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President U Min Aung Hlaing receives the Thai delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Myanmar, Thailand Eye Wider Cooperation in Key Economic Sectors

Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow led a delegation to pay a courtesy call on Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union ministers from the

President Office, Foreign Affairs, National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and Electricity and Energy, attended the meeting alongside Thai officials and embassy representatives.

Both sides discussed long-standing friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries and agreed to strength-

en cooperation in multiple sectors. Key topics included border stability, anti-narcotics efforts, combatting online scams and illegal gambling, and reducing cross-border haze pollution. They also discussed reopening and promoting border trade routes.

The meeting further covered Myanmar's domestic political de-

velopments, including its ongoing peace process, efforts of the new government after a multiparty democratic general election, and continued cooperation under ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus, particularly in humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding.

They also explored expanding cooperation in agriculture, livestock, investment, electricity

and energy, and manufacturing sectors.

The Thai delegation expressed support for Myanmar's peace process, and both parties agreed to enhance bilateral collaboration moving forward.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of commemorative gifts and a group photo session. — MNA/KZL

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60,000+ visit Shwezigon Pagoda during Thingyan festival



This photo illustrates pilgrims thronging on the platform of the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan during the Myanmar New Year holiday. **PHOTO: KO LWIN**

MORE than 60,000 visitors entered the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan during the Thingyan period, marking a significant increase compared with last year, according to the pagoda's Board of Trustees.

During the 2025 Thingyan festival, from 13 to 16 April, over 42,000 visitors were recorded. This year's festival saw a notable rise, despite challenges such as adverse weather conditions and fuel shortages. For-

eign visitors from China, India, Japan and the United States were also among those visiting the site.

The board chairman said that Bagan remains a key destination for both domestic and international tourists due to its rich cultural heritage. He added that the steady flow of visitors during the four-day festival also boosted local businesses.

Although overall tourist numbers to Bagan have fluctu-

ated in recent years, major landmarks, particularly Shwezigon Pagoda, have continued to attract large crowds. Religious activities, including donations and communal meals, were also actively carried out.

On Myanmar New Year's Day, more than 2,000 monks received alms offerings on the pagoda platform, with devotees taking part in merit-making activities throughout the festival. — Ottha/KZL

Union Consultative Council Member receives Thai Deputy PM & Foreign Minister

UNION Consultative Council Member U Than Swe received Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, who was on a working visit to

Myanmar, at the Jasmine Nay Pyi Taw Hotel on 22 April 2026. They cordially exchanged views on matters of promoting relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand. — MNA



Union Consultative Council Member U Than Swe meets the Thai Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Sihasak Phuangkitkeow yesterday.

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Appointment of National Security Adviser

U Tin Aung San, Union Minister for the President's Office, has been appointed as the National Security Adviser to the President and the President's Office to provide comprehensive analysis and recommendations on national security issues.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Call for PDFs to Rejoin Legal Framework

INDIVIDUALS who incited violence within the country and fled abroad have unlawfully formed the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) and the National Unity Government (NUG) and also established groups under the name of the People's Defence Force (PDF) to pursue armed insurgency and carry out attacks against the State.

The CRPH and NUG issued contradictory statements without any solid political stance. CRPH declared the abolition of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and formed the NUG.

The 2020 multiparty general election was conducted in accordance with the 2008 Constitution, and subsequent actions have been carried out in line with the constitutional provisions related to states of emergency. If, as declared by CRPH, the 2008 Constitution has been abolished, then their status as members of parliament would automatically become invalid, and the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw would cease to exist, and the formation of the NUG would not be possible.

On the other hand, CRPH and NUG claim to be the legitimate government elected by the people. Such a claim implies recognition of the 2008 Constitution. If the Constitution no longer exists, then neither do they. If they claim to exist legitimately, they seem to recognize the 2008 Constitution. Therefore, CRPH and NUG are acting inconsistently without a clear direction.

Those who formed the NUG, claiming to be the elected government, have already exceeded their term according to the 2008 Constitution. Regardless of their claims to legitimacy, if the Constitution has been abolished, they become invalid entities; if the Constitution remains, they are organizations whose terms have expired. Their true colour has become evident.

Now, the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee has invited the ethnic armed organizations to engage in open-ended peace dialogues to end armed conflicts and resolve political issues through political means. Therefore, it is time for the various groups operating under the name of PDF to reconsider their path. These groups are urged to return to the legal fold as soon as possible in pursuance of the invitation extended by the government. — MNA

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Vice-President receives Thai Deputy PM & Foreign Minister

VICE-PRESIDENT U Nyo Saw received a delegation led by Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They discussed strengthening existing diplomatic relations and friendship between the two countries, promoting multi-sectoral cooperation, including in the economic and energy sectors, increasing border trade and investment, enhancing cooperation between the two countries' banks, maintaining peace and stability in border areas, and further cooperating to combat illegal border trade, online gambling, and financial fraud.

Also, present on the occasion were Union Minister U Tun Ohn, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Dr Khin Naing Oo, deputy ministers and officials, as well as the Thai foreign minister's adviser and delegation officials. — MNA/TH



Vice-President U Nyo Saw receives the delegation led by Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister from Thailand, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and Thailand hold bilateral meeting

U TIN MAUNG SWE, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a bilateral meeting with Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, who paid a working visit to Nay Pyi Taw from 21 to 22 April 2026, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the afternoon of 22 April 2026.

Both sides noted that the current period is an important transition in both countries, as new governments have recently been formed in Myanmar and Thailand. In this context, they stated the importance of strengthening the existing friendship and cooperation between the two countries, as well as enhancing closer collaboration at the regional and international levels. As close neighbours sharing a long common border, Myanmar and Thailand agreed to intensify cooperation in maintaining stability and the rule of law in border areas, and to enhance joint efforts to prevent and combat transnational crime and illegal trade. They also discussed addressing environmental conservation and



Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe holds talk with Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

resuming the existing bilateral cooperation mechanisms, including the Joint Commission (JC) and the Joint Trade Commission (JTC) and promoting Thailand's investment in various sectors, including the energy sector in Myanmar.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe expressed his appreciation that the visit of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand reflects

support for Myanmar's positive political development and the Myanmar government's effort in this regard. He emphasized that peace and stability in border areas are essential not only for Myanmar's peace process but also for the prosperity of people living in the border areas of both countries. He underscored the importance of effective bilateral cooperation in addressing challenges in border areas, welcomed Thailand's willingness to support

Myanmar's peace process, and stated that Myanmar will continue the peace process within the framework of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand congratulated Myanmar on the formation of a new government led by President U Min Aung Hlaing, welcomed the release of prisoners on the occasion of Myanmar's New Year and extended invitations

to the armed groups to join peace talks. He stated that Thailand acknowledges Myanmar's efforts towards peace and national reconciliation and will continue to strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual benefit. He also expressed Thailand's readiness to support the normalization of Myanmar's engagement within ASEAN. He further mentioned that Thailand will support development assistance to Myanmar's agriculture, health, education sectors and SMEs.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe also hosted a luncheon in honour of the delegation led by Mr Sihasak Phuanketkeow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at the Jasmine Nay Pyi Taw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and the delegation departed Nay Pyi Taw for Thailand by a special flight on the evening of 22 April 2026 and were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs and senior officials. — MNA

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw bears 24-hour duty for national defence, must advance public interest



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo addresses the meeting with Tatmadaw members and families from Magway Station at the local battalion yesterday.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo held a meeting with Tatmadaw members and families of Magway Station at the local battalion yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services delivered a speech, saying that Tatmadaw must necessarily become a Tatmadaw that is fully equipped with the three types of capabilities, and it is important not to forget the duties that must be carried out. Military capability refers to combat capability and combat strength. To develop capability, it is necessary to train to achieve good physical fitness, courage, and professional skills. Building a combat-capable Tatmadaw depends on personnel, and training is the key factor in enhancing overall capability.

The foundation of military tactics is drill training, which is

conducted with the aim of developing obedience to orders and good discipline. Therefore, major military training depots are required to carry out systematic training. In terms of obedience to orders, it exists at both the individual and group levels. Since Tatmadaw operates on a team system, individual capabilities must be combined to build and achieve the overall capability of the organization.

In Tatmadaw, administrative capability requires broad and comprehensive planning and implementation, including matters such as food, accommodation, movement and living arrangements, and the enforcement of military discipline. Those responsible are also required to properly manage and maintain these areas. Weaknesses in administration can lead to a lack of unity within the units.

In administration, it is necessary to possess a commander's good spirit and a fatherly mindset with empathy, and to ensure fairness and balance in management. If the administration is weak, it will undermine unity and cohesion. A good leader must have a sense of responsibility and accountability. Matters that should be forgiven must be forgiven, while issues that cannot be excused must be addressed in accordance with the law. It is necessary to consistently uphold discipline to build a disciplined and well-ordered military; however, care must also be taken to avoid extreme rigidity.

Regarding welfare, it is necessary to carry out activities for military units with care and goodwill. Welfare does not only refer to food supply, but also includes housing, living conditions, transport, and overall conveni-

ence in all aspects of daily life. Good welfare significantly supports both administration and morale.

Encouraging small-scale farming and livestock breeding is intended to reduce household expenses for purchasing food from outside. Unit-level farming and livestock activities are not meant to increase military funds, but rather to improve the welfare of military families.

He noted that support should be provided twice a year, not only to improve the quality of Tatmadaw members but also to enhance the education of their children. Therefore, efforts should be made collectively to ensure that all children of military personnel at least complete education up to KG+9 level.

The people and Tatmadaw are inseparable, and efforts must be made to ensure that they re-

main close, affectionate, and united. In the country, Tatmadaw has a 24-hour responsibility for national defence and must also work to promote the interests and welfare of the people.

The General then fulfilled the needs of Tatmadaw members and their families.

The General presented foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families through the station commander, while his wife gave cash awards for the station maternal and child welfare association through the wife of the station commander.

General Ye Win Oo, his wife and party cordially greeted Tatmadaw members and families.

Also, present at the meeting were Daw Nilar, the wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tun Win and his wife, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Central Command, officers, other ranks and families of the station.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected the site chosen for construction tasks of the existing basic education primary school to be upgraded to a middle school and the construction site of a stadium, facilitated with a 400-metre track for 1,556 spectators at the local airbase, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA/TTA

Trading Amount and Foreign Exchange Rate in the Market on 22 April 2026

THE amount of foreign currencies traded in the foreign exchange market was sold for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, industrial raw materials, car/motorcycle spare parts, pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical raw materials, fertiliz-

ers, construction materials, consumer foodstuffs and corn seeds. From the CMP sector revenue, US\$3.05 million was contributed to the edible oil sector and US\$1 million to the LNG sector. — MNA

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.3~3,665.7	558.2~558.5	125.5~125.7	43.6
Trading amount in the market	20,974,288.02	15,473,15.38	37,028,821.83	1,420,000.00
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

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NATIONAL

Defence Services C-in-C visits Magway Tatmadaw Hospital

DEFENCE Services Commander-in-Chief General Ye Win Oo, accompanied by his wife Daw Nilar, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their spouses, the Central Command commander, and other officials, visited the Tatmadaw Hospital in Magway yesterday morning.

Upon arrival at the hospital, the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief and party were welcomed by the hospital commandant and responsible officials.

General Ye Win Oo met and offered words of encouragement to officers and soldiers, members of the Myanmar Police Force, and members of the People's Militia (local) who are receiving medical treatment there.

The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief and his team then toured the wards, meeting



Defence Services Commander-in-Chief General Ye Win Oo offers comfort to a patient receiving treatment at Magway Tatmadaw Hospital yesterday.

officers, other ranks, Myanmar Police Force personnel and members of the People's Militia (local) who are undergoing treatment. He spoke with them individually, enquiring about their medical conditions, the treatment they were receiving, and their recovery progress. He also offered words of encouragement and presented them with food items and financial awards.

Similarly, the wife of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief and accompanying members visited the women's and children's wards, where they met patients receiving treatment, offered encouragement, and provided support items as well as donations for the hospital.

Afterwards, the General and his delegation inspected the hospital facilities and gave necessary instructions. — MNA/MKKS

Expanded Flight Schedules of Myanmar National Airlines

UNDER the guidance of the President, Myanmar National Airlines, under the Ministry of Transport, will expand its flight services starting 24 April 2026 to improve access to destinations with limited road connectivity.

The expanded flights will operate from Yangon to Manaung and Kyaukpyu townships in Rakhine State three days a week as follows: -

No	Date	Flight
1	Monday	Yangon-Manaung-Kyaukpyu-Yangon
2	Wednesday	Yangon-Kyaukpyu-Manaung-Yangon
3	Friday	Yangon-Manaung-Kyaukpyu-Yangon

Similarly, the flights will operate to Dawei, Bokpyin and Kawthoung townships based on Myeik Airport, six days a week as follows: -

No	Date	Flight
1	Monday	Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Myeik
2	Tuesday	Myeik-Dawei-Myeik
3	Wednesday	Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Myeik
4	Thursday	Myeik-Dawei-Myeik
5	Friday	Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Myeik
6	Sunday	Myeik-Dawei-Myeik

Details of the expanded flights and tickets are available on the Myanmar National Airlines website, www.flymna.com, and tickets can also be purchased from the authorized sale agents in respective townships.

Ministry of Transport

UMTA, China's Heilongjiang Tourism Association sign tourism MoU

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) and the Heilongjiang Provincial Tourism Association of the People's Republic of China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote tourism between the two countries, according to UMTA.

During the signing ceremony held on 20 April at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon, the MoU was signed by UMTA Chairman U Kyaw Phone Naing and the Chairman of the Heilongjiang

Provincial Tourism Association, Mr Wang Hongxin.

It is reported that this MOU marks a significant step toward expanding tourism collaboration between the two nations.

The ceremony was attended by U Aung Naing Thu, Chief Minister of Yangon Region and relevant officials, Mr Wu Qin, Communist Party Secretary of Heilongjiang Province and delegates, Ms Ma Jia, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, and other invitees. — MT/ZN



Representatives from UMTA and the Heilongjiang Provincial Tourism Association are seen signing the MoU.

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NATIONAL

Myitkyina University boosts China scholarship ties

UNDER the guidance of the Union Minister for Education, Myitkyina University is strengthening its international cooperation.

Yesterday, 19 students from Myitkyina University departed from Yangon International Airport to attend a three-year diploma course in “Fashion and Apparel Design” at the Guangxi Economic and Trade Vocational Institute (GXETVI) in Nanning, People’s Republic of China, on full scholarships.

The programme aims to develop skilled technicians in the textile and design sector, which is an important area for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). It also seeks to cultivate human resources



Students enrolled in a three-year fashion and apparel design course in China are seen prior to their departure at Yangon International Airport.

that the opportunity to learn modern technologies in China will promote technology transfer and support the development of the domestic technical and vocational education and training (TVET) sector.

The students will begin their courses on 27 April. This collaboration represents a significant step in advancing the international engagement of Myitkyina University. The opportunity to study high-quality subjects under a comprehensive scholarship programme, without financial cost to the State, will bring considerable benefits to both the country and the university. — Kaung Kaung (Myeik)/MKKS

capable of designing and producing value-added products that meet international standards, rather than relying on the

export of raw materials. In addition, it is expected

Yangon property market holds firm post-Thingyan as rental demand rises

THE Yangon property market has remained stable in terms of sales following the Thingyan festival period, according to sources within the Yangon Region real estate market.

Since the third week of April, sales activity in Yangon’s housing, land and apartment market has stabilized. Properties listed at inflated prices higher than their actual market value have seen very few transactions, while buying and selling have continued at normal price levels, indicating a stable market condition.

“After the Thingyan period, transactions in Yangon’s housing, land and apartment market have been normal and stable.

Properties offered at excessively high prices, beyond their realistic value, are no longer attracting much interest. At present, apartments priced between K100 million and K400 million are seeing transactions. Above that range, no matter how good the location or the quality of the building, sales are not taking place. Currently, the market is mainly active among buyers and sellers who genuinely need liquidity, those selling land to purchase apartments, and people buying for actual residence. As a result, transactions remain steady,” said Daw Aye Aye Mar, Chair of the Shwe San Eain Real Estate Agency in Thingangyun Town-

ship, Yangon Region.

In addition, the rental market is reportedly active, with increasing numbers of people from various states and regions moving to Yangon Region and staying temporarily. Rental prices are being adjusted approximately every six months.

In townships across Yangon Region, apartment rents in well-located areas with good transport links have been rising by around K50,000 to K100,000 every six months. In such areas, demand is so high that prospective tenants often have to pay deposits in advance and wait for availability, indicating a strong rental market. — ASH/MKKS



This photo captures residential buildings in Yangon Region.

Air Quality Measurements in Yangon on 21 April

THE Environmental Conservation Department of Yangon Region conducts 24-hour monitoring of six Parameters: Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5), Particulate Matter 10 (PM10), Sulphur Dioxide (SO2), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2), Ozone (O3) and Carbon Monoxide (CO), using Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station with Mobile Car (AQMS Mobile Car) and Compact Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQM 65) at three locations as follows: -

No	Air quality monitoring sites in Yangon Region	Parameters					
		PM 2.5	PM 10	SO ₂	NO ₂	O ₃	CO
1	Botahtaung Township, Yangon	Good					
2	International Business Centre, Hline, Yangon	Good					
3	Dagon Township, Yangon	Good					

Air Quality Index - AQI

0-50	Good air quality
51-100	Acceptable air quality
101-150	Unhealthy for sensitive groups
151-200	Unhealthy
201-300	Very unhealthy
301-500	Hazardous

The measured air quality results may vary depending on factors such as temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity, rainfall, vehicle usage, dust dispersion due to hot and dry conditions, emissions from factories, and surrounding environmental conditions near the monitoring sites.

Environmental Conservation Department

CBM continues dollar injection into edible oil import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.22 million to edible oil-importing companies on 21 April, in addition to transactions of over three million baht in the market.

CBM has been continuously injecting US dollars into the edible oil import sector, with \$2.48 million on 20 April, along with a transaction of 3.86 million baht in the foreign exchange market.

CBM sold three million baht in the foreign exchange market, in addition to an injection of \$881,250 to edible oil-importing companies on 10 April.

CBM announced on 9 April that it would inject US\$49 million into the fuel oil sector and \$8.16 million into edible oil businesses. CBM made transactions of over 2.39 million baht on that day, in addition to sales of \$1.36 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$1 million to fuel oil-importing companies.

CBM sold over \$35 million, 34 million baht and over three million yuan in February. CBM sold over \$43 million, 65 million baht and over four million yuan in January 2026.

CBM injected foreign cur-



Cooking oil bottles are neatly organized for sale at the supermarket.

rencies 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 (pri-

vate 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

MGMA members invited to Intertextile Shenzhen Apparel Fabrics Expo

MEMBER companies and factories operated under the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) are invited to participate in the Intertextile Shenzhen Apparel Fabrics exhibition that is scheduled to take place on 9-11 June 2026 at the Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Centre (Futian).

The Intertextile Shenzhen Apparel Fabrics is one of the most cost-effective exhibitions with a variety of fabrics, fibres, designs, innovative technology and a wide scope of services. This will bring about great opportunities to meet with high-quality international textile suppliers and to build business networking with garment manufacturers, designers and suppliers from China and the globe.

Those who want to join the Buyer Delegation Programme along with MGMA will be provided a two-night hotel stay, shuttle bus, business matching session, delegation tour and refreshments. Flight tickets to Shenzhen and other costs are borne by them.

Two representatives from each factory are entitled to join the Buyer Delegation Programme. Member factories can also display their products at MGMA's booths at shared cost. Those who will participate in it can contact an Event and PR officer, Daw Khin Thandar Aung, at 09 758451158 by 29 April 2026 for logistic arrangements and visa processing. — NN/KK

Myanmar fish exports generate over US\$400M in 2025-2026FY



Shoppers and vendors thrive in the bustling fish market.

MYANMAR conveyed more than 326,300 metric tonnes of fish in the past financial year 2025-2026 (1 April to 31 March), generating an income of over US\$404

million, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar sent over 150,000 metric tonnes of fish by sea, with an estimat-

ed value of \$240.48 million. Over 176,000 metric tonnes of fish worth \$163.5 million were exported to neighbouring countries via the border channel. Myanmar's fish export amounted to \$421 million from about 400,000 tonnes in the past FY 2024-2025 (April-March).

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan, through maritime and border trade channels. Myanmar exported over 376,430 tonnes of fishery products during April-January of the current financial year.

Seafood, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, seabass, eel, shrimp and crab are conveyed to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities, and the department grants annual licence renewal. — NN/KK

CTD to offer hotel operation service courses

THE Centre for Tourism Development will conduct Front Office, Food and Beverage Service Courses for one year. Applications can be submitted to the CTD starting from 21 April 2026.

The courses will be open from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at CTD at 40/42 Bosunpat Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon.

The course fee is K100,000. Trainees who like to attend the Front Office Course must have a high school

education. For food and beverage service courses, those who have passed middle school are entitled to attend the course. The trainees must provide ward verification taken within six months.

They must be 18 years old or older and present a citizenship scrutiny card and three licensed photos. The course will offer theoretical and practical approaches and knowledge related to hotel operation services,

operational service experiences, work safety and hygiene methods and practical English topics. They will receive a certificate from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Interested individuals can enrol through <https://forms.gle/Ue5vURkNx-jUNdHbB9> or in person at the CTD. They can enquire about details from CTD by dialling 01 8377559 and 01 8251855. — NN/KK

OPINION

Wholeheartedly welcome dialogue with EAOs before 31 July

IF THERE is no peace and stability in the country, development activities cannot be carried out in any way. Only when peace is ensured and nationwide stability is achieved can development work be implemented. Otherwise, it would be like construction efforts being carried out at the front while destructive activities follow behind.

At the Union Government meeting held the other day, the President designated the period from 20 April to 31 July as the Union Government's 100-day plan implementation period. He stated that, for the successful implementation of this plan, it is most important to carry out peace processes to ensure peace and stability in the country.

Regarding the EAOs, the President stated that there are 43 agreements of Union Accords that were reached after the EAOs signed the agreement. The current government's 100-day plan to discuss dialogue processes and Union Accord matters in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is an important step towards national development and is expected to bring about significant changes for the country. As a result, it is being warmly welcomed by all.

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Since signs of peace and stability are beginning to emerge across the country, all relevant parties who will participate in the discussions are urged to act with consideration for the interests of the nation and the entire people. Those stakeholders have to carry out their responsibilities with the country's interests and the public's welfare in mind, and it should be prioritized above personal or group interests.

Therefore, all stakeholders must firmly adhere to the principle that their own aspirations should align with the aspirations of the country and be in the form of proposals and discussions that can benefit the entire population. In every dialogue, it is necessary to base efforts on sincerity and openness and to work toward achieving outcomes that will benefit the country and its people.

BEFORE the world becomes loud and busy, there is always a quiet moment when the Earth feels peaceful and alive. The sky slowly brightens, birds begin their gentle songs, and the cool morning air touches our skin. In those calm moments, we can almost feel the Earth breathing beneath our feet. Yet, in our fast and demanding lives, we often forget that this planet is not just a place where we live. It is our shelter, our provider, and the only home we all share. Earth Day reminds us to pause, listen, and remember the promise we must keep to protect the world that protects us.

Earth Day is celebrated every year on 22 April, and it has become a powerful symbol of care and responsibility. It began many years ago when people noticed serious damage to the environment. Rivers were becoming polluted, the air was filled with smoke, and forests were disappearing quickly. People realized that if these problems continued, the Earth would suffer, and future generations would face serious challenges. Earth Day was created to raise awareness and encourage people to take responsibility for the environment.

Over time, Earth Day grew into a global event celebrated by millions of people. In schools, communities, and workplaces, people gather to learn about nature and take part in activities that help protect the planet. Some plant trees to restore green spaces, while others clean parks, streets, or rivers. Many people also begin to reduce waste by recycling materials and using reusable items. These actions may seem small, but when many

people work together, they create meaningful change. Earth Day reminds us that every small step matters.

In recent years, the importance of Earth Day has become even clearer. We can see signs of environmental change in our daily lives. Summers often feel hotter, and weather patterns have become less predictable. Sometimes rain arrives too late, while at other times it falls too heavily, causing floods and damage. Wildlife also faces difficulties as forests shrink and natural habitats disappear. These changes are not distant problems – they affect our health, our food, and our future. Earth Day encourages us to recognize these warning signs and act before the situation becomes worse.

One of the most important lessons of Earth Day is that caring for the Earth begins with simple habits. We do not need to make large or expensive changes to help the environment. We can start by saving water and avoiding waste. Turning off lights and electrical devices when they are not needed saves energy and reduces pollution. Choosing reusable bags instead of plastic ones helps reduce waste that harms rivers and oceans. Even planting a small tree or growing plants at home can improve air quality and make our surroundings more beautiful. These small actions, when practised daily, become powerful ways to protect the planet.

Learning also plays an important role in protecting the Earth. When we understand how nature works, we begin to see why it must be protected. Trees clean the air and provide shade.



The Earth Beneath Us, The Future Ahead of Us

By Laura Htet (UDE)

Rivers and oceans support countless forms of life and supply fresh water. Soil grows crops that feed families and communities. When one part of nature is harmed, other parts are affected as well. For example, when forests are cut

down, animals lose their homes, and the climate can change. Education helps us make wiser choices and share important knowledge with others.

Earth Day also reminds us that protecting the environment

improves our own quality of life. Clean air supports healthy breathing, and fresh water keeps our bodies strong. Green spaces provide peaceful places where we can relax and feel calm. Spending time in nature often reduces stress and improves our mood. Walking under trees or listening to the sound of rain can bring comfort and happiness. These

experiences show us that caring for the Earth is not only about protecting nature – it is also about protecting our own well-being.

Communities play a strong role in making Earth Day meaningful. When neighbours work together to clean streets, plant trees, or reduce waste, they build stronger relationships and create a shared sense of responsibility.

Earth Day encourages us to think about the future and the world we want to leave behind. The choices we make today will shape the lives of future generations. If we protect forests, rivers, and wildlife now, children and grandchildren will have the chance to enjoy the same beauty we experience today. They will breathe fresh air, drink clean

The Unregulated Digital Sphere: Social Media's Impact on Myanmar's Youth, Culture, and National Consciousness

By SOE KHANT LIN

SINCE 2016, the use of social media in Myanmar has expanded significantly, transforming patterns of communication and public interaction. While these platforms have generated notable benefits, they have also contributed to a range of adverse social outcomes. During the administration in power at that time,

the promotion of democracy and media freedom fostered a highly permissive environment for public expression. However, this expansion of expressive freedom appears to have occurred in the absence of sufficient regulatory frameworks and civic responsibility among users.

Within this context, social media platforms, particularly comment sections, have increasingly become spaces for unrestrained expression. Users frequently engage in criticism and personal attacks with limited regard

for norms of civility and respect. Such behaviour, often justified under the principle of freedom of expression, has facilitated the proliferation of harmful and disrespectful interactions. Over time, these patterns have become normalized, contributing to a discernible decline in public civility, alongside the emergence of negative attitudes and a growing tendency toward indiscriminate blame attribution.

The role of governance in shaping these outcomes

warrants critical consideration. Insufficient regulatory oversight and the absence of effective content moderation mechanisms may have accelerated the erosion of social norms in digital spaces. This case reflects a broader sociopolitical dynamic in which weak institutional regulation can contribute to the deterioration of civic conduct. Contemporary developments in Myanmar provide a pertinent illustration of this phenomenon.

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Children learn important values when they see adults caring for the environment. These shared activities also create lasting memories and encourage teamwork. Earth Day teaches us that when people unite for a positive goal, their efforts become stronger and more effective.

Technology has also opened new ways to support environmental protection. Energy-saving appliances, eco-friendly materials, and renewable energy sources such as solar power are becoming more common. These solutions help reduce pollution and make better use of natural resources. While technology alone cannot solve every environmental problem, it provides helpful tools that support responsible living. When combined with careful habits, these tools guide us towards a more sustainable future.

water, and live in a healthier environment. Earth Day reminds us that we are not only living for ourselves but also caring for the generations that will follow.

Gratitude is another important lesson of Earth Day. Every day, the Earth gives us countless gifts without asking for anything in return. It provides food that nourishes our bodies, water that keeps us alive, and natural beauty that brings joy to our hearts. When we recognize these gifts, we feel thankful. This gratitude inspires us to protect the Earth with kindness and respect instead of taking its resources for granted.

As the day comes to an end and the sky slowly darkens, Earth Day leaves us with a quiet sense of hope. We realize that although environmental challenges are serious, solutions are possible when we work together. The Earth does not ask for perfection; it asks for care, responsibility, and understanding. Each thoughtful action, no matter how small, becomes a step toward a healthier planet.

When a new morning arrives, and sunlight touches the land once again, we are reminded of the deep connection we share with nature. The Earth supports us with patience and generosity, offering beauty and life every day. Let us carry this reminder in our hearts, not only on Earth Day but throughout the year. Together, we can protect the soil beneath our feet, the air above our heads, and the water that sustains us. By honouring this shared responsibility, we ensure that our precious planet continues to shine with life, hope, and harmony for generations to come.

NATIONAL

Botahtaung Pagoda to host 55th Kason Banyan tree watering festival on Vesak Day

THE 55th Kason Banyan tree watering festival will be held at the Botahtaung Pagoda on the full moon day of Kason, the Buddha Day, according to the Pagoda's Board of Trustees.

Organized by the Board of Trustees, the ceremony involves pouring water on the Maha Bodhi Tree – a sacred Paribhoga Ceti at the

Botahtaung Pagoda.

The opening ceremony for this festival will take place at 6:30 am on 30 April at the Nan Oo religious hall, located at the Sunday corner of the pagoda platform.

Furthermore, scented water and pots of victory Eugenia sprigs will be provided at the Maha Bodhi tree at the pagoda's western corner, allowing monks and lay devotees to participate in the water-pouring ritual throughout the day.

To accommodate both local and international pilgrims, the pagoda's visiting hours were extended by one hour starting from 20 January 2026, and visitors can now pay their respects until 9 pm daily. — MT/ZN



This photo depicts the 53rd Kason Banyan tree watering festival previously held at the Botahtaung Pagoda.

Labour Office negotiates entitlements for terminated Myanmar Workers

CONCERNING Myanmar migrant workers who were being dismissed from an air conditioning factory in Thailand's Kabin Buri, the Labour Attaché Office negotiated to claim the benefits they are entitled.

The Myanmar workers were terminated from the factory without prior notice. In this case, the office met factory officials and Thai agencies on 20

April and negotiated on their behalf regarding their benefits under Thai labour law.

Similarly, a Myanmar migrant worker, Maung Myo Hlaing Win, died from injuries in a motorcycle accident on 18 April in Thailand's Pathum Thani, and the office met his family on 20 April and provided the assistance they needed. — MT/ZS



Officials from the Labour Attaché Office negotiate for entitlements of Myanmar migrant workers.

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News and Periodicals Enterprise

Yangon Zoo introduces feeding programme

YANGON Zoo said on 21 April that it has just introduced a feeding programme which aims to support the well-being of animals protected at the zoo.

The feeding programme will fulfil the required nutrients for the animals, and it is also good for the public to show loving-kindness and care through participation.

A one-day meal including all nutrients (meat, fruits and vegetables and dried food) will cost K2.5million while a one-day meal for carnivores and herbivores is set at K1 million, respectively. A one-day meal for animals that eat dried food will cost K500,000.

Participating in the feeding programme can support the well-being of animals directly and also help strengthen the bond of love and kindness between humans and animals, the zoo said. So, any individual who wants to do something good to celebrate their birthday or other special occasions can donate food along



This image displays a poster for the feeding programme at the Yangon Zoological Gardens.

with the feeding programme, it said.

Yangon Zoo is open from 8 am to 5 pm daily. — MT/ZS

Myanmar beauty queen set for Miss Supranational 2026 in Poland

MYANMAR beauty queen Zin Moe Pyae will represent the country at Miss Supranational 2026, which is set to take place in Poland, with the grand final scheduled for 31 July.

According to the Miss Supranational Myanmar 2026 organization, Zin Moe Pyae is currently undergoing intensive preparations for the competition. Her training focuses on catwalk performance, language skills and overall communication, in-



This image shows Myanmar representative Zin Moe Pyae, who will compete in the Miss Supranational 2026 in Poland.

cluding specialized coaching in Thailand.

She said that she is working to improve her weaknesses while maintaining her personal style. She added that she is also reading and studying to enhance her knowledge and speaking ability in preparation for the international stage.

The Miss Supranational 2026 grand final is expected to feature contestants from more than 30 countries competing for the title. — ASH/KZL

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At present, negative discourse is highly prevalent across widely used social media platforms, including TikTok and Facebook. The dominance of such content, particularly within comment sections, may be interpreted as an indicator of broader societal challenges. Addressing this issue requires a multifaceted approach, combining public awareness initiatives with the implementation of proportionate and legally grounded regulatory measures.

Another significant concern is the increasing incidence of online trolling directed at national leaders. While such practices are observable in many global contexts, their implications within Myanmar are shaped by cultural norms that traditionally emphasize respect for authority and seniority. Moreover, the public display of such behaviour may adversely affect the country's international image. Although informal

humour within private social contexts may be socially acceptable, the derogatory targeting of public figures raises important questions regarding the boundaries of acceptable expression in digital environments.

In addition, patterns of social media use among young people raise further concerns. Evidence suggests that a considerable proportion of Myanmar's youth demonstrate limited knowledge of national history and cultural heritage. Informal assessments, such as interview-style content on social media platforms, often reveal difficulties among young individuals in responding to basic questions in these domains. This trend may also be associated with a perceived decline in patriotic sentiment and national identity.

Addressing these challenges necessitates a coordinated and systemic response. Governments play a central role in promoting responsible digital behaviour, strengthening civ-

ic awareness, and enhancing cultural education. In many countries, national identity and civic values are systematically cultivated through formal education from an early age. Although similar frameworks exist in Myanmar, their effectiveness appears constrained. This limitation is influenced not only by institutional factors within the education system but also by the role of family and community environments.

In brief, the accountable and responsible use of social media, the reinforcement of cultural awareness, and the promotion of civic values require collective engagement. Through coordinated efforts among government institutions, educators, families, and civil society, Myanmar can work toward fostering a more informed, respectful, and cohesive society. Such efforts are essential for sustainable national development and for strengthening the country's position within the global community.

NASA unveils new space telescope to give 'atlas of the universe'

NASA unveiled a new telescope on Tuesday to scan vast swathes of the universe for planets outside our solar system and probe the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy.

The Roman space tele-

scope is expected to discover tens of thousands of planets, possibly offering clarity about how many could be out there.

"Roman will give the Earth a new atlas of the universe," NASA administrator

Jared Isaacman told a news conference at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, where the telescope went on display. The 12-metre (39-foot), silvery contraption with massive solar panels will be transported to Florida ahead of a launch into space aboard a SpaceX rocket planned for September at the earliest.

Roman, which took more than \$4 billion and over a decade to build, is named after astronomer Nancy Grace Roman, nicknamed the "Mother of Hubble" for her role in developing the landmark space telescope.

Thirty-six years after Hubble launched into space, revolutionizing astronomical observations, NASA hopes Roman will help to shed light on questions that remain unresolved. — AFP



The Roman telescope will blast into space aboard a SpaceX rocket in a launch planned for September at the earliest. PHOTO: AFP

Chinese telescope spots over 20,000 "hidden" stellar families

"As data continues to accumulate, our understanding of the stellar universe will deepen."



Using medium-resolution spectral data from China's Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fibre Spectroscopic Telescope (LAMOST), researchers have identified more than 20,000 spectroscopic multiple-star systems, providing a valuable new sample for understanding how stars form and evolve. PHOTO: CHINA.ORG

THEY are stellar systems of two or more stars bound by gravity and too tight-knit to be "seen" by any telescope, yet their light reveals hidden clues, and Chinese astronomers have now uncovered more than 20,000 such "invisible" systems that had never been recorded before.

Using medium-resolution spectral data from China's Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope (LAMOST), also known as Guo Shoujing Telescope, which is named after the renowned 13th-century Chinese astronomer and hydraulic engineer, researchers have identified more than 20,000 spectroscopic multiple-star systems, providing a valuable new sample for understanding how stars form and evolve, Science and Technology Daily reported on Wednesday. The study not only significantly enriches the known catalog of multiple-star systems but also provides an efficient and reliable new method for future searches, said Li Kai, a professor at Shandong University in east China and the corresponding author of the study. — Xinhua

Anthropic probes unauthorized access to Mythos AI model

AMERICAN AI developer Anthropic said Tuesday it was investigating unauthorized access to Mythos, its powerful model which the company itself worries could be a boon for hackers.

Anthropic said earlier this month it restricted the release of Mythos to 40 major tech firms to give them a head start in fixing cybersecurity vulnerabilities before they could be exploited by attackers.

According to Bloomberg, which first reported the probe, a small group of users in a private, online forum gained access to the model via the computer system reserved for Anthropic's external vendors.

"We're investigating a report claiming unauthorized access to Claude Mythos Preview through one of our third-party vendor environments," an Anthropic spokesperson told AFP. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Global dairy prices slide amid geopolitical uncertainty



New Zealand's dairy giant Fonterra's booth at an expo in Shanghai.
PHOTO: CHINA DAILY/FILE

Global supply remained ample despite New Zealand's seasonal milk production decline.

GLOBAL dairy prices extended their decline at the latest auction overnight, amid ample supply and geopolitical tensions that are weakening demand and raising costs.

The average price at the fortnightly Global Dairy Trade (GDT) auction fell by 2.7 per cent to US\$4,143 per ton, following a 3.4-per-cent drop at the previous event, the first fall this year, ac-

ording to GDT Events Results released Tuesday.

Global supply remained ample despite New Zealand's seasonal milk production decline, while steady European output further reinforced downward pressure on fat values, New Zealand's Exchange dairy insights head Cristina Alvarado was quoted as saying by Radio New Zealand on Wednesday.

"Ongoing geopolitical tensions linked to the conflict involving Iran are contributing to elevated freight, insurance and input costs," Alvarado said, adding disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz and high oil prices were adding uncertainty, prompting many buyers to delay purchases in hopes of lower costs and clearer logistics. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sri Lanka strengthens counter-terrorism financing framework

Sri Lanka has strengthened its national security and counter-terrorism financing framework with a renewed focus on Targeted Financial Sanctions, the Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

The measures are aimed at freezing assets, limiting access to financial systems and preventing designated persons or organizations from carrying out financial activities in the country, the ministry said.

Once a designation is published through a gazette notification, a legally binding freezing order comes into effect, resulting in the immediate freezing of bank accounts and restrictions on the use, transfer, sale or leasing of movable and immovable assets, the ministry said. — Xinhua

Cambodia's trade with ASEAN up 10.5% in Q1 of 2026

CAMBODIA'S trade volume with its fellow ASEAN member states hit US\$4.86 billion in the first quarter of 2026, a year-on-year increase of 10.5 per cent, said an official report on Wednesday.

The country exported products worth \$1.6 billion to other ASEAN countries during the January-March period

this year, down seven per cent year-on-year, while its total import amounted to \$3.26 billion, up 22 per cent, said the report compiled by the Ministry of Commerce.

Cambodia's trade volume with ASEAN accounted for 27.6 per cent of the kingdom's total trade volume of \$17.58 billion in the first quarter this year, the

report said.

The country's top five trading partners in ASEAN were Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia, the report added. ASEAN comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste. — Xinhua

Japan aims to up labour productivity by 15% in 5 yrs to push growth

JAPAN said Wednesday it aims to boost its labor productivity by 15 per cent over five years by encouraging reskilling and pushing digitalization in the workforce, viewing the development of highly skilled talent as essential for growth. The government under Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi outlined the target at a meeting of the Council for Japan's Growth Strategy, which discussed labor reforms as among steps to realize her expansive expenditure plans in 17 strategic fields, including artificial intelligence, semiconductors and the defence industry.

Japan's labour productivity

level remains the lowest among the Group of Seven advanced economies due to a growing share of nonregular employees and slow labour-saving investment. Higher productivity would also lead to wage increases, attracting talent, the government said.

"We will pursue economic growth relentlessly to strengthen our nation," Takaichi said at the end of the meeting, which was open to the media, adding that the government will "propose and carry out truly necessary policies without hesitation". — Kyodo



The country's main products exported to ASEAN included garments, shoes, travel goods, bags, solar panels, car tyres, electronics, and agricultural products. Farmers load sacks of paddy rice onto the cart in Kandal province, Cambodia. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

TUI issues profit warning as Mideast war scares off holidaymakers

TUI, the world's largest travel group, cut its profit outlook Wednesday and withdrew its revenue guidance as it warned of "consumer caution" driven by the Middle East war.

Core profit for the year should now either be stable or fall by up to 300 million euros (\$352 million) from last year's 1.4 billion euros, the company said, down from a previous forecast for growth of seven to 10 per cent.

TUI also withdrew its sales guidance for the year "until conditions stabilize".

"The ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the

uncertainty surrounding its duration continue to limit near-term visibility and drive consumer caution," the Hanover-based company said.

Air travel and cruise lines have been hit hard by the conflict as operators face higher fuel prices and the costs of rerouting flights and ships as travel security risks rose.

German airline group Lufthansa last week partly blamed soaring jet fuel prices as it announced the closure of its CityLine subsidiary. TUI said the war had directly cost it about 40 million euros in the second quarter. — AFP



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Uber takes stake in French hydrogen taxi start-up

UBER said Wednesday that it would take a stake in a French hydrogen taxi company with a goal of having 2,000 models on its reservation platform for business clients within five years.

"This is the first time that Uber has invested in a French company," it said in a statement, without revealing the amount of its investment in HyssetCo, to be made via a loan convertible into shares.

The US ride-hailing

giant is pushing into taxi markets worldwide, challenging established players with fleets of clean-energy vehicles or robotaxis capable of autonomous driving.

Around 5,000 taxis serving Paris and the surrounding region are already on Uber's platform, while HyssetCo has around 800 vehicles it leases to business clients, complete with its own hydrogen charging network. — AFP

Chery launches new model in Britain, steps up localization push in Europe

CHINESE automaker Chery Commercial Vehicle on Tuesday unveiled Delivan, its new digital intelligent commercial vehicle model, to embrace Europe's transition toward electrification and low-carbon transport.

Delivan, launched at the 2026 Commercial Vehicle Show in Birmingham and aimed at both European and global markets, focuses on electric light commercial vehicles for urban delivery and logistics, according to the company.

Unlike conventional models, Delivan integrates data-driven systems for real-time monitoring of vehicle performance, energy consumption, and maintenance needs, reducing downtime and operational costs. Local service



The DELIVAN brand from Chery Commercial Vehicle makes its debut at the Birmingham Commercial Vehicle Show in the UK on 21 April 2026. PHOTO: CHINA DAILY

networks enable remote diagnostics, further improving fleet management efficiency.

This launch marks the first overseas rollout of Chery's Future Super

Commercial Vehicle strategy. Chery also revealed its new British subsidiary, signaling a shift from an export model to deeper local operations in Europe.

Gong Yueqiong, vice

president of Chery Holding Group, said that Britain was chosen for the global debut due to its key role in the commercial vehicle market and leadership in electrification. — Xinhua

United Airlines lowers profit forecast on jet fuel spike

UNITED Airlines reported higher earnings Tuesday but lowered its 2026 profit forecast due to spiking jet fuel prices because of the Middle East war.

The major US carrier

reiterated that travel demand remains strong but said it will cut back its 2026 capacity by five per cent compared with its original plan.

"United will continue

to be nimble with capacity, with additional reductions or restored flying as appropriate to meet anticipated demand," United said.

Profits in the first quarter were \$699 million,

up 80.4 per cent from the year-ago period.

Revenues rose 10.6 per cent to \$14.6 billion, while jet fuel costs rose 12.6 per cent to \$3.0 billion. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY.NO. (908N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY.NO. (908N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23-4-2026 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Agent For:

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Vietnamese Buddhist monk Bhikkhu Pannakara (R) looks on during the start of the 'Walk For Peace' pilgrimage in Dambulla, in northcentral Sri Lanka on 22 April 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

US-based Buddhist monks bring peace walk to Sri Lanka

Led by Vietnamese monk Pannakara, the group of 13 launched their march at dawn from a historic Buddhist temple in Dambulla, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) north of the capital Colombo.

SAFFRON-ROBED Buddhist monks began a week-long peace walk across Sri Lanka on Wednesday, accompanied by a rescued stray dog that has become a celebrity in its own right.

Led by Vietnamese monk Pannakara, the group of 13 launched their march at dawn from a historic Buddhist temple in Dambulla, about

160 kilometres (100 miles) north of the capital Colombo.

The monks shot to international fame during a longer 108-day walk of 3,700 kilometres (2,300 miles) from Texas to Washington, DC, travelling through freezing temperatures and along ice-covered roads.

In sharp contrast, they are now walking barefoot on Sri Lan-

ka's roads at the hottest time of the year, when temperatures can reach 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit). Devotees poured water on the streets, while some laid green banana leaves and flowers for the monks to walk on to escape the scorching heat. Others were seen sprinkling water to cool them. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rajnath Singh pushes India-Germany joint defence manufacturing

INDIAN Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said Aatmanirbhar Bharat is not merely a procurement programme; it is an invitation to co-create, co-develop, and co-innovate, as he made a strong pitch for enhanced collaborations between the defence industrial ecosystems of India and Germany.

Addressing the German Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence and Security on Day 1 of his three-day visit to the European nation, Defence Minister asserted that the world today is faced with new security threats, and the technological transformation has made the situation highly complex and intricately connected. A new approach with the willingness to adapt to the changing environment is the need of the hour, he said.

Defence Minister asserted that India, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is witnessing an unprecedented transformation in the defence sector, and increased partnerships with the German industry can yield significant mutual gains. — ANI

Three ships targeted in Hormuz, Iran seizes two

IRANIAN forces targeted three container ships on Wednesday, seizing two and firing on a third, global security monitors and the country's Revolutionary Guards said, the latest incidents to threaten a crucial trade route in the Middle East war.

British maritime security agency UKMTO said an Iranian gunboat fired at a container ship off the coast of Oman Wednesday, while a ship off Iran was also fired upon.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) said separately that their naval forces stopped two ships attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz and directed them to Iranian waters.

It accused them of breaching its blockade of the route, imposed in the Middle East war that erupted on 28 February with US and Israeli strikes on Iran. — AFP

Vietnam, South Korea sign deals on tech, nuclear power

VIETNAM'S top leader To Lam hosted South Korean President Lee Jae Myung in Hanoi on Wednesday, announcing a dozen cooperative agreements including on tech innovation and development of nuclear power plants.

South Korea is Vietnam's biggest source of foreign investment and one of its top trading partners, with two-way commerce topping \$90 billion last year.

Lee's visit showed "high political trust" between the two countries, Lam said during the meeting at the presi-

dential palace.

"Vietnam welcomes South Korean companies to make new investments and expand existing projects, with a focus on the development of infrastructure, smart cities, semiconductors, AI data centres, nuclear power, smart sea-ports," the Vietnamese leader said.

It was the second meeting in less than a year between the two Asian leaders, following Lam's visit to Seoul in August. — AFP



Vietnam's President To Lam and South Korean President Lee Jae Myung met in Hanoi for talks that were expected to lead to multiple cooperative agreements. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS



Trainees called for AIA Coaching Clinic 2026



This picture reveals that young football enthusiasts of the MFF Summer Football Skills Course 2026 were at training.

THOSE who completed batch 1 of the MFF Summer Football Skills Course 2026 in Yangon are eligible for the audition of the AIA Coaching Clinic 2026, which will bring international football experiences to Myanmar's young football enthusiasts, said the Myanmar

Football Federation (MFF).

MFF said an audition will be made, and trainees who completed the Yangon batch 1 of the summer football training course are eligible to contest.

The audition has been planned to be held on 25 April at the Academy Artificial Turf

in Yangon at 8 am. The AIA Coaching Clinic 2026 is aimed at young football enthusiasts to have international football experiences. Led by international-level coaches, the coaching will be conducted from 2 to 3 May in Yangon. — MT/ZS

Myanmar U17 to compete in AFC U17 Asian Cup 2026



PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR U17 men's team will compete in the 2026 AFC U17 Asian Cup to be held in Saudi Arabia from 5 to 23 May.

The team will enter the tournament shortly after competing in the 2026 ASEAN U17 Championship in Indonesia, where they were eliminated at the group stage. Following the event, the squad will continue preparations before returning to Yangon on 25 April to finalise their lineup ahead of departure.

Myanmar have been drawn in Group A alongside host Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Thailand.

In the ASEAN tournament, Myanmar defeated Thailand, drew with Laos and lost to the Philippines, resulting in a group-stage exit. However, Thailand's squad for the Asian Cup is expected to differ, with preparations under a German coach. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Myanmar U17 women set for final friendlies in China

THE Myanmar U17 women's team, currently training in China for the 2026 AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup, will play two more warm-up matches on 23 and 25 April.

The team has already played one friendly against a local Suzhou side on 20 April and is continuing intensive preparation ahead of the tour-

namment. The upcoming matches include one against the Philippines U17 team and another against a qualified Asian Cup participant.

Officials said the results will not be publicly released as these are final preparatory games before the competition, which will be held in China from 1 to 17 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Mbappe on the mark as Real Madrid sink Alaves

KYLIAN Mbappe and Vinicius Junior scored as Real Madrid beat Alaves 2-1 on Tuesday to cling on to their slim hopes of catching Barcelona in La Liga.

Mbappe struck his league-leading 24th goal, but first since early February, with

a deflected shot on the half hour at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Vinicius lashed in a second from distance early in the second half, which proved crucial as Alaves pulled a goal back in stoppage time through

Toni Martinez.

The victory ended a two-match winless run in La Liga for Madrid and moved them back to within six points of leaders Barcelona, who host Celta Vigo on Wednesday. — AFP



PHOTO: MFF



US announces to extend ceasefire, but peace talks stall as Iran reportedly decides to sit out

THE process of the expected second round of peace talks between the United States and Iran seems stalled as Iran reportedly decided not to take part, accusing the United States of violating the ceasefire. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump announced to extend the ceasefire on some conditions.

The US president said he will “extend the ceasefire until such time as their proposal is submitted, and discussions are concluded, one way or the other.” The current two-week truce with Iran is set to expire on Wednesday night, according to him.

However, the US military will continue the blockade against Iran and “remain ready and able,” Trump said, although Pakistan’s Army Chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, told him that the blockade of Iranian ports would remain a major obstacle to meaningful diplomatic progress.

The president said on Monday that it was “highly unlikely” for him to extend the truce, and on Tuesday morning, he told US media that he doesn’t want to do that, expecting the United States to “end up with a great deal” with Iran while threatening to bomb Iran again if no deal is reached.

On Tuesday, Iran’s semi-official Tasnim news agency said that Tehran had decided not to take part in the second round of talks with the United States in Pakistan, and that the decision was “definitive.” — Xinhua

Tehran had decided not to take part in the second round of talks with the United States in Pakistan.



A woman walks next to an anti-US mural on a street in Tehran. **PHOTO: AFP**

New global initiative launched for peaceful use of nuclear technology

A global initiative to promote cooperation in the nuclear technology industry was launched at the ongoing third Interna-

tional Nuclear Technology Application Conference in Beijing.

The new initiative, called the “Ini-

tiative to Jointly Build an Open, Inclusive, Universally Beneficial and Win-Win International Industrial Ecosystem for Nuclear Technology Applications,” was introduced by the China Isotope and Radiation Association. It calls on international organizations, industry groups, researchers and companies to work together for the peaceful and inclusive use of nuclear technology, and seeks to foster a new type of international cooperation based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and shared development. The initiative also aims to explore new paths for global collaboration, maintain a stable, open and safe industrial ecosystem, exchange development experiences, address common challenges, and provide innovative solutions for sustainable development and economic recovery. — Xinhua



Researchers at the stable isotope R&D technology laboratory of the Research Institute of Physical and Chemical Engineering of Nuclear Industry (IPCE) in December 2023.

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Kazakhstan confirms oil transit suspension

KAZAKH Energy Minister Yerlan Akkenzhe- nov on Wednesday confirmed the suspension of Kazakh oil transit to Germany via Russia through the Druzhba pipeline, the Kazinform news agency reported.

Reports have circulated that Russia may halt oil transit from Kazakhstan to Germany via the Druzhba pipeline starting May 1, though there has been no official confirmation from Moscow, according to the minister.

He said that transit along the Atyrau-Samara route toward the Schwedt refinery has effectively dropped to zero for May, based on available data. He added that preliminary indicators for the second quarter also show no transit volumes, while supplies are expected to resume once technical issues are resolved. Kazakhstan has already begun to redistribute export volumes along other routes. — Xinhua