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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.

State Honours Bestowed on Faithful Individuals Over Past Five Years

President-Elect and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed deep respect and appreciation for the loyal and dutiful contributions of individuals who have served the State, the government, and the people.

President-elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the ceremony to present honorary gifts at the Thabin Hall of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council Chairman yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Senior General noted that the individuals attending this ceremony had faithfully and conscientiously carried out the duties entrusted to them throughout their full five-year term. Therefore, in the coming days, the State's responsibilities will be handed over to a new government that will continue to promote development under a democratic system, on a sound and appropriate foundation. The Senior General also expressed **deep respect and recognition for their loyal and dutiful cooperation in serving the State, the government, and**

the people.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Senior General said that they assumed State responsibilities under a declared state of emergency, facing numerous challenges and difficulties. They initially had to confront the global COVID-19 pandemic, and soon after, unrest and violent incidents spread across the country, driven by destructive elements rooted in misinformation and a lack of willingness to understand the truth, including certain ethnic armed organizations with already initiated armed conflicts. As a result, both the government and the people endured significant difficulties, hardship, and suffering.

He continued that the country was repeatedly struck by natural disasters, including Cyclone Mocha, Typhoon Yagi, and a powerful Mandalay earthquake. Due to these incidents of unrest and large-scale natural disasters, many people were killed



The President-Elect and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gifts of honour to Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw at the yesterday's ceremony.

or injured and suffered losses and damage. The momentum of development, which had just begun to build, was also brought to a halt, and much of the existing infrastructure was destroyed.

He stressed that as the State faced various challenges, the national economy also de-

clined as a result of these difficulties and crises. Therefore, they made strenuous efforts to establish the foundations for national stability and peace, the rule of law, rehabilitation, development, and economic recovery. In carrying out these efforts, many individuals made

great sacrifices in serving the State and the people, remaining loyal and dutiful in their responsibilities. It is because of such contributions that the country has been able to return to a situation of stability and the early stages of development.

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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.

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

THE following are congratulatory messages from Foreign Heads of State/Government sent to Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election of President.

Press Release

HE Dr Gustavo Porras, President of National Assembly, the Republic of Nicaragua sent 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.

THE National Assembly of the Republic of Nicaragua extends its warmest greetings to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and is pleased to express its most sincere felicitations to His Excellency Mr Min Aung Hlaing on his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

From the land of Darío and Sandino, we express our best wishes for success in the performance of his high functions for the benefit of peace, stability, and development for the brotherly people of Myanmar.

The National Assembly of the Republic of Nicaragua takes this opportunity to renew its commitment to continue strengthening the ties of friendship, solidarity, and understanding between our two countries, as well as to convey its highest expressions of consideration and respect.

Managua, Nicaragua 3 April 2026
National Assembly
President

Press Release

HE Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, Head of the Republic of Buryatia and Chairman of the Government of the Republic of Buryatia of the Russian Federation, sent 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.

Press Release

**His Excellency
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Nay Pyi Taw
Excellency,**

It is my honour and pleasure to convey my heartfelt congratulations on Your Excellency's election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. I am confident that, under Your Excellency's able leadership and with your warm friendship, the relations between Thailand and Myanmar will continue to prosper in all areas of mutual interest.

I had very much wished to attend Your Excellency's Inauguration Ceremony in person. However, due to the scheduled policy presentation of the Royal Thai Government to the Parliament on 9-10 April 2026, which requires the presence of all Cabinet members, I regret that I would not be able to attend the said ceremony as wished. However, I have entrusted HE Dr Parnpree Bahiddha-Nukara, distinguished former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, to represent Thailand on this important occasion and convey the best wishes and congratulations to Your Excellency in person.

I am optimistic about the future of our bilateral relations, and very much look forward to continuing working closely with the new Myanmar Government to bring about a new chapter in Thailand – Myanmar relations. Thailand stands ready to work, as a friend and partner, to support the new Myanmar Government's efforts to advance peace and economic development. I look forward to paying a courtesy call on Your Excellency in Nay Pyi Taw and continuing our discussion soon.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Sihesak Phuangketkeow)
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand

Tatmadaw and police gallantry title-holders and medallists granted free train and airline travel

RECIPIENTS for the Aung San Thuriya, the Thiha Thura, and the Thura honorary gallantry titles of Tatmadaw, as well as recipients of the honorary gallantry medal Ye Thiha and Ye Thura of the Myanmar Police Force, along with their spouses and children, are entitled to free upper-class travel on Myanmar Railways and two free round-trip flights per year on the State-owned airlines to areas not served by Myanmar Railways. Those eligible for this benefit must register at the nearest

Myanmar Railways station by presenting proof of having received the honorary title or medal, after which Myanmar Railways will issue smart cards. When travelling, they must present the smart cards to the relevant departments to obtain railway and airline tickets. The registration dates will be announced.

**Information Team
National Defence and Security Council**

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As such, he honoured and expressed special gratitude to all those who cooperated with the State and courageously carried out their duties with dedication, irrespective of the risks involved.

He said that he will always remember all those present here today – his colleagues who, during their time in office, faithfully believed in and worked tirelessly alongside him to implement the objectives, goals, and national responsibilities, with genuine goodwill and dedication. He expressed his deep respect, pride, recognition, and gratitude to all.

During the five-year period in which they carried out their responsibilities, it was regrettably encountered that some senior officials and individuals in leadership positions failed in their duties to the country and the people, showing negligence, misconduct, and actions that did not conform to established procedures. Therefore, in the process of building the nation amid difficulties, it became necessary to take careful and unavoidable measures to prevent inappropriate actions, including, as is known to all, parting ways with certain individuals.

The Senior General expressed that he respectfully and proudly placed on record his rec-



President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech at the ceremony to present honorary gifts yesterday.

ognition of all those present at this ceremony who have worked together with him over the past five years and have fulfilled their duties faithfully. They will continue to cooperate and contribute from their respective roles for the future of the State. **As this is a long-term undertaking for the nation, it is also necessary to continue nurturing**



State Security and Peace Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win presents gifts of honour to Nang Sanda San at the yesterday's ceremony.

Aung Lin Dwe, Commission Secretary Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Commission members, Union-level dignitaries and Union ministers.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented gifts from the elected President to Union-level dignitaries.

Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member U Aung Lin Dwe, and Commission Secretary Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo presented gifts of the elected President to Union-level dignitaries, deputy ministers and same-level dignitaries.

After the ceremony, the Senior General cordially greeted the attendees.

Also present at the ceremony were the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, and same-level dignitaries alongside chief ministers of regions and states via videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

Salient points of the speech delivered by the Senior General in honouring the faithful individuals

1. It is also necessary to continue nurturing and developing the younger generation so that they may gain experience for the future.
2. The country has been able to return to a situation of stability and the early stages of development.
3. Some ethnic armed organizations with already misguided intentions further fuelled the unrest, encouraging and escalating violence and initiating armed conflicts.
4. Some senior officials and individuals in leadership positions failed in their duties to the country and the people, showing negligence, misconduct, and actions that did not conform to established procedures. Therefore, it became necessary to take careful and unavoidable measures to prevent inappropriate actions.

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eral Min Aung Hlaing presented gifts of honour to Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member U

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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 National Democracy Party, the Board of Trustees of Botahtaung Pagoda, the China-Myanmar-Economic Cooperation and Development Promotion Association (CMECDPA), the Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association, the Myanmar Women and Children's Life Promotion Association, the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association, the Myanmar Peace and Poverty Alleviation Association (MPPAA), the Hunan Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, the

Sichuan-Chongqing Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, the Myanmar-(China)Jiansu Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Shandong Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Jiangxi General Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Fukien General Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Guangdong Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Yunnan (China) Chamber of Commerce and the Myanmar-Lao Friendship Association 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, may the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enjoy peace, prosperity, and modern development. May the President serve the development of the interests of Myanmar people with physical and mental well-being. May the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under the leadership of the President, enjoy peace, prosperity, and greater development. We respectfully wish that President Senior General Min Aung Hlaing may be blessed with mental peace, good health, and personal well-being, and may be able to carry out the responsibilities of the State with a healthy and joyful mind and body. May the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enjoy peace, prosperity, and further development. — MNA/TTA

State-run newspapers to alternate publication during Thingyan holidays

DAILY newspapers of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be in alternate circulation during the holidays of the Myanmar New Year.

The Myanma Alinn and The Global New Light of Myanmar dailies will be in circulation from 11 to 14 April, while the Kyemon daily will take a break.

The Keymon will be published from 15 to 19 April, whereas the Myanma Alinn and The Global New Light of Myanmar dailies will take holidays.

The Supplement Sector in the Shan Language by the Sub-Printing House (Taunggyi), published every Thursday, will take a break on 16 April, whereas the Ethnic Sector in Mon, Sakaw Kayin, Poe Kayin and Pa-O languages, published every Sunday by the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) on 12 and 19 April, will be published regularly after the Thingyan holidays.

However, advertisements will be accepted throughout the holidays, and all dailies will be published regularly from 20 April. — MNA/KTZH



An aerial view shows environs of Shwesettaw Pagoda in Minbu Township. PHOTO: ZEYAR NAING (SHWE KAN MYAY)

Pilgrims to Mann Shwesettaw exceed 180,000

MORE than 180,000 pilgrims have visited the Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda festival in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, with a total of 187,118 visitors recorded as of 4 April, according to the pagoda board of trustees.

The annual festival, which runs for 86 days

from 22 January to 17 April 2026 (from the 5th waxing day of Tabodwe to Myanmar New Year Day), has drawn large crowds, especially during weekends and public holidays. Pilgrims have travelled from across the country, including major cities such as Yangon and Mandalay, using both tour bus-

es and private vehicles.

A total of 17,259 vehicles of various sizes and 1,304 motorcycles have entered the festival grounds, reflecting higher attendance compared to last year. Accommodation has been arranged to ensure visitors can stay comfortably, although lodging facilities have been fully

occupied during peak holiday periods.

The festival is expected to grow busier as it approaches its closing day on Myanmar New Year Day following the Thingyan holidays, said U Aye Ko, chairman of the pagoda board of trustees. — Zeya Naing (Shwe Kan Myay)/KZL

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Myanmar-China cultural exchange photo contest awards presented

THE award ceremony of the Myanmar-China Cultural Exchange Photo Contest, held to mark the 75th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China, took place yesterday morning at Myawady Media Centre on Moegaung Road, Yankin Township, Yangon.

The event was organized by the Myanmar Arts and Culture Development Association (MACDA) in cooperation with the Photographic Society of Myanmar.

At the ceremony, MACDA patron Academy Award-winning director and Pachi Soe Moe and Chairman of the Photographic Society of Myanmar U Than Tun



The award ceremony of the Myanmar-China Cultural Exchange Photo Contest in progress in Yangon yesterday.

Oo delivered opening remarks.

Awards were presented to first prize winner U Saw Aung Thein Tun, second prize winner Shwe Inntha Khin Maung Win, third prize winner Mazda Aung Myint and consolation prize winners by responsible officials.

Afterwards, officials from the association signed a memorandum of understanding with the Belt & Road Development Myanmar Corporation to cooperate in implementing development projects and to promote social and economic development in Myanmar through collaboration with international organizations, private enterprises and business groups.—MNA/KZL

More foreign nationals engaging in telecom fraud and gambling arrested in Tangyan, Shan State (North)



The map shows the location where two 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.

The information has been released on 4 April that security forces arrested those who committed telecom fraud and gambling along with residential buildings and related accessories in Kaungshan village, some 25,000 metres northeast of Tangyan,

Shan State (North).

Yesterday, on 5 April, security forces continued their efforts to prevent online gambling fraudsters from establishing a base. At around 12:15 pm, two more Chinese men involved in telecom fraud and online gambling were arrested near Kaungshan village, approximately 1,200 metres north of the site where others were arrested the previous day.

All individuals apprehended for involvement in online gambling fraud will be thoroughly identified and prosecuted in accordance with the law. — MNA/TH

Drugs bound for Rakhine seized

THE government is stepping up efforts to combat drug trafficking, which poses a serious threat to society including future generations, by intensifying inspections along key transport routes and strengthening cooperation with neighbouring countries. As a result, traffickers have increasingly been attempting to bypass checkpoints by using alternative routes.

Acting on a tip-off from a member of the public on 4 April 2026, security forces learned that narcotics were being transported from Yamethin to Padan. Authorities intercepted the suspects at Ywataw checkpoint in Natmauk Township, arresting Myo Min Aung along with a Toyota Prado. In a separate operation near Saingkaung Village, Natmauk Township, Min Min



This photo shows confiscated stimulant tablets worth of K11.7 billion and a vehicle.

Khine and Hlaing Win were also arrested with a truck.

A total of 7.8 million stimulant tablets concealed in 39 sacks covered with lime bags were seized, with an estimated street value of K11.7 billion. Seized items included two vehicles and three male suspects.

According to initial investigations, the drugs were arranged by Kyaw Win Aung (alias Pa-O), who remains at large, and transported from the Wamhai area to near Bunywa Village in Kalaw Township. From there, the suspects carried the drugs along the Yamethin-Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway route, intending to deliver them to Padan and onward to An Township in Rakhine State.

Authorities will take effective legal action against those arrested and continue efforts to apprehend remaining suspects. The public is encouraged to report drug-related information confidentially, and informants will be rewarded accordingly.—MNA/KZL



Confiscated stimulant tablets.

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CBM blacklists 287 companies for non-compliance

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		Mr. Ho Ka Wing	KJ0275900	
33	COTECK (MYANMAR) INDUSTRY COMPANY LIMITED.	Mr. Tu, Yu-Ta	352660593	DAGON MYOTHIT (EAST) CITY OF INDUSTRY, PLOT-152, BLOCK-113, DAGON MYOTHIT (EAST) TSP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Cheng, Han-Chin	309098766	
		Ms. Tu, Chung-Jung	308934349	
34	D C D E COMPANY LIMITED.	U Zaw Min	13/MAMATA(N) 052314	(HSA/226), AUNG MINGALAR STREET, REGION (17), WARD (7), LASHIO TOWNSHIP, SHAN STATE
35	D.I.LOTUS MYANMAR LIMITED.	Mr. Lim Sin Nin	K0072949R	KYUN TAW ROAD, CRYSTAL TOWER, #06-04, JUNCTION SQUARE COMPOUND, KAMAYUT TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Ms. Tee Su Sim	E4919586K	
36	DA QIAN WOODS PRODUCTION COMPANY LIMITED	U Yan Naing	13/TAYANA(N) 057846	NO. 19/B, O.S.S, TU MYAUNG YWAR MA, TU MYAUNG VILLAGE GROUP, YE TOWNSHIP, MON STATE
		Mr. ZHENG YONGQIANG	E24470787	
37	DECEMBER MOE COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Win Pa Pa Kyaw	1/MANYANA(N) 155514	SAL MYAUNG KYAUNG STREET, OAK THAR MYOTHIT WARD, BAGO TOWNSHIP, BAGO REGION
		U Aung Kyaw Moe	9/MAHTALA(N) 221936	
38	DEV NULL TRADING CO., LTD.	U San Bo	5/MAMANA(N) 020822	KAYIN SU, NO 5 WARD, MYAWADY, KAYIN STATE
39	Dezun Trade Co., Ltd	U Kyaw Swe Win	9/MAHAMA(N) 022617	CORNER OF 78 STREET & 134 STREET, NO. (G-4/A), INDUSTRY ZONE (1), PYIGYIDAGUN TOWNSHIP, MANDALAY REGION
		Mr. Yang Boxiang	EJ1888417	
		U Nay Lin Htike	10/MADANA(N) 161885	
40	DRAGON KIND INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Khin Zar Chi Kyaw	13/KALANA(N) 094371	THANT SIN STREET, 21A, AUNG THU KHA WARD, THANLYIN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
41	DUMDE GROUP CO., LTD.	Daw Van Lal Ro Puii	5/KALAHTA(N) 247936	NO. 593-594, CORNER OF BAYINT NAUNG STREET AND MYITTAR ST, WARD 14, EAST DAGON TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Hma Ngaih Zam Vel	5/KALAHTA(N) 170711	
		U Lal Ram Buat Saih	5/KALAHTA(N) 156532	
42	DURGA COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Ohn Mar Cho	8/SAPAWA(N) 000892	AYE YEIK MON (9) TH STREET, ROOM NO. (001), BUILDING. (2), (5) WARD, HLAING TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		U Aung Kyi Tun	9/WATANA(N) 189985	
43	Edenburma Gateway Associates Co., Ltd	Daw Anjana @ Sanda	12/TAMANA(PYU) 000794	NO. 174, 40 TH STREET, MIDDLE BLOCK, (9) QUARTER, KYAUKTADA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
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		U Thaw Zin Soe	12/LAMANA(N) 157343	
		Daw Thiri	12/TAMANA(PYU) 000330	
44	EI SWE TUN EXPORT & IMPORT COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Khaing Zin Oo	3/MAWATA(N) 022875	NO. (5), SHWETASOKE STREET, NO. (DAYAYMOKT/14), MYAWADY TOWNSHIP, KAYIN STATE
		Daw Khin Swe Lin	3/MAWATA(N) 026830	
		U Aung Naing	10/MALAMA(N) 022899	
		U Khun Shwe Min	3/MAWATA(N) 031911	
45	EI THIRI KYAW COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Ei Thiri Kyaw	9/MAHAMA(N) 030134	NO. (KHA THA/57), KHUN THAR QUARTER, BHAMO TOWNSHIP, KACHIN STATE
		U Thant Zin Phyp	1/BAMANA(N) 082375	
46	EURASIAN INVESTMENT AGENCY RM LTD	Mr. ALEKSANDR ABRAMOV	76 9917006	NO. 824, NILAR STREET, NORTH DAGON TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. ALEKSANDR GUZOV	76 5972066	
		Daw May Pwint Oo	12/MAGADA(N) 158072	
47	EVERWELL COMPANY LTD.	Daw Thwe Thwe	14/KALANA(N) 119657	MIGATHI STREET, NO. 287-A, 12TH QUARTER, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Kim Hyuk	M012H2115	
48	FIRST FORTUNE INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED.	U Min Zaya	12/OUKATA(N) 149991	BUILDING NO. (2), No. (R-501), ZIZAWAH HOUSING, 15 QUARTER, SOUTH OKKALAPA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION

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49	FRONT GLOBAL CO., LTD	U Nirmal Kumar	7/PHAMANA(N)100375	KYAUKSEIN YADANAR(6) ROAD, BUILDING NO. (1), Room No. 2, THANLYIN YADANAR HOUSING COMPLEX, THANLYIN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
50	FULLTEX COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Tin Oo Hlaing	7/PATATA(N)053427	HPA-AN-HLAING BWE ROAD, PLOT NO (4,5,27,40), BLOCK NO (1098/KA), HPA-AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE(1), HPA-AN TOWNSHIP, KAYIN STATE
		Mr. Lam Lap Tin	HJ2092685	
		Mr. Shiu Chi Fai	KO4543278	
		Mrs. Yick Lai Sing Annie	KO3215056	
51	GAIWACH (MYANMAR) GARMENT COMPANY LIMITED.	Mr. Liu Gong	EF1238623	THAR DU KAN INDUSTRIAL ZONE, PLOT NO 87/88, MYAY TAING BLOCK NO. 51, SHWEPYITHA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Wan Peng	EF7721078	
52	GCM COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Yan Hmwe Kyi	13/KAKHANA(N)057460	(64) STREET, BET;(35 & 36)STREET, NO. (KA/31), MAHAAUNGMYAY TOWNSHIP, MANDALAY REGION
		Mr. Zhang Qiao	E07329529	
53	GLOBAL CASES (MYANMAR) CORPORATION LIMITED.	Mr. Peng Zhiyong	EG2437499	CORNER OF TAN CHAT WUN U MYU ST & TAN CHAT WUN U MYAE ST, NO.1, EAST DAGON INDUSTRIAL ZONE, DAGON MYOTHIT (EAST) TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Peng Zhiming	E18354413	
		Ms. Zhou Chuanxia	EG3216082	
54	GLOBAL COMMODITIES COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Moh Moh Naing	12/OUKAMA(N)201456	AUNG MYITTA ROAD, NO(318), (1ST) FLOOR, YA MONE NA(1) QUARTER, DAWBON TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
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55	GLOBAL GEO INDUSTRY AND MINING CO., LTD.	Daw Moon December	2/LAKANA(N)067727	7, NO (65-66), INDUSTRIAL ZONE(1), LOIKAW, KAYAH STATE
		U Hla Htwe	8/NAMANA(N)122472	
		U Tay Zar Win Tun	12/OUKATA(N)150268	
56	GLOBAL SMARTTACT HOLDING (MYANMAR) COMPANY LIMITED	U Shwe Ba	12/LAMATA(N)008415	40 TH STREET (LOWER BLOCK), NO. 150, KYAUKTADA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
57	GOLDEN APT COMPANY LIMITED	U Soe Yan Naing	12/OUKATA(N)123515	PARNITAYARMA STREET, 2 WARD, NO. 56, SHWE TAUNG KYAR, BAHAN TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
58	GOLDEN CIRCLE CO., LTD.	Daw Yu Yu Win	12/SAKHANA(N)056126	NO. 5, AYE YEIK MON ROAD, HLAING TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
		Mr. Zhang Fan	E20009691	
59	GOLDEN EUGENIA COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Soe Mar Lar	12/OUKATA(N)071573	7 TH STREET, NO. 181, (10) QUARTER, SOUTH OKKALAPA TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
60	GOLDEN GOAT COMPANY LIMITED.	U Naing Naing Swe	9/MAHTALA(N)201929	KAUNG KHAR STREET, 12 WARD NALMYAY 8, LASHIO TOWNSHIP, SHAN STATE
		U Pho Tun	8/MAMANA(N)175954	
61	GOLDEN MAGIC HAND COMPANY LIMITED	U Tin Aung	7/AHPHANA(N)049835	NGUWAH STREET, NO.22, MAGALADON, YA KYI I, YANGON REGION
62	GOLDEN NSL & BROTHERS COMPANY LIMITED.	U Naing Soe Lin	9/PATHAKA(N)067108	HOME NO. (2/14), NO. 2 QUARTER, OHNGYAW VILLAGE, PATHEINGYI TOWNSHIP, MANDALAY REGION
		U Hlaing Min Oo	5/YABANA(N)141583	
		U Aung Htay	10/MALAMA(N)097036	
63	GOLDEN PUCE MOE COMPANY LIMITED	U Aung Kyaw Moe	9/MAHTALA(N)221936	SAL MYAUNG KYAUNG STREET, OAK THAR MYOTHIT WARD, BAGO TOWNSHIP, BAGO REGION
64	GOLDEN SKY LAND COMPANY LIMITED	Daw Khin Hnin Aye	12/LAMATA(N)013629	MAHARBANDoola STREET, NO (813), LANMADAW TOWNSHIP, YANGON REGION
65	Golden Skyway Co., Ltd	Daw Lalita Kumari	7/PHAMANA(N)257263	YANGON-MANDALAY HIGHWAY, NO. 14/172, MYOMA(1), ZEYAWADY, PHYU TOWNSHIP, BAGO REGION
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Lend a helping hand to trafficked victims

EXPERTS say that the region with the highest number of human trafficking victims in the world is Southeast Asia. More than half of the total number of trafficking victims globally is from this region, most of whom are girls and women aged between 18 and 24. Those who commit human trafficking are also predominantly women.

In Myanmar, factors such as ongoing domestic instability, limited job opportunities, a weak economic situation, and poverty are driving not only young women but also men of working age into becoming victims of human trafficking. At the same time, traffickers continue to engage in such activities as they are highly profitable. Therefore, it is necessary for everyone to work together to protect girls and women from falling victim. In addition, young men must also remain cautious, as there

are groups that deceive them with false job offers, subject them to forced labour, and exploit their work for profit.

Human trafficking is defined, under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law, as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase, hiring, borrowing, harbouring, or receipt of a person by another person, using any of the specified means, for exploitation, regardless of whether the victim has given consent.

Victims of human trafficking may be forced into prostitution or sexual exploitation, compelled to perform work or services, subjected to conditions similar to slavery, bound by debt bondage, forced into marriage, coerced into begging, or made to act as surrogate mothers. In this way, they are exploited by others. In the case of children, traffickers may deceive them for profit through illegal adoption, the removal of organs or body parts, their sale, or other forms of abuse and exploitation, resulting in inhumane gains by traffickers.

Some Myanmar women fall into the trap of human trafficking due to various reasons, including poverty, lack of awareness, financial difficulties, being coerced into giving birth after receiving a small payment, the desire to achieve a seemingly better life, or seeking a way out of temporary hardships. As is often seen, social media pages sometimes show stories of Myanmar women meeting and marrying foreigners.

Victims of human trafficking are often coerced into giving birth for exploitative purposes, and because traffickers operate very covertly, only experts in human trafficking can effectively uncover these crimes. The public is urged to collectively oppose and prevent inhumane acts of trafficking and to provide unwavering support and protection to human trafficking victims.

Misinformation vs. Reality: The Truth Behind the 2026 General Election and Presidential Appointment

By Httoo Maung

ON 3 April, CNA, a foreign-based news agency, ignored the reality of Myanmar's political developments by publishing an article titled "Myanmar junta chief Min Aung Hlaing elected president by pro-military parliament." The report falsely claimed that power was seized from a civilian government in February 2021, that the 2025 election excluded major opposition forces, and that the international community condemned it

as a "sham." It further alleged that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing won by a landslide only because of a coalition between the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and military-appointed lawmakers.

To prevent public misconception, it is necessary to clarify the facts. It is well-known that during the multi-party democratic general election held on 8 November 2020, the NLD party committed massive fraud involving over 11

million votes to seize state power illegally. Despite the Tatmadaw's magnanimous efforts to resolve this—requesting a transparent audit, proposing a balanced Union Election Commission (UEC), and asking for a postponement of the third parliament (Hluttaw)—the NLD government refused to cooperate. With no room for negotiation, the Tatmadaw was forced to declare a state of emergency to preserve the nation.

Although the Tatmadaw as-

sumed state responsibilities, it did not initially abolish the NLD. Following the formation of the State Administration Council (SAC), the reconstituted UEC officially invited all political parties to participate in the 2025 General Election. Parties were repeatedly urged to register and follow legal protocols. The NLD chose not to comply with the Political Parties Registration Law. By failing to register of their own volition, they disqualified themselves under the

law, leading to the party's exit from the political arena. In essence, the NLD abolished itself.

Furthermore, remaining members of the NLD had every opportunity to re-register the party or form a new entity to compete in 2025. However, feeling ashamed by the widely publicized evidence of their previous electoral fraud, they declined to register, thereby absenting themselves from the contest.

The 2025 Multi-party Democratic General Election was conducted in three phases using Myanmar Electronic Voting Machines (MEVM). Out of 24.22 million eligible voters nationwide, over 13.14 million cast their ballots, representing a turnout of 54.22 per cent. This high participation confirms the success of the election. Voters enthusiastically chose their preferred parties and candidates in a free and fair environment.

International observers confirmed the integrity of the process: H.E. Mr. YICH Samethy (Cambodia) stated that no irregularities were found and described the process as complete and accountable. Chinese Observers: praised the election as successful, clean, and supported by active public participation. The Vice Dep-

uty Chairman of the Russian State Duma noted the enthusiasm of the voters and emphasized that the MEVM systems are tamper-proof, expressing pride in the public's commitment to the nation's future.

a simple "pro-military" coalition are debunked by the actual voting figures from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on the morning of April 3. Out of 586 representatives, 584 attended the secret ballot:

capable of maintaining stability through crises and providing national leadership.

The election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President is legally sound and reflects the collective will of the people's representatives. Leaders from neighboring and friendly nations—

Candidate	Nominating Group	Votes Received
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing	Elected Pyithu Hluttaw Members	429
U Nyo Saw	Defence Services Personnel Representatives	126
Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye	Elected Amyotha Hluttaw Members	29

Following the successful general election, the President was elected in accordance with the 2008 Constitution, which mandates three groups — the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Defence Services Personnel Representatives — to nominate candidates.

The claims by CNA regarding

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including the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Belarus—as well as domestic organizations and political parties, have sent messages of congratulations.

The allegations made by foreign media outlets like CNA are baseless, unproven, and entirely incorrect.

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The Pillars of Public Service: Principles and Practices for Myanmar Civil Service Personnel

By Soe Khant Lin

The success of a state's administrative system hinges on the dedication of its civil service personnel. These individuals are the strength of government, transforming policies into action and ensuring the smooth delivery of public services. Their unwavering loyalty fosters public trust and strengthens government stability.

Beyond loyalty, civil service personnel must safeguard the public interest. They are expected to be fair, honest, and responsible, always prioritizing the well-being of the people they

serve. Personal feelings should not interfere with their duty to serve all citizens equally or with their adherence to government rules and regulations.

Holding a public organization requires strict adherence to the country's constitution and laws. Civil service personnel must uphold the rule of law, encompassing both the constitution and all relevant legislation. Such commitment ensures that government activities remain transparent, fair, and within legal boundaries. At the same time, they bear responsibility to their

respective ministries and departments, ensuring effective policy implementation.

In today's information-driven world, safeguarding state secrets and sensitive data is of paramount importance. Civil service personnel serve as the first line of defence in maintaining official confidentiality. They must strictly follow security protocols, particularly in communication, to prevent unauthorized access. Familiarity with the Burma Official Secrets Act (1923) is essential for

fulfilling these responsibilities.

Continuous professional development is equally important. Civil service personnel must enhance their skills and maintain a positive attitude to serve the public effectively. While understanding the civil service personnel law, rules, and the code of conduct is essential, their consistent application in daily work and sharing of knowledge among colleagues are equally important for maintaining high standards.

Effective management and

adherence to established procedures are vital. Inefficiency can hinder progress, regardless of other competencies. The office manual (2020) provides essential guidance for administrative processes and highlights the importance of systematic and orderly operations.

Equally important is the ability to build strong teams and foster collaboration. Government employment relies heavily on coordination and mutual encouragement. Structured professional development plays a key role in career advancement. Training

at civil service academies under the Union Civil Service Board equips personnel with essential legal, ethical, and administrative knowledge. Practical application within departments, along with specialized training from respective ministries, further strengthens professional competence and contributes to the development of highly capable officials.

Understanding disciplinary codes and their consequences is also crucial. Even unintentional actions that negatively affect the image of civil service personnel may be considered misconduct.

Therefore, civil service personnel must remain vigilant, uphold professional behaviour, and avoid actions that could lead to disciplinary measures.

Respect and professionalism should guide all workplace relationships. Civil service personnel must treat colleagues and superiors with courtesy, regardless of rank, and interact with politeness and integrity. Respect for national traditions and customs should also be upheld at all times.

A clear understanding of state policies, development roadmaps, and national priorities en-

ables civil service personnel to make informed and responsible decisions. They must prioritize national security, uphold the law, and work diligently to achieve government objectives while avoiding any actions that may undermine public trust or damage the state's reputation.

Ultimately, the success and credibility of the civil service depend on public trust. To earn and sustain this trust, civil service personnel must act with integrity, perform their duties diligently, and strive for excellence in serving the nation.

DELICACY



Last week, as part of our “Traditional Myanmar Cuisine” series commemorating the Thingyan Festival, we featured the classic Thingyan treats Mont Lone Yay Paw and Shwe Yin Aye. Since Thingyan is just around the corner, this week we would like to present another regional speciality and Thingyan dish: Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice.

What is Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice?

Mawlamyine, historically known as Mottama, originated as one of the ancient Pyu cities. It is said that the Pali name of Mawlamyine is derived from the ancient city of Rammapur. Another account explains that the name “Mawlamyine” evolved from Maw-ra-myine, meaning “a pleasant forest where peacocks dwell joyfully”. Archaeological finds from the Mupun region still reveal Pyu beads, and “Mupun” itself, contrary to popular belief, is not a Mon word but a Burmese word that evolved from Lumupin > Mupin > Mupun. Based on this, Mawlamyine natives proudly state that the traditional recipe for Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice is originally a Pyu-Bamar culinary tradition inherited from their ancestors.

So... why not prepare this special Thingyan Rice at home this Thingyan and enjoy it happily with your family and friends?

Ingredients

1. Rice
2. Candle wax (for aromatic smoke)
3. Clay pot
4. Charcoal
5. Dried fish
6. Dried shrimp
7. A little turmeric
8. Garlic
9. Onion
10. Green mango
11. A little salt
12. Black sesame

13. Fresh fish paste (Hmyin Ngapi)
14. Roasted pea powder
15. Fried dried chillies
16. Oil

Method

Preparing the Fragrant Smoke Water (Phyaung Thin Yay)

This is the heart of Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice. Here is how to prepare it:

Slice thin shavings from the candle wax. Light a piece of charcoal until glowing and place it inside the clay pot. Position the wax shavings above the glowing charcoal. (You may also add thin slices of pandan leaf for extra fragrance.) Immediately cover the pot tightly. To prevent the aromatic smoke from escaping, seal the rim with a damp cloth. Let the wax melt and smoke for about 30 seconds. Quickly open the cover and pour in about 1 litre of water. Cover again for another minute.

After a minute, uncover and strain the liquid through a clean cloth to remove residues. You will now have a pot of fragrant, delicately scented aromatic water.

Preparing the Rice

Boil the rice until the grains soften and become tender. (Thingyan rice should be soft enough that it gently flattens when pressed with the tongue.) Drain the rice in a sieve. Rinse repeatedly with cool, clean water until the starch is removed. Once fully rinsed, refrigerate to chill.

Preparing Dried Fish Floss

Boil the dried fish (the best choice is dried Nga Kwin Shat or sun-dried split fish or split dried Spanish mackerel). Remove bones. Pound the boiled fish until fluffy. Pound the dried shrimp as well. Mix the two thoroughly. Heat oil in a pot with a little turmeric and fry the fish-shrimp mixture over low heat until crisp. Let cool.

Thinly slice garlic and onion, fry until crispy, and mix them into the fish floss. You will now have a fragrant, flavourful dried fish floss.

Green Mango Salad

Grate the green mango into salted water to prevent discolouration. Thinly slice the onion. Mix with pounded dried shrimp, black sesame, and a little fresh fish paste sautéed briefly in oil. Add fried onions, a little roasted pea powder, a pinch of salt, seasoning, and the grated mango (squeezed dry). Mix well to create a wonderfully fragrant and refreshing mango salad.

Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice

Thingyan Stir-Fry (Green Mango with Dried Fish Floss)

Mawlamyine residents call this Thingyan Kyaw. Grate the green mango. Pound the boiled dried fish and dried shrimp together. Peel and quarter onions. Heat oil with a little turmeric. Add thinly sliced onion and sauté. Add a little fresh fish paste and fry. Add the squeezed-dry grated mango and stir-fry briefly.

Add a splash of water (not too much) and continue frying. When most of the water evaporates, add the fish-shrimp mixture. Just before the liquid fully dries, add the quartered onions and reduce the heat. Once the oil rises and the onions soften and turn glossy, remove from heat. Season with salt and spices as needed (avoid chicken powder; it harms the original flavour).

Finally, sprinkle black sesame and mix well. This yields a richly fragrant, delicious Thingyan Kyaw.

Serving

Fry dried red chillies until crisp and set aside. Place chilled rice into a bowl. Pour fragrant smoke water over the rice. Serve with dried fish floss, green mango salad, Thingyan Kyaw, fried chillies, and roasted peas. This makes a refreshing, aromatic Mawlamyine Thingyan Rice, perfect for staying cool during the hot Thingyan season.

(After finishing the rice, you may drink the remaining scented water in the bowl. It is believed to cool the body and soothe the chest – ideal for the heat of Thingyan.) — Moon



NATIONAL

Sampan passengers decline by two-thirds after Dala Bridge opening

AFTER the Dala Bridge was opened, the number of sampan passengers has declined about two-thirds, according to residents and sampan drivers.

In the past, sampans were the main mode of transport between Yangon and Dala, but now people can easily travel by YBS buses since the bridge opened, leading to a decline in sampan passengers. At present, sampans have passengers only in the morning and evening commutes, said a boat driver.

“The number of sampan passengers has been relatively low after the bridge was opened. In the past, we had to drive about 40 trips a day, but now we have just 10-12 journeys a day. Before the bridge was opened, sampans had to drive on a rotational basis from morning to evening. Now we have passengers only during the morning and evening commutes and hardly any at noon,” he said.

“The number of passengers has fallen about two-thirds. We



Views of Dala Bridge from a Yangon-Dala passenger sampan.

have still passengers just because YBS bus stops do not exist everywhere in Dala and some stops are distant,” he added.

If YBS routes become expanded in Dala, the number of

sampan passengers may decrease further, said a sampan driver. Currently, sampan fare is K500 per person and K5,000 for a chartered journey.

“The YBS and sampan fares

don't differ much but some people prefer the road to the water. People who live within the short distance of YBS stops choose YBS only,” said a resident. — MT/ZS

Batch 3 of OJT for traditional Inlay stilt house restoration to begin late April



The On-the-Job Training (OJT) for carpenters in the restoration of traditional Inlay stilt houses.

BATCH 3 of the On-the-Job Training (OJT) for carpenters specializing in the restoration and maintenance of traditional Inlay stilt houses will commence in the last week of April, according to the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF).

OJT Batch 1 started on

19 February in ThaleU village, Nyaungshwe Township, and concluded on 20 March. OJT Batch 2 was opened on 3 March and successfully concluded on 1 April in Hatpone village.

The training covers both theoretical and practical aspects of constructing

disaster-resilient wooden houses. Key subjects include disaster-resistant wooden construction techniques, strengthening wooden structures in the Inlay region using bracing techniques, and systematic repair and restoration methods.

Each batch accommodates 20 trainees, with a total of 60 participants to be trained. The upcoming Batch 3, scheduled for the last week of April, will last one month.

Furthermore, the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation is currently conducting Batch 2 of an On-the-Job Training (OJT) course for masonry in Mandalay. This programme also trains 20 participants per session, with a long-term target of reaching 100 trainees. — MT/ZN

50,000 tonnes of edible oil to arrive before Thingyan holiday

JUST before the Thingyan holiday, 50,000 tonnes of edible oil will arrive at the jetties in Yangon Region, said the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association (MEODA) chairman.

In a statement on 3 April, the association said it held a coordination meeting with management committee members, central executive committee members, executive members and regional and state management committee members.

For logistics and distribution, MEODA has managed to provide the public demand for

April in regions and states, supplying raw materials required for industries systematically according to their proposals.

The meeting also discussed a systematic plan on transportation routes for withdrawing the new arrival of 50,000 tonnes in time and for increasing the daily withdrawal as storage tanks are full.

Further, it emphasized that members should properly supervise the operation process through close cooperation with government institutions. — MT/ZS



During the coordination meeting of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association.

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MAPCO to process US soybeans into oil for export

MYANMAR will import soybean grains from the United States, extract them, and export them as soybean oil to foreign countries, according to the Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO).

The International Feed Corporation of the US and the MAPCO have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to import soybean grain from the US to Myanmar. Currently, MAPCO is reportedly importing between 500 and 1,000 tonnes of defatted soybean flakes for animal feed.

“Soybean oil is popular among our consumers and is considered a healthier option. Therefore, we plan to integrate the rice and oil industries to support the livestock sector. We will

primarily import soybean grain and process it in rice bran oil plants to produce oil and defatted soybean flakes. In addition, we intend to export the oil. This plan will be submitted to the government for approval,” said an official from the MAPCO.

Soybean grain from the US will be imported in containers via Singapore or Malaysia before arriving at Yangon Port.

The MAPCO will, with government approval, import soybean grain within the next three months and process it into oil at two rice bran oil plants in Yangon, at a plant in Nay Pyi Taw—which is expected to be completed soon—and at another plant in Myaungmya. — ASH/TH



A chart shows rice bran oil plant of MAPCO is under construction in Nay Pyi Taw.

Heat relief shelters prepared and expanded across regions amid rising summer temperatures



Mobile medical teams providing healthcare services at a heat relief centre in Minhla Township.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Health, efforts are under way to open heat relief shelters in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Yangon, Magway, Bago and Mandalay regions.

It is also reported that inspections are currently being carried out at the heat relief shelters already opened in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and the respective regions. Hospitals and clinics have prepared sufficient bed capacity to admit

and treat patients, and necessary medicines and medical supplies have already been arranged.

In addition, mobile healthcare teams have been formed, and public awareness signboards on heatstroke prevention will be installed in places visible to the general public.

Furthermore, preparations are being made to widely open heat relief shelters in hospitals, including central-level hospitals,

across Magway, Bago, Mandalay and Yangon regions and the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

As the country is currently entering the hot summer season, heat relief shelters have been opened since 16 March in Magway Region, specifically in Magway, Yenangyoung, Chauk, and Natmouk townships, for those who find it difficult to stay in their homes and need to escape the extreme heat. — ASH/KZL

Yangon's Shan community celebrates 2026 traditional Thingyan pre-festival with festive spirit

ACCORDING to the Shan Literature and Culture Association (Yangon), the 2026 Shan Traditional Thingyan (pre-festival) celebration of Shan ethnic people living in Yangon was held in a lively and festive manner on 4 April at the 9th-Mile Shan Monastery (Bamboo-strip Pagoda) in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

The event was jointly organized by the Shan Literature and Culture Association (Yangon) and Cherry FM.

“We create chances for children of Shan community to enjoy water festival. We set small ponds for children. Moreover, we served them



Scenes from Shan Traditional Thingyan (pre-festival) of Shan ethnic people living in Yangon.

with purified drinking water and varieties of foods including Shan traditional snacks,” said Sai Khae Leng of Yangon Shan Literature and Culture Association.

The festival was held not only to allow Shan ethnic people residing in Yangon to experience the atmosphere of the Thingyan festival from Shan State, but also to strengthen friendship and unity among ethnic communities.

Last year, they held the activities of Shan traditional Thingyan festival at Hmyawsin Island in Kandawgyi Lake in Bahan Township of Yangon Region. — ASH/KNN

Pharmaceutical logistics in demand as war rattles supply chains

MEDICINES can stop pain, fight cancer and save lives but are worthless if they get lost in the mail, spoil in a hot warehouse or are stuck on a ship.

This is where pharmaceutical logistics comes in — a fast-growing sector in a world where key supply chains have been shaken by war, pandemic and trade chaos. One of its European hubs is what Germany's DHL calls its health logistics campus near Frankfurt, dedicated to ensuring drugs and other crucial medical products reliably get to where they're needed.

As fears of medicine



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shortages grow amid the five-week-old Middle East war, its task is to ensure steady shipments to hospitals, pharmacies, labs and

other customers across Europe and worldwide.

The company's facility — the size of 14 football fields, with its roofs

covered in solar panels — is located in Florstadt outside Frankfurt, itself a transport centre in the middle of Europe.—AFP

Sweden releases tanker after oil-spill probe

SWEDISH authorities have released a tanker they had suspected of causing an oil spill after finding no offence could be proved. The Flora 1 was boarded on Friday after officials alleged there were issues with its registration status and that the vessel was on an EU sanctions list. But the coast guard said late on Saturday that Cameroon had confirmed the vessel's registration and no environmental offence could be proved, adding: "There are therefore no further grounds for continuing the investigation." European countries have ramped up action against a so-called "shadow fleet" of vessels that transport oil from Russia in an effort to get around EU and other international sanctions. According to the ship tracking site marinetraffic.com, Flora 1 departed the Russian oil port Primorsk on 31 March heading for Santos in Brazil, flying the flag of Sierra Leone.—AFP



Swedish authorities have released a tanker they had suspected of causing an oil spill. **PHOTO: THIBAUD MORITZ / AFP / FILE**

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Cuba completes unloading of Russian oil tanker

CUBA has completed the unloading of a Russian tanker carrying 100,000 tonnes of humanitarian oil cargo, the state Union Cuba-Petroleo (CUPET) oil and gas company said on Saturday.

On Monday, the Russian Transport Ministry said that the Anatoly Kolodkin tanker carrying 100,000 tonnes of crude oil as humanitarian aid had arrived in Cuba and was awaiting unloading at the port of Matanzas.

"The discharge of the Russian vessel 'Anatoly Kolodkin' has been successfully completed on schedule. In the coming days, the processing of the 100,000 tonnes of received oil will begin as part of the solidarity assistance from Russia," Cupet said on X.—SPUTNIK

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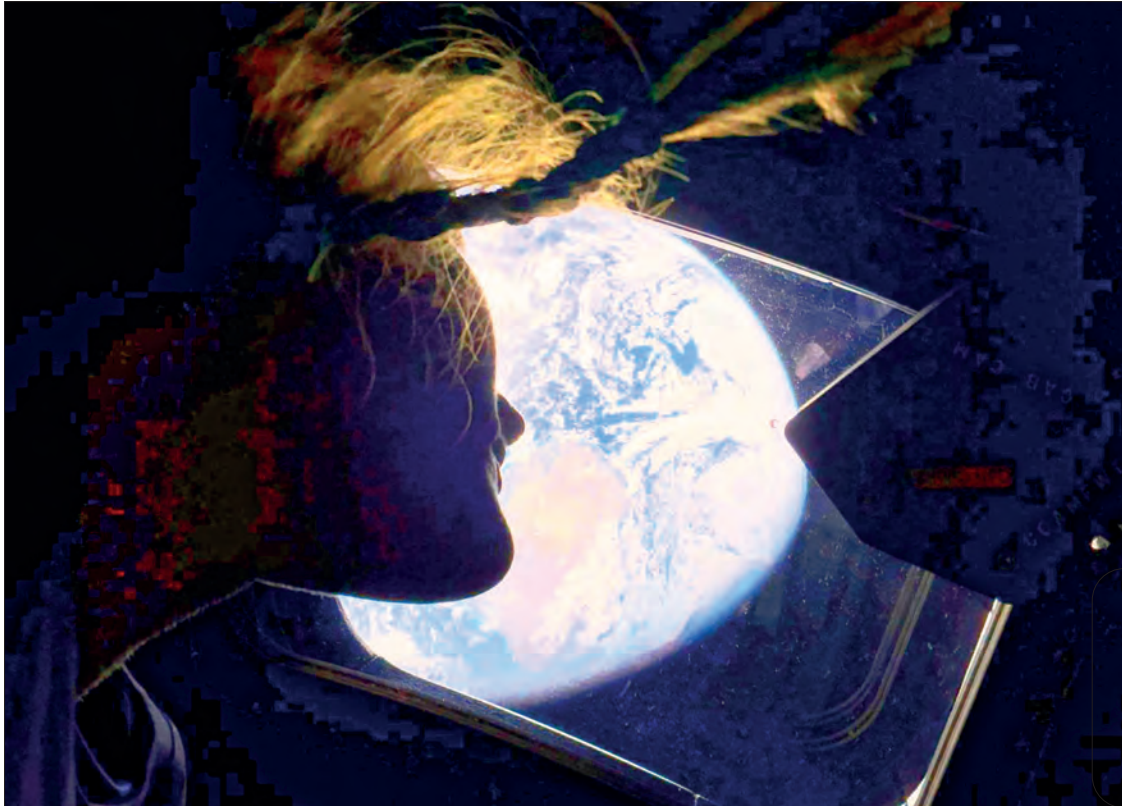
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WORLD

Artemis astronauts to study the Moon's surface using mainly their eyes

The human eye is basically the best camera that could ever or will ever exist.



MORE than 50 years after humans first flew around the Moon, Artemis astronauts will repeat the feat on Monday and use the most basic instrument to study it: their eyes.

Despite the technological advancements since the Apollo missions, NASA still relies on the eyesight of its astronauts to learn more about the Moon.

"The human eye is basically the best camera that could ever or will ever exist," Kelsey Young, the lead scientist for the Artemis 2 mission, told AFP.

NASA astronaut and Artemis II mission specialist Christina Koch peers out of one of the Orion spacecraft's main cabin windows, looking back at Earth, as the crew travels toward the moon on Thursday. **PHOTO: NASA**

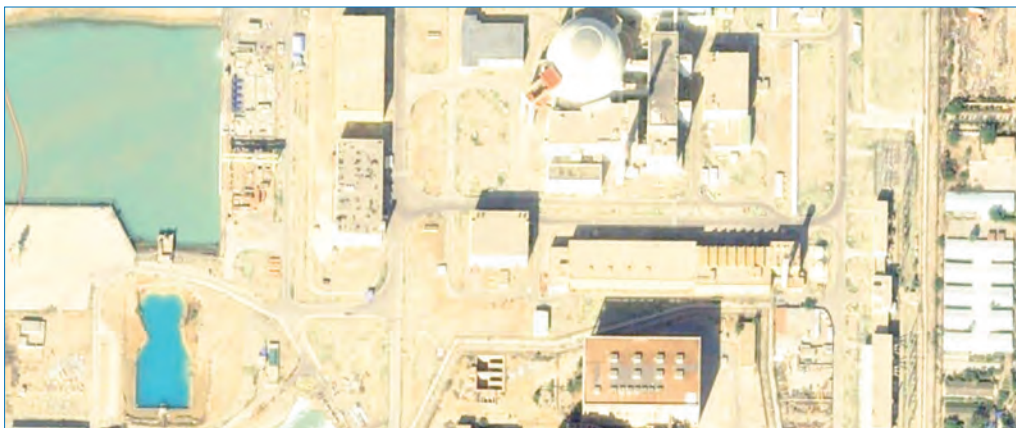
"The number of receptors in the human eye far outweighs what a camera is able to do."

Although modern cameras may be superior to human eyesight in some respects, "the human eye is really good at color, and it's really good at context, and it's also really good at photometric observations," Young said.

Humans can understand how lighting changes surface details, like how angled lighting reveals texture but reduces visible color.

In just the blink of an eye, humans can detect a subtle color shift and understand how lighting changes the contours of a landscape like the Moon's surface, details which are scientifically useful but difficult to ascertain from photos or videos. — AFP

War in the Middle East: latest developments



Bushehr nuclear station, pictured here on 1 January 2025 has been hit several times since the war began. **PHOTO: SATELLITE IMAGE ©2021 MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES/AFP**

THE latest developments in the Middle East war:

US rescue mission

Iran's military said a US operation to rescue a missing airman from a downed fighter jet had been "completely foiled", hours after President Donald Trump announced the crew member had been recovered in a "daring" operation.

Ebrahim Zolfaghari, spokesman for the Iranian military's central command, said two C-130 military transport planes and two helicop-

ters were destroyed during the operation.

Trump, in a social media post, said "dozens" of US aircraft took part in the rescue operation and that the crew member was injured "but he will be just fine". The other crew member from the downed warplane was rescued on Saturday.

Israel targets Beirut

The Israeli military said it had begun striking Lebanon's capital Beirut to take out "Hezbollah infrastructure sites".

Shortly after, an AFP photographer in Beirut saw a missile hit a building and Israeli warplanes flying at low over the city. Lebanese state media said a building in south Beirut was hit.

Lebanon urges Israel talks

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun renewed a call for negotiations with Israel, saying he wanted to spare south Lebanon from destruction on the scale seen in Gaza.

"It is true that Israel might want to do in southern Lebanon what it did in Gaza,"

Aoun said in a televised address, after Israel launched airstrikes and a ground offensive.

Israeli warship targeted

Hezbollah said it had targeted an Israeli warship off the Lebanese coast with a cruise missile, the first such claim by the group since the start of the war. The Israeli military said it was "not aware" of the attack.

Abu Dhabi plant ablaze

Authorities in Abu Dhabi said they were battling fires at a petrochemical facility caused by falling debris, as Iran pressed an aerial campaign against its Gulf neighbours.

The emirate's media office said work at the plant had been suspended to allow the damage to be assessed.

Aluminium threat

The UAE's defence ministry said its air defences were responding to missile and drone attacks after Iran said it was targeting "aluminium industries". — AFP

Chinese researchers unveil catalyst to cut energy use

A Chinese research team has developed a new catalytic strategy that enables efficient conversion of syngas into light olefins under mild conditions.

The study, led by professors Sun Jian and Ge Qingjie at the Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, was published in Nature on Wednesday.

Syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen, is a key feedstock for producing fuels and chemicals via the Fischer-Tropsch processes, the major technical routes in China and many other countries. Traditional Fischer-Tropsch processes for light olefins typically require temperatures above 300 degrees Celsius and pressures over 2 megapascals, leading to high energy consumption and costs.

Moreover, a trade-off often exists between carbon monoxide conversion and light olefin selectivity: as the reaction becomes more complete, the desired light olefin intermediates can be over-converted into undesired products such as alkanes or heavy waxes. — Xinhua

SPORTS

First Myanmar Sepak Takraw League finals held in Yangon

THE finals of the inaugural Myanmar Sepak Takraw League 2026 (MSL 2026), jointly organized by the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, the Club Development Committee and Shwe Thanlwin Media, took place yesterday afternoon at Thuwunna Sepak Takraw Indoor Stadium in Thingangyun Township, Yangon.

The event saw Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, members of the regional government, officials and invited guests.

In the finals, Youth Camp defeated YRG in the women's event with scores of 15-8, 12-15 and 15-6. In the men's three-player event, YRG beat Shwe Kyun Thar 6-15, 15-10 and 15-5. In the men's quadrant event, A Dark Horse defeated YRG

9-15, 17-15 and 15-9.

After the matches, an award ceremony was held, where individual medals, cash awards and trophies were presented to outstanding male and female youth players as well as first, second and third prize-winning teams by regional government officials and responsible persons.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presented medals, cash awards and the championship trophy to A Dark Horse, winners of the men's quadrant event.

The competition featured five teams in the women's regu event and 10 teams in the men's event, competing in men's regu and men's quadrant categories under a round-robin format from 14 March to 5 April. — Bala/KZL



A Dark Horse and YRG compete in the men's quadrant final.

Van Dijk apologises for Liverpool thumping by Man City

VIRGIL Van Dijk apologised to Liverpool fans after admitting his side gave up during their FA Cup quarter-final defeat against Manchester City.

Arne Slot's team slumped to a dismal 4-0 loss at the Etihad Stadium on Saturday, leaving Van Dijk furious with their second-half display.

Already trailing 2-0 at half-time after Erling Haaland's brace, Liverpool conceded again immediately following the restart as Antoine Semenyo netted before Haaland completed his hat-trick.

Liverpool's limp surrender sparked a mass exodus of their 8,000 fans well before the final whistle.

Van Dijk acknowledged he was culpable after conceding a penalty that Haaland converted



Liverpool manager Arne Slot is under mounting pressure. PHOTO: AFP

in the first half and the Reds captain said his team-mates must also accept the blame.

"I can only apologise to the fans for what we have shown, especially the second half," he said.

"Obviously you come out with the right intentions from

the dressing room, to hopefully score for 2-1 as soon as possible to change the game.

"The opposite happens and to come back from 3-0 is obviously very difficult here — but also you shouldn't give up and that's maybe, at a certain point, what happened. — AFP

Paul topples Tiafoe to book Houston ATP final against Burruchaga

FOURTH-SEEDED Tommy Paul out-last-ed second-seeded Frances Tiafoe 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7) on Saturday to book a title clash with Roman Burruchaga at the ATP clay court tournament in Houston, Texas.

Paul improved to 4-1 against fellow American Tiafoe, denying the 2023 champion a fourth straight appearance in the Houston final.

"I did a good job of playing when I needed to," Paul said after prevailing in a match halted by rain in the second set. "That was an incredible match with Big Foe.

Paul, ranked 21st in the world, is into his second final of the year after a runner-up finish to Sebastian Korda at Delray Beach in February. — AFP

MGF organizes Junior Development Programme

FOR enhancing the qualification of the next generation of young golfers, a six-day junior development programme has been ongoing in Yangon, according to Myanmar Golf Federation.

The duration is from 1 to 6 April, the development programme has been still in progress at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Yangon.

It is a part of MGF project that aims to facilitate the development of young golf players so that they will be able to compete in international tour-

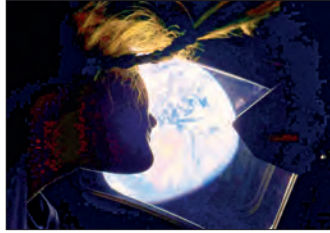
naments and enjoy victories.

MGF organizes local competitions 5-10 times a year as well as it also joins international events in order to encourage new young players to stand out and polish their skill.

Professional golfers Ye Htet Aung and U Kyaw Ko Ko Chit, who is Myanmar national team supervisor, are coaches and a national golf player Hein Naing Zin is assistant coach. Ye Htet Aung has participated in international tournaments as a professional golfer and gained success. — MT/ZS



Junior Development Programme of the Myanmar Golf Federation.



Oman, Iran start discussions on opening Straits of Hormuz amid West Asia conflict

The discussions focused on "possible options for ensuring the smooth flow of transit" through the Strait of Hormuz.

THE Foreign Ministry of Oman on Sunday stated that the Sultanate and the Islamic Republic of Iran have initiated discussions on ensuring the smooth flow of maritime transit through the strategically significant Strait of Hormuz amid prevailing regional conflict, which is currently in its second month.

According to a statement issued by the ministry on X, the two sides held a meeting on Saturday, 4 April, at the level of deputy foreign ministers, with participation from specialists representing both countries.

The statement noted that the discussions focused on "possible options for ensuring the smooth flow of transit" through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global energy corridor that handles a significant share of the world's energy shipments.

"The Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Iran held a meeting on 4 April 2026 CE, at the level of deputy ministers in the foreign ministries of the two countries, attended by specialists



A family sits against the backdrop of a dockyard in Khor Fakkan in the Gulf emirate of Sharjah, off the coast of the Gulf of Oman, on 25 February 2026. **PHOTO: GIUSEPPE CACACE/AFP/FILE**

from both sides. The meeting discussed possible options for ensuring the smooth flow of transit through the Strait of Hormuz amid the circumstances currently prevailing in the region," the statement read. — ANI

Iran attacks energy infrastructure across Gulf states



An aerial view of the landmark Kuwait Towers and the Ras al-Ard cape of Kuwait City overlooking the Gulf waters. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

CRITICAL infrastructure across the Gulf came under attack from Iran on Sunday, with damage reported at civilian facilities in the

United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Gulf countries have faced repeated drone and missile sal-

vos from Iran in response to US and Israeli strikes on the Islamic republic that began at the end of February.

Iran has targeted energy and other industrial infrastructure in the oil-rich Gulf nations, accusing its neighbours of allowing US forces to carry out attacks from their territory.

The Gulf states have vehemently denied the accusations.

Attacks by Iranian drones on Sunday resulted in "severe" damage to Kuwaiti oil and petrochemical facilities, the state petroleum company said.

The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation said a number of facilities of its subsidiary Petrochemical Industries Company were targeted in the attack. — AFP

Explosives found near key Serbia-Hungary gas pipeline

SERBIAN President Aleksandar Vucic told Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban by phone that explosives were found near a gas pipeline that carries Russian gas from Serbia to Hungary.

"Our units found high-powered explosives and detonators," Vucic wrote on Instagram, after briefing Orban on the military and police investigations.

Inspecting a building site later on Sunday, he told journalists that the explosives were found in the autonomous Vojvodina province in northern Serbia, near the Hungarian border.

The bomb was found near the main pipeline that delivers Russian gas from the TurkStream network to Serbia and Hungary.

Viktor Orban announced that he will convene a defence council meeting on Sunday afternoon following the discovery of explosives near a gas pipeline in Serbia that supplies Russian gas to Hungary.

"Serbian authorities have discovered a powerful explosive device and the means to detonate it at a critical gas infrastructure facility connecting Serbia and Hungary. An investigation is underway. I have convened an emergency meeting of the defence council this afternoon," Orban said. — SPUTNIK