dams, and comparisons of electricity supply in contemporary developed nations.

The principal and students in attendance raised questions about the Myitson Project, which were then addressed and discussed by the committee members. — Kachin State IPRD/ MKKS



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# NATIONAL

## Royal Thai Navy Warship Departs on Goodwill Visit

THE Royal Thai Navy warship HTMS Kraburi (FFG-457), on a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, departed from Thilawa Port, Yangon, yesterday evening. The vessel was seen off by senior officers, personnel from the Tatmadaw (Navy), and the Royal Thai Naval Attaché to Myanmar.

The visit, led by Captain Nattawut Wichakul of the Royal Thai Navy's 3rd Naval Area Command, included sightseeing at landmarks in Yangon and friendly naval games between the two countries during the five-day visit from 31 March to 4 April. — MNA/MKKS



Senior officers, officers and other ranks of Tatmadaw (Navy), the Royal Thai Naval Attaché to Myanmar see off the Royal Thai Navy warship HTMS Kraburi (FFG-457) departing Yangon's Thilawa Port.

## 8 KIA, KPDF and PDF members reintegrate into society



PDF members receive awards and rejoin society in the handover ceremony at the Northern Command Headquarters in Myitkyina yesterday.

THE State is inviting those involved in armed opposition, including groups under various names such as PDF, to re-enter the legal framework and is providing necessary assistance to those who do so. In line with this, eight male members from KIA, KPDF and PDF groups, who have come to understand and accept the peace processes of the State and Tatmadaw, returned to the legal fold together with arms and ammunition.

Among them were one member from KIA, one from KPDF and six from PDF, to-

talling eight individuals. Officials welcomed them and held a handover ceremony to return them to their parents at the Northern Command's Bala Min Htin Hall yesterday morning.

The returnees handed over the arms and ammunition they brought with them, including one MA-1 rifle, one MA-4 rifle, one M-22 rifle, two K-25 launchers, one K-25 firearm, one M-23 sub-machine gun, one M-80 (Chinese) sub-machine gun, one Type-81 rifle, one MG-1 hand grenade, ten 40 mm grenades,

326 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition, 405 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, bandolier, 15 assorted magazines and related accessories. These were received by the Commander and officials.

Afterwards, officials presented rewards amounting to K20 million for four automatic rifles, K10 million for two sub-machine guns, K7.5 million for one MA-4 rifle, K15 million for two K-25 launchers and K0.3 million for one MG-1 hand grenade, totalling K52.8 million. In addition, K8 million was awarded to the returnees, bringing the total to K60.8 million. They also signed pledges and were systematically handed back to their parents. One of the returnees expressed words of gratitude.

Authorities continue to welcome such returnees, providing necessary assistance and systematically transferring them back to their families. Those willing to do so are reportedly encouraged to promptly contact nearby military units or police stations, where they will be received and assisted, with rewards to be granted for arms and ammunition surrendered. — MNA/KZL

## Offenders involved in telecom fraud and online gambling arrested in Shan State (North)



Chinese nationals arrested for online gambling scams and gambling in Tangyan.

THE government has treated the fight against telecom fraud and online gambling as a national duty and is actively carrying out suppression efforts in coordination not only with domestic authorities but also with the governments of neighbouring countries, to prevent such crimes from gaining a foothold in Myanmar.

Security forces in Shan State (North) conducted raids in Kaungsan village, Tangyan Township, and Swansaw ward, Muse, yesterday, following reports of online fraud and gambling activities.

During the Kaungsan village raid, 101 Chinese nationals (100 male and one female) and 20 Myanmar nationals (12

male and eight female) involved in online scams and gambling were arrested. Authorities also seized 118 mobile phones, one desktop computer, two all-in-one computers, 21 laptops, 16 Starlink units, 13 wireless routers, two generators, eight buildings, and 15 buildings under construction. In Swansaw ward, seven male Chinese male nationals were arrested, and 36 mobile phones, along with 23 computers used in online scams and gambling, were confiscated.

All seized materials and equipment will be managed according to proper procedures, and those involved will be thoroughly identified and effectively prosecuted. — MNA/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Weekly Roundup

### 29 March

#### Rescuers Save 653 in Mandalay Earthquake

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the first annual remembrance of the Mandalay earthquake at MICC I in Nay Pyi Taw.

### 31 March

#### Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief post handed over

A military parade honouring the ceremony to hand over duties of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services of the Myanmar Tatmadaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at Zeyathiri Beikman. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing handed over duties of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Ye Win Oo.

#### Incumbent Deputy Commander-in-Chief Hands Over Responsibilities to Successor

A ceremonial military parade to hand over duties of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services of Myanmar Tatmadaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw. Vice-Senior General Soe Win handed over the duties of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin.

#### Presidential Electoral College nominates candidates for vice-presidents

The first day meeting of the group of elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives comprising the presidential electoral college was held in the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw.

#### Candidates for vice-presidency nominated at Amyotha Hluttaw

The first day meeting of the group of elected Amyotha Hluttaw representatives comprising the presidential electoral college was held in the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw.

### 1 April

#### Pyithu Hluttaw Elects Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as Vice-President

The second-day meeting of the group of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives comprising the presidential electoral college was held at the convention

hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw in the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw. Pyithu Hluttaw representatives drew the ballots for the secret voting to elect a Vice-President and cast votes secretly. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing won 247 votes while Dr Kyaw Swe secured 10 votes among 260 voters. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker approved Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who was elected with the largest number of votes by the group of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives under Rule 22 of the Election Rules of President and Vice-Presidents.

#### Amyotha Hluttaw Names Nan Ni Ni Aye Vice-President

The group of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives involved in the presidential electoral college held its second-day meeting at the convention hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw. In the electoral process, Nan Ni Ni Aye from the Kayin State Constituency 1 (PR System) won 117 votes, while Dr Manam Tu Ja from the Kachin State Constituency 2 (PR System) secured 38 votes. The Speaker approved that Nan Ni Ni Aye from the Kayin State Constituency 1 (PR System) was elected as the Vice-President.

#### U Nyo Saw elected as Vice-President

The group of Defence Services Personnel representatives held a meeting on the selection of the Vice-President in accord with the law and rules of election for the President and Vice-President at the Hsinbyushin Hall in the Nay Pyi Taw Transit Centre. The meeting approved U Nyo Saw (Pyithu Hluttaw representative of the Cocokyun Constituency) as the Vice-President elected by the group of Defence Services Personnel representatives.

### 2 April

#### Prioritizing rail transport key to curbing commodity price rises

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made the statement at a meeting on ensuring the availability of sufficient fuel and fertilizers for agricultural activities, held at the meeting hall of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw.

### 3 April

#### Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to elect President on 3 April

The Joint Bill Committee, the Joint Public Accounts Committee, and the Hluttaw Representative

Scrutiny Committee were established at the second-day meeting of the first regular session of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It will elect President on 3 April.

#### National Planning and Union Budget Laws approved

The National Defence and Security Council, on 31 March, approved and promulgated the National Planning Law for the 2026-2027 financial year under the National Defence and Security Council Law 21/2026, and the Union Budget Law for the 2026-2027 financial year under the National Defence and Security Council Law 22/2026. These laws are reported to have come into effect from 1 April 2026.

#### People's Military Service Law amended

The National Defence and Security Council enacts the Amendment to the People's Military Service Law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

### 4 April

#### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing elected as President

The presidential election of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at the convention hall of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives elected Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President and U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye as Vice-Presidents.

#### Heads of State/Government send congratulatory messages

Heads of State/Government of the international community sent congratulatory messages to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election as President.

#### Associations and organizations issue special congratulations

Associations and organizations issued special congratulatory statements over the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President.

#### NDSC amends Securities Exchange Law

The National Defence and Security Council enacted the Amendment to the Securities Exchange Law.

#### NDSC enacts Amendment to Plant Pest Quarantine Law

National Defence and Security Council hereby enacts the Amendment to Plant Pest Quarantine Law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. — GNLM/TTA

## Trading amount and foreign exchange rate in the FE market on 3 April 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rate	3,648-3,668.97	555.32-558.67	124.92-125.68	43.60
Trading amount in the market	21,995,184.01	2,555,452.73	46,301,092.04	-
The amount sold by CBM into the market	3,247,464.80		1,786,051.49	

- 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, animal feed, paper, raw industrial materials, auto/motorcycle parts, malt and foodstuffs.
- The Central Bank of Myanmar sold an amount of foreign exchange in the mar-

ket – US\$2.48 million to the edible oil sector; \$0.76 million to the animal feed and raw materials for animal, raw materials for foodstuff, motorcycle parts, medicines and raw materials for medical supplies, raw industrial materials and construction sectors and 1.79 million baht to the auto/motorcycle parts, equipment for farming and foodstuffs sectors. — MNA/KZL

## Over 1,870 companies and factories seek GACC certification

A total of 1,870 Myanmar food processing companies and factories have submitted 3,872 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) until 27 March 2026, according to the Domestic Trade Division (GACC team) of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce.

According to GACC Decrees 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022.

Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for GACC licence to place their goods in China's market.

The relevant authorities for



Workers diligently operate the fishery production line at the cold storage facility.

the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department.

Exporters can directly access the China International Trade Single Window

through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed in the aforementioned 18 groups.

Between 1 December 2021 and 27 March 2026, 3,872 applications by 1,849 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Depart-

ment (1,691 applications), the Fisheries Department (156), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine).

Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will

check quarantine access for the imported grains (unroasted coffee bean, cocoa beans, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products and plant for their origins.

The companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending an email via [dapq@customs.gov.cn](mailto:dapq@customs.gov.cn) or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy to China.

As of 31 March 2026, a total of 1,217 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 0673408605 and 067 3408617 and email [myantrade.domestic@gmail.com](mailto:myantrade.domestic@gmail.com). — NN/KK

## MACCS optimize online payment operations across 6 private banks

MYANMAR Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) Online Payment System is available with digital wallets and online payments of six private banks, according to the MACCS division's Announcement on 31 March.

The Customs Department allowed a customs clearance process with MACCS Online Payment through three private banks' digital payment platforms: AYA Mobile Banking, AYA Internet Banking, KBZ Pay, KBZ Mobile Banking, KBZ Internet Banking and CB Pay. The Customs Department has streamlined digital payment services through AYA Bank, KBZ Bank, CB Bank, A Bank,

uab Bank, and Yoma Bank. The MACCS online payment system has extended to A+ Wallet, A bank Internet Banking, UAB Pay and Yoma Bank Next, starting from 1 April 2026, in addition to the online payment platform of three private banks.

For assistance with the MACCS online payment system, individuals facing difficulties can reach out to the Help Desk Section at 01 379429 or contact AYA Bank at 01 2317777, KBZ Bank at 09 951018555, KBZ Pay Call Centre, CB Bank at 01 2317770, A bank at 09 770709888, uab Bank at 09 940005000, Yoma Bank at 09 796629662, or the Customs Department notified. — NN/KK

## CBM sells \$2.4M to edible oil-importing companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.48 million to edible oil-importing companies on 3 April, along with transactions of over \$3.24 million and 1.78 million baht.

CBM announced on 2 April that it would pump \$49 million to 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 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day, after

selling \$2.3 million to fuel oil importing companies on 30 March, in addition to injection of over one million baht in the foreign exchange market.

CBM intervened in the market by injecting \$400,000 to 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 to 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.

In addition to the injection of large amounts of foreign currencies (yuan, dollar,

baht) into the forex market, CBM has been injecting US dollars to stabilize the forex market and calm the oil prices.

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

# OPINION

## Implement long-term plans to green dry zones

**M**YANMAR is listed among the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of global climate change. During the summer of 2024, a heatwave caused daytime temperatures to rise significantly. In Chauk, located in central Myanmar, the daytime temperature on 28 April of that year reached 48.2 degrees Celsius, making it the hottest city in the world at that time.

The subsequent negative effects caused by the heat must not be forgotten. After the summer has passed and the rainy season brings relief and coolness, preparations must begin during the rainy and cold seasons to overcome the extreme heat experienced in summer in the future. So, trees must be planted carefully and nurtured so that they survive. Only then can they provide shade, help cool the hotter regions, and bring relief to heat-prone areas.

This period marks the hot and dry summer season, which is not for planting new trees but rather for caring for and nurturing the trees that have already been planted to ensure their survival and growth. Therefore, it is urged and encouraged as a national duty to continue the care and maintenance of planted trees and plants to ensure their survival and growth, to expand the country's forest coverage, to make the land green, lush, and beautiful, to restore balanced and favourable weather conditions, and to prevent and protect against natural disasters.

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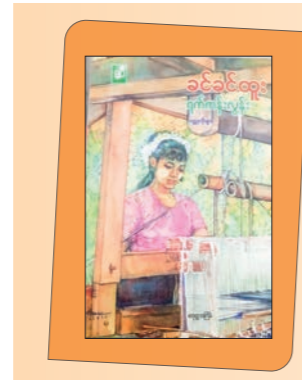
For the continuous development of the nation, ensuring food security for the people, promoting socioeconomic growth, and maintaining a clean environment with a healthy ecosystem, trees and forests play a critically important role. To overcome the effects of heat, trees are more beneficial than buildings. Proper planting and nurturing of trees can improve climate conditions and help enhance the living standards of local communities.

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For the greening and reforestation of 13 heat-prone districts in central Myanmar, the Forest Department and the Arid Zone Greening Department planted a total of 3,551.20 acres during the 2024 rainy season. This included one-village, multi-purpose, and village-cluster plantations, with over 2 million saplings planted across 809 villages. Reports also indicate that shade and windbreak plants were planted along roadsides.

Among ASEAN member countries, Myanmar ranks as the second-largest country in terms of forest area. According to the survey, forest coverage in Myanmar accounts for 42.19 per cent of the country's total land area. When planting trees, it should be done systematically and according to proper planning. The plan should include shade trees, perennial trees, and industrial crops to provide shade, boost the economy, and improve the climate.

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Book Title - Short Stories Behind Traditional Weaving Shuttles (Yatkam Loom)  
 Author - Khin Khin Htoo  
 Publishing House - Duwun  
 Publication date - January 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)  
 Price - K6,000

### Short Stories Behind Traditional Weaving Shuttles (Yatkam Loom)

THIS book is the fourth edition of a short story collection by Sayama Khin Khin Htoo. Many young people nowadays only recognize her as a novelist who writes full-length novels. We cannot blame the young readers, as by the time they started reading, the magazine era had ended. Short stories in traditional form have disappeared. Most of the well-known and successful novelists today are those who lived through the golden age of short stories. The fifteen short stories in this book by Sayama Khin Khin Htoo were originally published in magazines at an earlier time.

When publishing collections of her short stories, the author has given them distinctly Myanmar titles such as Thanaka Flower Short Stories,

Fresh Betel Leaf, Golden Quid Short Stories, Sanyitwine (top knot with a circular fridge) Short Stories, Pakwatkyia (traditional folktales), Zaychin (Market Basket) Short Stories, Elegant Carriage Short Stories, and so on. She seems to title this book as Short Stories Behind Traditional Weaving Shuttles (Yatkam Loom), likewise.

In the foreword, she writes that "I am delighted to have titled this book using the terms and motifs from the rural Upper Myanmar which are close to my heart."

"In the village where I grew up, nearly every household had a small weaving loom. Wherever you went, you would always hear the rhythmic and repetitive series of the hand-

loom sound. Sitting at the loom, weaving a longyi around their waists, pulling the shuttle back and forth with an appealing sound. The nostalgia of weaving sound, image of village girls and rural life evoked sensory experience connecting to memories of childhood, where the sounds of clucking hens and the clacking of looms are the symbol of Myanmar home and cultural expression of Myanmar people." Starting this quotation, the author later shared knowledge of Myanmar's weaving and traditional settings with the readers.

She also gives a remark in the foreword about the inseparable connection between Myanmar women and weaving, with the saying: "Illiterate? The blind. Can't weave? A loss" was quite profound. Back in the day, women had few educational opportunities. Yet they had to know how to weave at least. The sound of the loom could be heard across the entire village. Once a girl came of age, she would begin her work connected to the loom.

The first short story, titled Twisted Thread, starts with the quotation, "It's been quite a few years since our family sold the apartment by the riverbank and moved into the ward of the new town. Yee Htwe's family had been settling here for over ten years. They arrived when the new town was first established. Since Yee Htwe were old timers in the new town and we were newcomers, we relied on them for everything. Whenever we needed something in the new town, we had to ask Yee Htwe. Back in the riverside apartment, living in a four-story building with forty units, forty households, there were plenty of children to send on errands, plenty of women to run and do things. After moving to the new town, weren't Yee Htwe's daughters the only people to make them go somewhere? That's why we couldn't avoid getting close to them."



Book Title - Khunhnit Synthwe Kyalsinsu Stories  
 Author - Wah Wah Htin Lin  
 Publishing House - Shwe Thitsa  
 Publication Date - March 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)  
 Price - K10,000

### Khunhnit Synthwe Kyalsinsu Stories

FROM the golden age of short stories up to the present day, Sayama Wah Wah Htin Lin is recognized as one of the prominent writers who has continuously produced short stories without pause. Despite changes in eras and systems, her passion for literature has remained unchanged, and she has consistently written numerous short stories.

This newly published book is a collection of seven selected short stories chosen from among many of her works, presented under the title 'Khunhnit Synthwe Kyalsinsu' stories.

The forewords for this book are written by renowned writers Sayamagyi Ma Sanda and Ma Hnin Phwe. In her foreword, Sayamagyi Ma Sanda notes that Sayama Wah Wah Htin Lin is

not a novice writer but one with over forty years of experience, a mature and established author with a strong readership. Although she may not have read all of her works, the ones she has read are memorable. She specifically recalls stories such as 'Kaung Kalay' (The Boy) and 'Ngote Tote' as particularly striking.

She explains that the characters in Wah Wah Htin Lin's stories are not extraordinary, wealthy, brilliant, or exceptionally beautiful individuals. And, the plots are not filled with dramatic twists or astonishing events. Instead, they portray ordinary people from everyday life, along with their experiences, struggles, and emotions, written with sincerity and meaningful intention.

Regarding some of the stories included in the book, Poisoned Mother by Her Son serves as a cautionary tale for parents who love their children excessively. Dr Li Li and The One Who Must Bear Punishment Without Being Charged depict the tragic lives of two childhood friends, prompting reflection on karma and its consequences. The Tearful Smile of Cupid reminds readers of the saying, Even a destined king can disappear if ritual is fine.

The Turn portrays a patient wife. Reflected Loving-kindness vividly illustrates the pure and sincere nature of Shwe Ah.

'Masan Thawlae Mayoe Par Doh Myar Chan Win Hmar' is my favourite. Within a compound of nearly one acre live fifteen households, each ac-

tively going through life, weddings, childbirths, and deaths, unfolding one after another. It feels like watching a panoramic film of life. The story also contains philosophical reflections, making it enjoyable to reread multiple times and deeply appreciate its literary flavour.

Sayamagyi Ma Sanda also says her heartfelt wish as a reader to Sayama Wah Wah Htin Lin, "Please continue to give us such literary enjoyment again. I eagerly await more works and hope my wish will be rewarded."

Sayamagyi Ma Hnin Phwe also writes the seven magazine stories and novels included in the book cover seven different themes. Each offers a distinct emotional experience to readers, such as provoking thought, providing lessons, inspiring imitation, and bringing joy, making them satisfying and delightful to read.

The readers can read seven stories authored by Sayama Wah Wah Htin Lin: Poisoned Mother by Her Son, The Turn, Masan Thawlae Mayoe Par Doh Myar Chan Win Hmar, Dr Li Li, My Friend, Reflected Loving-Kindness, The One Who Must Bear Punishment Without Being Charged and The Tearful Smile of Cupid.

### Dhamma School in Summer

By Min Min Zan

*In summer days so warm and bright,  
 We go to Dhamma school with delight.  
 We learn good deeds and words so wise,  
 Like shining stars in clear blue skies.  
 With calm and joy, our hearts grow kind,  
 And peaceful thoughts fill every mind.*

### My Paradise

Translated By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

On the way back home,  
 If I have a sip of tea,  
 If I take a snort of cigar,  
 If I compose a poem's stanza,  
 Any life care and tiredness  
 Slide down, then comes refreshment,  
 Like a cloudless moon.

**ကျွန်ုပ်၏နိဗ္ဗာန်**

အိမ်အပြန်၌  
 အဖန်တစ်ကျိုက်၊ သောက်လိုက်ရလျှင်  
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တင်ဦး

### The sobs that have been hit by a rock

By Thu Lin Wai, Translated by Myint Zan

that's not it  
 said (s)he  
 the fragile mocking laughter  
 teasing me  
 while the mind flows upwards  
 the wings flap:  
 in the strong wind  
 (i've been) hit by a rock

**ခဲမှန်ဖူးသော ငိုရှိုက်သံ**

"မဟုတ်ပါဘူး" တဲ့  
 စိတ်ကိုလာနဲ့ သူပြောခဲ့သည့်  
 ယုံယုံကလေး ရယ်သွန်းသွေးသံ  
 စိတ်လေဆန်မှာ တောင်ပံခတ်ဆဲ  
 လေဟုန်ထဲတွင် ခဲထိမှန်ခဲရူးသည်။

I've been hit before by rocks  
 (emotional pain) pierced thru my chest  
 when "no", it ain't so is said  
 i merely see the rock:  
 (and) from my chest  
 the sobs are continuous

ရင်ထဲနှစ်စူး ခဲမှန်ဖူး၍  
 "ဟုတ်ဘူး"ဆိုလျှင် ခဲပဲမြင်သည်  
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Composed by Thu Lin Wai at 11:10 pm on 28 March 2026  
 Translated on 30 March 2026

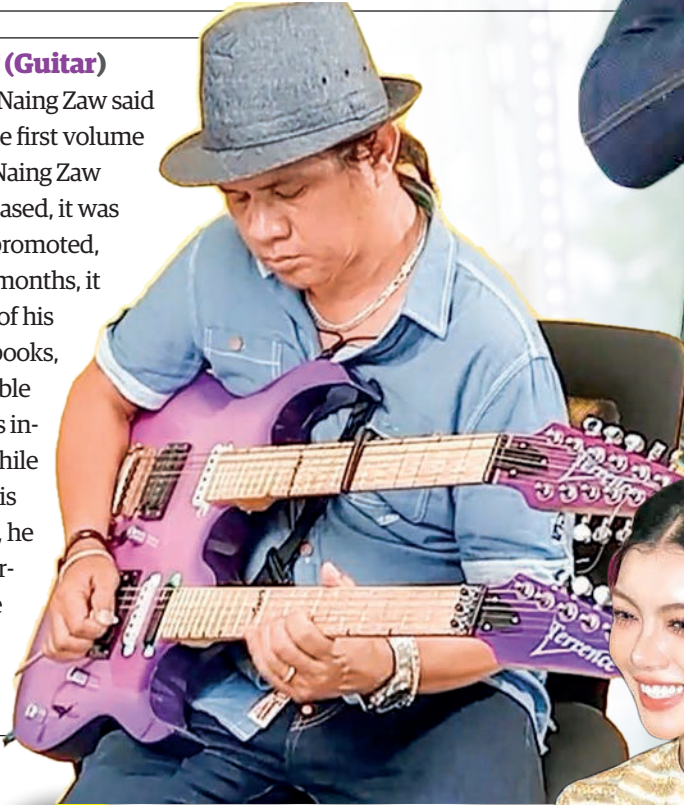
# NATIONAL Entertainment

### Phyo Myat Aung

SINGER Phyo Myat Aung has officially announced that he will be in Malaysia during the pre-Thingyan festival period. He shared on his social media that he will perform together with Art Robots at an event in Kuala Lumpur on 11 April, and invited Myanmar fans in Malaysia to come and support him.

### Naing Zaw (Guitar)

GUITARIST Naing Zaw said that when the first volume of his book 'Naing Zaw 100' was released, it was not heavily promoted, but after six months, it became one of his best-selling books, and he was able to recover his investment. While continuing his music career, he is now preparing to release Volume II of the book.



### Zaw Win Maung

WITH the rising popularity of young actors, traditional Myanmar Zetpwe (theatrical art) has been experiencing a revival, and some theatrical performers are now getting opportunities in films. Regarding this, actor Zaw Win Maung mentioned, "I spent over 20 years in the Zetpwe field, and as I got older, I moved into films, and something like that," with a smile. He was once a very successful performer in the famous 'BEd Aung Thaik Son Zaw Win Maung' theatrical troupe.

# CELEBRITY

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### Thae Su Nyein

THAE SU NYEIN shared that she is very excited about the upcoming film 'Maymay Ahchit Oo' (Echoes of First Love), which will be screened nationwide starting 17 April, Myanmar New Year Day. This is also her first film, in which she plays the role of Thae Thae Zalat Phyu, the daughter of the character portrayed by May Mi Ko Ko.



## 'Ahlwa' drama to premiere on Myanmar New Year's Day



A life-drama film titled 'Ahlwa', which portrays different social classes, will be screened in cinemas on Myanmar New Year's Day.

The film is produced by Moe Kaung Kin Film Production, organized by Maya Cho, and directed by Soe Moe Min, who is also responsible for the story and direction.

The cast are Tyron, Aye Chan Maung, Hein Thiha, Chue Lay, May Grace, Htun Pale Yada, Ye Yair Sithu, San Min Hein Htut, Nay San, Soe Moe Kyi, Akhaya, Wah Wah Aung, Zaw Win Maung and other artists. — Htun Htun/KTZH



### Paing Takhon

ACTOR Paing Takhon implied, "This year, I'll be going around during Thingyan. I'll also be attending this event every day," referring to the The Beach Class Thingyan festival, where several singers will perform. A few days ago, he also spoke to the media, expressing that many fake pages are posing as media outlets that write whatever they want, and it is unclear who owns or operates them.

### Poe Mamhe Thar

ACTRESS Poe Mamhe Thar greeted fans ahead of the upcoming Myanmar Thingyan festival, stating that she welcomed it with golden gum-kina flowers while wearing an elegant gold outfit from the Weint Fu Gold and Jewellery. The outfit, made with real gold, was designed by Sweet & Smart Fashion Collection. Recently, she has been in Thailand for matters related to the screening of the film 'Gohan', which was filmed there. — Htun Htun/KTZH

## CBM blacklists 287 companies for non-compliance

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No	Name of Company	Names of BOD	CSC No	Address of Company
11	ASPIRE TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.	U Thi Ha Kyaw	13/NAKHANA(N)046116	SEIKKANHTA STREET, 3A MERCHANT ROAD, NO (512), THAYAPI CONDO, PANSODAN, YANGON REGION
12	AUNG AUNG HEIN ZAY YAR 7 COMPANY LIMITED.	U Chan Myae Aung	5/KHAOUNA(N)112977	YWAR WIN LAN MA GYI STREET, NO(SA/316), SHAN KAN (NORTH) VILLAGE, SINTGAING TOWNSHIP, MANDALAY REGION
13	Aung Kaung Han Co., Ltd	Daw Khaing Nway Zin	13/NAMATA(N)052897	NO. E, NAMTU BUILDING MINE YU 105 MILE, PYI HTAUNG SU STREET, MUSE TOWNSHIP, SHAN STATE
14	AUNG MAHAR KYAW COMPANY LIMITED	U Yan Min	8/HTALANA(N)055968	SHWE NANDAW STREET, NO(1401), OAKTHAR MYOTHIT (8) TH WARD, BAGO REGION
15	AUNG MAHAR TUN EXPORT & IMPORT COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Khin Yi	10/MALAMA(N)012253	SHWE TASOKE STREET, NO.5, MYAWADDY TOWNSHIP, KAYIN STATE
16	AUNG NAY LIN HTUN CO., LTD	U Aung Ko Latt	12/TAMANA(N)002893	NO. 455, YADANA ROAD, 12 QUARTER, SOUTH OAKKALAPA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Daw Lay Lay Myint	12/TAMANA(N)002894	
		U Ngwe Tun	12/OUKATA(N)000677	
17	AUNG SIT MIN & BROTHERS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Jar Bawk	13/MAHSATA(N)049307	LANE(1), SWAMSAW WARD, MUSE TOWNSHIP, SHAN STATE
18	AUNG TOE KHAING COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw May Thinzar Soe	12/MAGATA(N)094394	NO(12), MYA YADANAR STREET, HLAING THAR YAR INDUSTRIAL ZONE, HLAING THAR YAR TOWNSHIP, YANGON Region
		U Thura Zaw	9/PAMANA(N)199229	
19	Ayeyar Three Co.,Ltd	U Win Min Htwe	14/THAPANA(N)133437	NO(3) QUARTER, THARBAUNG TOWNSHIP, AYEYARWADDY REGION
20	B B HEIN COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Phy Thandar Aye	14/MAMANA(N)202786	SOUTH DAGON INDUSTRIAL ZONE (2), PYIDAUNGSU STREET, ROOM (001/101), BLOCK B, MYANMAR AHLA HOUSING, (64) WARD, SOUTH DAGON TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
21	BANSAL OVERSEAS LIMITED.	Mr. Virender Kumar	K3360555	PLOT NO 45/46, MYAY TIAING BLOCK, INDUSTRIAL ZONE 3, HLAING THAR YAR TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Vineet Kumar Jain	N8717990	
22	BEST AUNG MYIN THU COMPANY LIMITED.	U Nanda Lwin	12/TAMANA(N)102159	BOTAHTAUNG PAGODA ROAD (MIDDLE BLOCK), NO 183, FIRST FLOOR, BOTAHTAUNG TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
23	BEST MOST FIRST SARL CO., LTD.	Mr. HE, Jianhui	EB5997000	AUNG UNIVERSAL ROAD, NO. 170, MYAUNG TAGAR INDUSTRY ZONE, HMAW BI TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Wang Xuhong	EE2737061	
		Daw Zi Malay	13/LAYANA(N)138794	
24	BHONE & ZWE COMPANY LIMITED	U Myo Min San	7/PAMANA(N)140759	MINE YU (105) VILLAGE GROUP, MINE YU VILLAGE, MUSE TOWNSHIP, SHAN STATE
25	BHONE KABAR KYAW CO., LTD	U Myint Zaw	5/MAYANA(N)152246	MYO SHAUNG ROAD, NO. 859, THEETHANT 1, YARTKWET GYI 5, OAKTHAR MYOTHIT, BAGO TOWNSHIP, BAGO REGION
26	Billion Force Trading Co., Ltd	Daw Htet Htet Aung	9/MAYAMA(N)086105	ZALUN STREET, NO.6, ROOM NO.(4/A), LINLUN(NORTH) QUARTER, SANCHAUNG TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Daw Khin Win Maw	12/KATATA(N)018073	
		Daw Thandar Shwe	13/KATANA(N)003875	
		Daw Tin Ma Ma Soe	12/LAMANA(N)089935	
27	CENTRAL LUCK TRADING CO., LTD.	Daw Nan Khin Myo Swe	13/NAKHANA(N)050605	CORNER OF SAYASAN ROAD & KABARAYE PAGODA ROAD, ROOM NO. 02, 21 TOP FLOOR, BLOCK NO. E, PEARL CONDOMINIUM, BAHAN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Nyan Thyl Aung	12/SAKHANA(N)062444	
28	CENTURYPLY MYANMAR PRIVATE LIMITED.	Mr. Gaurav Satnaliwala	Z4913321	PADAUK YEIK NYEIN ROAD, 1/13(4TH) FLOOR, MAYANGONE, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Daniel Pascal Runser	X7174183	
29	CHENGFANG COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Aye Aye War	12/TATANA(N)237615	AIR PORT YEIK THAR (1ST) STREET, NO. (16/E), SAW BWAR GYI GONE QUARTER, INSEIN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Daw Htike Htike San	12/TATANA(N)253248	
30	CHERUBIM COMPANY LIMITED.	U Zayar Min	7/YATAYA(N)096383	ZAYAR KHAYMAR ROAD, 349 B, MAYANGONE TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
31	CHINA INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY GROUP CORP LTD	U Chit Ko Ko	7/WAMANA(N)144672	ROOM. 2, BUILDING. E. 21ST FLOOR, PEARL CONDO, BAHAN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
32	COCO GUY INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED.	Mr. Ho Kwong Kee	K02006540	MINGALAR STREET, No. 707, 12 WARDS, SOUTH OKKALAPA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION

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# ECONOMY WORLD

## UAE's EGA says aluminium production recovery could take a year



Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) operates a major industrial complex in Al Taweelah, Abu Dhabi, which has recently sustained significant damage following regional conflict. **PHOTO: EGA**

*To resume operations at the smelter, EGA must repair infrastructure damage and progressively restore each of the reduction cells.*

THE restoration of aluminum production at Abu Dhabi plant of the Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) company, the largest aluminium producer in the Middle East, may take up to 12 months, EGA said.

On 28 March, the government of Abu Dhabi said that six people were injured as a result of debris from an intercepted missile falling on the Kezad special economic zone. Later, EGA said that the plant in Al

Taweelah was seriously damaged. The plant was fully evacuated, and facilities were put into emergency shutdown mode.

“To resume operations at the smelter, EGA must repair infrastructure damage and progressively restore each of the reduction cells. Early indications are that a complete restoration of primary aluminium production could take up to 12 months,” a statement read. — SPUTNIK

## Five EU nations urge tax on energy firms' windfall profits

SPAIN and four other European Union nations have called for a tax on windfall profits of energy companies in response to rising fuel prices due to the Middle East war; Spanish Economy Minister Carlos Cuerdo said Saturday.

The request was made in a letter addressed to EU Climate Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra and signed by Cuerdo along with the finance ministers of Austria, Germany, Italy and Portugal, he said in a post on X.

Cuerdo said such a measure would “ease the burden on consumers and taxpayers”.

In their letter, dated Friday, the ministers added that the tax

“would also send a clear message that those who profit from the consequences of the war must do their part to ease the burden on the general public”, according to a copy posted by Cuerdo. Oil and gas prices have surged since US-Israeli strikes on Iran began on 28 February, resulting in Iran effectively blocking the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz and damage being done to Gulf energy infrastructure.

Although the EU sources most of its oil and gas from regions other than the Gulf, high global prices are still affecting businesses and households. — AFP

## Thailand receives 9.31 mln foreign tourists in Q1

THAILAND received over 9.31 million foreign tourists in the first quarter of 2026, reflecting a 2.43 per cent contraction compared to a year earlier, despite the recovery in the past two months, official data showed on Friday.

According to the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, China remained the top source market for the South-East Asian country with 1.49 million arrivals, leaving behind Malaysia and Russia with 960,000 and 726,000 arrivals, respectively.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) said the tourism industry continues to serve as a vital economic driver, navigating a landscape marked by a sluggish global economy, geopolitical uncertainties and intensifying regional competition. — Xinhua



Pattaya is operating as a resilient global tourism hub. This photo taken on 25 February 2026 shows kites flying above a beach in Pattaya, Thailand. **PHOTO: RACHEN SAGEAMSAK/XINHUA/FILE**

## Morocco adopts US\$180-mln monthly subsidy plan to curb energy costs

MOROCCO announced on Thursday a monthly subsidy package totalling US\$180 million to cushion the impact of surging energy prices triggered by the ongoing Middle East conflict.

Budget Minister Faouzi Lekjaa said in a press briefing that the emergency plan includes three core measures,

which are freezing domestic butane gas prices with a state subsidy of \$8 per 12-kilogramme bottle, stabilizing electricity tariffs for households, and providing direct subsidies to transport operators to prevent fare hikes.

The decision came amid heightened regional tensions following joint US-Israeli

strikes on Iran starting on 28 February to which Iran and its regional allies responded with attacks on Israeli and US interests across the Middle East.

The conflict, now in its second month, has been disrupting energy flows and pushing prices higher globally. — Xinhua



A customer looks on a screen displaying the cost as he fuels a vehicle at a gas station in Berlin, capital of Germany, 11 March 2022. **PHOTO: SHAN YUQI/XINHUA/FILE**

## France announces crisis loans for firms hit by fuel-price surge

FRANCE said Friday it was launching an emergency loan programme to help small and medium-sized businesses exposed to soaring fuel prices driven by the war in the Middle East.

The economy ministry said firms in the transportation, agriculture and fisheries industries would be eligible for the “flash fuel loans” of up to 50,000 euros (\$57,600).

The programme fulfils a pledge made last week by Prime Minis-

ter Sebastien Lecornu, whose government, like many worldwide, is seeking to contain the economic pain caused by the war’s impact on fuel prices.

Public investment bank Bpifrance will issue the loans via a streamlined digital process that will make the money available within seven days, the ministry said in a statement.

The three-year loans will have an interest rate of 3.8 per cent. — AFP

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Japan-related vessel passes through Strait of Hormuz amid Iran war

A second Japan-related vessel passed safely through the Strait of Hormuz since its effective closure amid the Iran war, Mitsui OSK Lines and the transport ministry said Saturday.

The Japanese shipping company said a liquefied petroleum gas tanker owned by its Indian affiliate sailed through the strait, a day after a liquid natural gas tanker on Friday became the first among Japan-related ships to do so since Iran began restricting transit through the strategic waterway.

Iran reportedly charges tankers passing through the strait a toll of around \$1 per barrel. It is unclear whether the LPG tanker



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the Kikuma National Petroleum Stockpiling Base in Ehime Prefecture, western Japan, on 26 March 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

paid the toll.

The number of Japan-related ships strand-

ed in the Persian Gulf now stands at 43, according to the ministry. The closure

has disrupted crude oil supplies and sent prices sharply higher. — Kyodo

## Singapore to enhance household support, provide targeted aid

SINGAPORE will enhance household support measures and roll out targeted aid for hard-hit sectors as part of newly announced steps to cushion the impact of the Middle East conflict on its import-dependent energy system.

In a video address on Thursday, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said he had convened the Homefront Crisis Ministerial Committee to coordinate the national response. The committee is chaired by Coordinating Minister

for National Security K. Shanmugam, with Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong serving as adviser.

“For now, we have been able to manage the immediate disruptions,” Wong said, adding that refineries and chemical com-

panies were scaling back production and sourcing crude oil and feedstock beyond the Middle East.

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) importers are securing alternative supplies from global producers, Wong said. — Xinhua



A petrol station in Toulouse, southwestern France, on 4 April 2026. PHOTO: LIONEL BONAVENTURE / AFP

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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



People attend a rally against US-Israeli attacks on Iran outside the Los Angeles City Hall in California, the United States, 7 March 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

## White House seeks \$1.5 tln defence budget

APRIL 4

US President Donald Trump asked lawmakers to approve a massive \$1.5 trillion defence budget for 2027, as the United States faces rising costs from its war with Iran and mounting global security commitments.

The proposal would lift Pentagon spending by more than 40 per cent in a single year – the sharpest increase since World War II – as Washington seeks to

sustain military operations and rebuild depleted weapons stockpiles.

The request highlights the growing financial pressure of a conflict now in its fifth week, and sets up a political battle in Congress over how to fund a dramatic expansion of military spending.

US media have reported that the Iran war could be costing as much as \$2 billion per day. – AFP

APRIL 3

### Hegseth ousts US Army Chief of Staff

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has asked Army Chief of Staff General Randy George to step down and take immediate retirement.

As the US Army's most senior general, George is being removed amid the US-Israeli war against Iran, with no immediate explanation for the decision.

Hegseth wants someone in the role who will implement President Donald Trump and Hegseth's vision for the Army, according to a report from CBS News.

"We are grateful for his service, but it was time for a leadership change in the Army," a senior Pentagon official was quoted as saying.

George was nominated for the position by former President Joe Biden and confirmed by the Senate in 2023, meaning he would typically have held the position until 2027. – Xinhua

APRIL 2

### Japan's imperial couple meet French President Macron

Japan's Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako met French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Thursday, marking the first meeting between the two couples since June 2019.

According to the Imperial Household Agency, the meeting lasted around 20 minutes and was followed by a luncheon.

The French presidential couple was welcomed by the imperial couple at the entrance, where smiles and handshakes were exchanged.

During the meeting, Macron stressed the growing importance of cooperation between Japan and France amid major global changes, according to the agency.

Meanwhile, the emperor expressed his gratitude for the hospitality received during his visit to France in 2018 as crown prince. – Kyodo

APRIL 1

### Trump calls NATO "paper tiger"

US President Donald Trump said he is strongly considering pulling the United States out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) after the alliance failed to join the attacks on Iran, The Telegraph reported on Wednesday.

When asked if he would reconsider America's membership in the alliance after the conflict, he said the question is "beyond reconsideration," adding: "I was never swayed by NATO. I always knew they were a paper tiger."

Trump also expressed dissatisfaction with NATO for "not being there", saying it was "actually hard to believe".

Singling out Britain, he said the country has "aircraft carriers that didn't work", suggesting that the British navy is inadequate for the task.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said before the interview that the United States would have to "re-examine" its NATO membership after the conflict, the report said.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he is not changing his position on the war. – Xinhua

MARCH 31

### Sweden boosts its space infrastructure

Sweden said on Tuesday it was investing 386 million kronor (\$40 million) to boost the country's satellite launch capabilities, citing deteriorating security.

The investment would strengthen the launch capabilities of the Espace Space Centre outside the city of Kiruna, north of the Arctic Circle.

Defence Minister Pal Jonson told a press conference "deteriorating security" meant more organisations "have a need for satellite-based capabilities".

"Espace therefore constitutes an important strategic asset for the European Union and NATO – not least in light of the increasing strategic importance of the Baltic Sea region and the Arctic's increasingly strategic importance," Jonson told reporters.

Jonson also noted that tensions between NATO and Russia had moved north.

"Sweden therefore has great potential to develop as a central space actor in the Baltic Sea region and in the Arctic by providing space capabilities and space services," he said.

The Nordic country dropped two centuries of military non-alignment and joined NATO. – AFP

MARCH 30

### AI agent future is coming

Peter Steinberger's artificial intelligence agent tool OpenClaw has taken the tech world by storm with its ability to execute real-life tasks such as checking him in for his flight to Tokyo.

AI is not yet a ubiquitous personal assistant for ordinary people, but "you'll see much more of that this year because this is the year of agents", Steinberger told AFP in the Japanese capital on Monday.

"There are still some things we need to do to make it better," the Austrian programmer said.

Demand is ramping up, however, with more developers now "making the future happen", he added in an interview during a gathering for OpenClaw enthusiasts. – AFP

MARCH 29

### Apple celebrates 50 years since its founding

Apple celebrates 50 years since its 1 April 1976 founding by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne in a Los Altos garage. From the Apple I computer to revolutionizing tech with Macintosh, iPod, iPhone, and Vision Pro, the company transformed personal computing, music, and connectivity worldwide.

CEO Tim Cook hailed its "thinking different" spirit, crediting global creativity for innovations empowering expression. Events include Sydney Opera House projections and Computer History Museum exhibits. The iconic Bondi Blue iMac and ecosystem—from iTunes billions to Genius Bars—cemented Apple's design legacy.

Yet challenges like screen time persist amid trillion-dollar valuation. As Jobs' vision endures, Apple eyes spatial computing's future, inspiring billions. – AFP

# SPORTS

## Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw get mini-pitches under FIFA School Arena Project

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has announced that, in addition to providing footballs through the FIFA Football for Schools programme, FIFA Arena football fields are being constructed for basic education schools. Currently, Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw have each been allocated one mini-pitch.

Under the current collaboration between FIFA and the Ministry of Education, Myanmar will construct mini-pitches at No 1 Basic Education Middle School (East Dagon) in Yangon and No 6 Basic Education High School

in Nay Pyi Taw. Construction of the field at East Dagon BEMS 1 is nearly complete and is expected to be ready for use soon.

This project is part of a global initiative set by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to build over 1,000 high-quality mini-pitch football fields worldwide by 2031.

The primary goal is to provide a safe playing environment for children in schools and communities that lack infrastructure. FIFA directly provides approximately US\$70,000 per field for the artificial turf and

related equipment. To ensure world-class quality, construction is handled by FIFA's official partner, Hubei Citygreen Sports Industry Co Ltd, while the Ministry of Education is responsible for the foundation work of the fields.

"These small pitches will undoubtedly become vital training grounds, not only for the next generation who will become the talented players of the future but also for the physical and mental development of our youth," the MFF stated.

The MFF added that they will continue to strive for more



The FIFA Arena Project for school football development.

FIFA Arena fields across the country so that students nationwide can play football systematically. — MT/ZN



India dominated the World Archery Para Series, finishing with an impressive haul of seven gold medals, five silver, and four bronze. PHOTO: ANI

## Teenage Archer Payal Nag clinches gold, India dominates World Archery Para Series

PAYAL Nag, a teenage quadruple amputee archer, secured a stunning gold medal victory over world number one Sheetal Devi at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok.

India dominated the World Archery Para Series, finishing with an impressive haul of seven gold medals, five silver, and four bronze.

Toman Kumar and Bhawna also contributed to India's gold

rush, winning their respective events in the compound men's and recurve women's categories.

Paralympic medallist Harvinder Singh and Swati Chaudhary secured silver medals in their respective recurve and W1 women's events. Shyam Sunder Swami won a bronze medal in the compound men's individual event after a closely-fought playoff against compatriot Rakesh Kumar. — ANI

## Haaland treble destroys Liverpool as Man City reach FA Cup semis

ERLING Haaland hit a hat-trick as Manchester City thrashed Liverpool 4-0 on Saturday to reach the FA Cup semifinals and increase the pressure on Reds boss Arne Slot. Haaland netted twice late in the first half of the quarterfinal at the Etihad Stadium and completed his treble after the interval following an Antoine Semenyo strike.

With Liverpool trailing by four, Mohamed Salah had a penalty saved by City goalkeeper James Trafford to compound a miserable afternoon for the under-fire Slot.

Liverpool's tame surrender was a bitter blow to Slot, who had to endure chants of "you're getting sacked in the morning" from gloating City fans.

They head to Paris Saint-Germain for the Champions League quarterfinal first leg on Wednesday with Slot desperately needing a victory over the holders to keep the critics at bay.

Slot's team, who have just two wins in

their last seven matches in all competitions, are fifth in the Premier League and far from certain to qualify for next season's Champions League. — AFP



Manchester City striker Erling Haaland celebrates his hat-trick against Liverpool. PHOTO: AFP

## Pegula reaches WTA Charleston semis with latest three-setter

TOP seed Jessica Pegula once again fought back from a set down to reach the WTA Charleston Open semi-finals with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win against Russia's Diana Shnaider on Friday.

Defending champion Pegula has lost the first set in all three matches so far, but again dug deep to maintain her hopes of retaining the title.

The world number five from the United States took two hours and 10 minutes to defeat 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked Shnaider, relying on a formidable service game that included eight aces.

Shnaider battled well in the first two sets,

and broke early for a 2-0 lead in the final set, before losing six straight games.

Pegula, chasing her second tournament victory of the year after winning the title in Dubai in February, will face fourth-seeded fellow American Iva Jovic, who beat Russian Anna Kalinskaya 6-3, 6-4.

Despite a first-round bye, Pegula has clocked up nine sets and more than seven hours on court so far. She has won nine of 10 matches this year that have gone to a deciding third set. — AFP

*Pope Leo XIV leads a torch-lit Easter procession for peace.*

## Pope leads torch-lit Colosseum procession before Easter



Participants in costumes take part in an Easter parade at Gwanghwamun Square in Seoul on 4 April 2026. PHOTO: JUNG YEON-JE / AFP

**P**ope Leo XIV led a torch-lit procession at the Colosseum in Rome on Friday as he prepares for his first Easter as pontiff in the shadow of war in the Middle East. Among the 30,000 people attending the poignant ceremony, known as the Way of the Cross, was Sarah, a Palestinian Catholic.

“We need peace in the Holy Land,” she told AFP. “People like you and me listen, but the governments don’t. They still do whatever they want. They don’t listen.

They promise and they don’t deliver,” the 61-year-old said. Geryes Bejjani, a 33-year-old Lebanese man, said he had come with friends to “carry a message of peace and coexistence”, despite the difficulty of travelling from his homeland which has

been dragged into the war.

“The pope is the only purely selfless political leader... There’s no hidden agenda, there’s no ambiguity in his message. And that’s his strength,” he said.

Leo has repeatedly and ever more

insistently called for peace in the Middle East. On Sunday, Leo will preside over Easter Mass in St Peter’s Square before delivering a typically political blessing which is especially anticipated this year.

— AFP



Tetsu Kashiwa (2<sup>nd</sup> from R) sings and other participants perform at a music event in Tokyo’s Shinagawa Ward on 12 December 2025. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

*Vibrating gadgets help new players find the rhythm.*

hearing loss, the vibrations made the experience unexpectedly easy and enjoyable.

Founded by copywriter Tomohiro Sawada, the association first made sports more accessible before turning to music in 2019. With help from Sony and other companies, it

## Inclusive instruments help new players find the beat in Tokyo

A new Tokyo music initiative is widening access by designing instruments that let people play regardless of disability or musical training. The World Yuru Music Association is promoting devices such as the Hug Drum, which lights up and vibrates to show rhythm, and the Ultra Light Saxophone,

which turns humming into music.

At a December event in Shinagawa, children and adults joined members of the band Salsa Gum Tape on stage and played together through tactile feedback rather than technical skill. For nine-year-old Anna Tajiri, who has congenital

has developed more than 20 instruments, including keyboard-like and drum-based devices. Sawada says technology is helping more people join in, while band leader Tetsu Kashiwa says the goal is participation, not perfection, and that music should be open to everyone. — Kyodo

## AI-generated ‘Fruit Love Island’ takes TikTok by storm

*AI fruit characters find romance in a viral TikTok parody.*

MILLIONS are watching “Fruit Love Island”, an AI-generated TikTok parody that turns reality-TV romance into a surreal fruit bowl of drama. Characters like “Strawberina” and “Bananito” trade flirty lines, face love triangles and recouplings, and are hosted by a green apple, while the most popular episode has already reached 39 million views in just two weeks.

The series has been mocked online as “AI slop”, a label for content seen as cheap, repetitive and designed for easy clicks. Yet its popularity shows that many viewers are drawn to short, silly videos that offer a quick escape from stress. Experts say the appeal lies partly in its absurdity and partly in how closely it copies the predictable formulas of reality TV.

The trend has also sparked copycat accounts, “hate-watching”, and fresh debate over AI’s environmental cost and its impact on creativity. — AFP



This illustration photograph shows “Fruit Love Island”, an AI-generated TikTok micro-series based on the television hit “Love Island” — except all the participants are sexy human-like fruit, in Tokyo on 3 April 2026. PHOTO: PHILIP FONG / AFP