

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## 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.

## Myanmar, China Underscore Need for Border Peace and Stability

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia conveyed the congratulatory message sent by President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China to President-Elect and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

President-elect of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, at the Office of the National Defence and Security Council in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, the Senior General expressed his pleasure that the Chinese ambassador was the first foreign envoy to meet him after he had been elected as President. Likewise, he extended special gratitude to President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China for sending a congratulatory message within hours of his election as President. The Senior General also expressed appreciation for China's support of Myanmar's political reforms, as a neighbouring friendly country.

The ambassador of China to Myanmar expressed her pleasure and honour at the election of His Excellency as President. She also extended her gratitude for His Excellency's efforts in fostering good relations between Myanmar and China. She expressed her belief that under His Excellency's leadership, Myanmar will become a stable, peaceful, and developing country, and that cooperation between the two countries will continue to grow even further.

They cordially discussed the enhancement of the diplomatic relations and cooperation between the two countries, the promotion of cooperation in security and



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia pays a courtesy call on President-Elect and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing.

other multiple sectors, the measures to ensure peace and stability in the border regions between the two countries, reopening of trade routes, and bilateral trade process, and the support of China in rehabilitation and reconstruction measures

of Myanmar for loss and damage caused by the powerful Mandalay earthquake.

The Chinese ambassador presented a congratulatory message sent by President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China to President-Elect and SSPC Chair-

man Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also, present at the meeting was Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe. The Chinese ambassador was accompanied by embassy officials. — MNA/TTA

# NATIONAL

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

## 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.

His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia sent a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission on the occasion of his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**To**  
**His Excellency U MIN AUNG HLAING**  
**PRESIDENT of the REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
**Mr President,**

On the occasion of your election by the Union Parliament as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I am pleased to extend to Your Excellency my cordial congratulations and my sincere wishes for your success in guiding your nation towards peace, stability and prosperity.

The people of the Kingdom of Cambodia join me in expressing our deep appreciation for the long-standing friendship and cooperation between our two countries. I remain confident that these relations will continue to strengthen and expand, both bilaterally and within regional frameworks, including ASEAN, in support of dialogue, peace and development.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Norodom Sihamoni  
Kingdom of Cambodia  
6 April 2026

HE Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan sent a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission on the occasion of his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Your Excellency,**  
**Mr Min Aung Hlaing**  
**President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

I sincerely congratulate you on your election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I regard your clear victory in the election as the evidence of the broad support of all your fellow compatriots for your comprehensive policy aimed at ensuring political stability socioeconomic prosperity of Myanmar, as well as strengthening its international reputation.

I wish you the successful implementation of your noble initiatives and large-scale plans on the path of elevating the prestige of your state and making its future bright.

Taking into account the high potential of relations between Kazakhstan and Myanmar based on friendship and mutual trust, I reaffirm my readiness to unite efforts together for the development of cooperation in the trade-economic, investment and cultural-humanitarian areas.

Your Excellency, I wish success to your responsible service, and abundant prosperity and blessings to the friendly people of Myanmar.

With sincere intentions,

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev  
President of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
4 April 2026

HE Mr Alexander Beglov, Governor of Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation, sent a congratulatory message to HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission on the occasion of his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**To the President**  
**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Mr Min Aung Hlaing**  
**Your Excellency!**

Congratulations on your election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar!

We highly appreciate your approach to caring for the well-being of the people and your desire for the prosperity of the state.

Saint Petersburg and Myanmar have enjoyed long-standing friendly relations based on mutual respect. Your contribution to their development deserves special recognition. Your efforts in cultural exchange, educational programmes, and strengthening medical ties contribute to enriching the cultural heritage of both countries and improving the quality of life of their citizens.

I am confident that, under your leadership, cooperation between Saint Petersburg and Myanmar will continue to be constructive. We are ready to implement new joint projects and expand cooperation between the regions.

I wish you health, inexhaustible energy and success in your important mission!

Governor of St Petersburg  
Dr AD Beglov

# NATIONAL

## Approval Sought for Establishing Union-Level Bodies and Naming Dignitaries

The President-Elect sought approvals from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the formation of the Supreme Court of the Union, the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, and the appointment of Union ministers at 31 ministries, the Union Attorney-General and the Union Auditor-General.



The third-day meeting of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's first regular session is underway yesterday, presided over by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

**T**HE first regular session of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for its third-day meeting at the convention hall of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building in the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

A total of 582 out of 585 representatives eligible to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw joined the third-day meeting.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe sought the approval from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to establish the Hluttaw Representative Scrutiny Committee with 15 members, including Chair Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay from the Dawei Constituency and Secretary U Aung Tin Myint from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 1 (PR System). The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the formation of the committee and the nomination of its members.

The Speaker stated that the President-Elect sent a proposal on setting the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union and the appointment of U Tha Htay as the Chief Justice of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with the Constitution (2008) and the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules. The Speaker added that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will carry out the announcement for approving the number of Judges of the Union Supreme Court and the nomination of those Judges submitted by the President-elect at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting on 7 April. If any representatives wish to object these number of Judges and their nomination, the objection proposal will be held on the same day. So, the representatives wishing to take part in discussions must submit their nominations.

The Speaker said that the President-Elect has sent a proposal to form the Union Election Commission with 15 members, including Chair U Than Soe, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution (2008) and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules to seek approval for the formation. He read out 15 members of the commission, including the Chairman.

The Speaker announced that, regarding the submission of the name list of the Chairman and members of the Union Election Commission, the approval for their appointment and the submission of objections by any

representatives who wish to object will be carried out at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting to be held on 7 April. Representatives who wish to participate in the discussion must submit their names.

The Speaker stated that the President-Elect submitted the proposal to set 31 Union ministries and 30 Union ministers to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution (2008) and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules. He read out the list of Union Ministries submitted by the President-Elect at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Speaker declared that the representatives wishing to discuss the number of Union ministries, the list and the number of Union ministers may submit their nominations to hold the discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting on 7 April.

Furthermore, the Speaker said that the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union will be established with nine members, including the Chairman. To do so, the President-Elect must choose three members, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, three members and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, three

members, totalling nine. The President-elect has submitted a proposal on nine members of the tribunal and the nomination of one member to be assigned as the Chairman to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under Section 321 of the Constitution (2008) and Section 34 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law to seek the approvals. He then read out the nine-member nomination of the tribunal chosen by the President-Elect, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker stated that the President-Elect has submitted the appointment for U Aung Zaw Thein among nine nominated members as the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It was announced that, regarding the list of names of the tribunal chairman and members proposed by the President-Elect, the approval for their appointment and the submission of objections by any representatives who wish to object will be carried out at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting to be held on 9 April. Representatives who wish to participate in the discussion must submit

their names.

The Speaker continued that the President-Elect submitted the proposal to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, stating that Dr Thida Oo should be appointed as the Attorney-General of the Union under the Constitution (2008), the Attorney-General of the Union Law and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law; and Daw Naing Thet Oo should be appointed as the Auditor-General of the Union under the Constitution (2008), the Auditor-General of the Union Law and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law. It was announced that, regarding the nomination of the Union Attorney-General and the Union Auditor-General, the approval for their appointment and the submission of objections by any representatives who wish to object will be carried out at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting to be held on 9 April. Representatives who wish to participate in the discussion must submit their names.

The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw adjourned the third-day meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The fourth-day meeting will take place on 7 April. — MNA/TTA

# NATIONAL

## Region/State Hluttaws approve Chief Ministers, ministries, ministers and judges



Kachin State Hluttaw.



Kayah State Hluttaw.



Kayin State Hluttaw.



Sagaing Region Hluttaw.



Rakhine State Hluttaw.



Yangon Region Hluttaw.



Taninthayi Region Hluttaw.



Mon State Hluttaw.



Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw.



Shan State Hluttaw.

The first regular session of the Third Region and State Hluttaws continued at the respective Hluttaw buildings yesterday.

The Kachin State Hluttaw approved seven state ministries, seven ministers and three judges of the State High Court. The Kachin State Hluttaw approved the appointment of U Khet Htein Nan from the Myitkyina Township Constituency 1 of the State Hluttaw as Kachin State Chief Minister.

At the Kayah State Hluttaw, all Hluttaw representatives approved the number of state ministries and ministers, and the number of judges at the State High Court as proposed by the

President-Elect.

At yesterday's Kayin State Hluttaw session, all State Hluttaw representatives approved the proposal sent by the President-Elect to appoint U Saw Myint Oo from the Hpa-an Township Constituency 1 in the Kayin State Hluttaw as the Kayin State Chief Minister. They also approved the proposal on seven state ministries and seven ministers sent by the President-elect, and another proposal on the appointment of three judges at the Kayin State High Court.

Likewise, the Sagaing Region Hluttaw approved the proposal on seven regional ministries, seven ministers and three judges of the regional high court

sent by the President-Elect, in addition to the appointment of U Ko Lay from the Shwebo Township Constituency 2 of the Sagaing Region Hluttaw as the Chief Minister of Sagaing Region.

The Taninthayi Region Hluttaw approved U Zaw Naing Oo from the Myeik Township Constituency 2 of the Taninthayi Region Hluttaw, nominated by the President-Elect as the Regional Chief Minister. Moreover, the Hluttaw approved eight regional ministries, eight ministers and three judges of the regional high court.

The Mon State Hluttaw approved U Aung Win Than, nominated by the President-Elect as Mon State Chief Minister. The

Hluttaw also approved the number of ministries, ministers and judges.

The Rakhine State Hluttaw representatives agreed on U Naing Oo from the Sittway Township Constituency 1 of the Rakhine State Hluttaw as Chief Minister of Rakhine State. They also approved several state ministries, ministers and judges of the state high court.

At the Yangon Region Hluttaw, Hluttaw representative U Aung Naing Thu, nominated by the President-Elect, was approved as Yangon Region Chief Minister, and the regional Hluttaw approved 10 regional ministries, 10 ministers and six judges of the high court.

The Shan State Hluttaw approved Sai Htein Soe from the Yaksawk Township Constituency 2 of the Shan State Hluttaw, nominated by the President-Elect as Shan State Chief Minister. The Hluttaw also approved the appointment of four judges of the state high court.

The Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw approved U Aye Kyaw from the Patheingyi Township Constituency 1 of the regional Hluttaw as Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister. Moreover, the Hluttaw approved the proposal sent by the President-Elect to set nine regional ministries, nine ministers and four judges of the regional high court. — MNA/IPRD/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Parties, associations and organizations releases special congratulatory messages on election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, selected as Vice President by the group of the 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. Therefore, the Lokachantha Abhayalabhamuni Buddha Image (Kyauktawgyi Pagoda) board of trustees, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar MSME Cluster Footwear Manufacturers Federation (Central), the Myanmar Shaanxi General Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar-Belarus Promotion of Friendship and Cooperation Association, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner' Association, the Myanmar Chinese Buddhist Monks Association, the Maejima Lankara Samaneyaw Association, the Private Security Services Association, and the Dawei Ethnic Organizing Committee (Central) issued the special congratulatory

messages over the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President.

Their messages conveyed special pride and pleasure that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was elected by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. May he serve the country to be peaceful, prosperous, and modernly developed. May he carry out his national duties for the benefit of the people in good health and well-being. May he faithfully serve the interests of religion, faith, and the nation. It is hoped that under his leadership, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will be more peaceful and prosperous. May the nation remain stable and secure, and the people enjoy wealth and well-being, and the economy flourish, and may the country achieve comprehensive progress through new transformative changes. — MNA/TTA

### Congratulatory Message

WE are very proud to announce that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has been elected as the 11<sup>th</sup> President of Myanmar.

We wish that the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will be a peaceful, prosperous, modern and developed country.

We wish that from the moment he starts the duties of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, he is filled with good health and peace of mind and that he can serve the interests of religion, the country, and the country in a healthy and happy.

*Board of Trustees from Lokachantha  
Abayalabamuni Buddha Image  
(Kyauktawgyi Pagoda), Yangon Region*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Myanmar Shaanxi Chamber of Commerce respectfully congratulates Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

May President-Elect Senior General Min Aung Hlaing continue to receive blessings and continue to achieve his great goals. May the country be stable and peaceful with good strategic planning and continuous implementation of the administrative power, and may the people be prosperous and the national economy flourish, and may it be filled with new situations and new transformations.

*Myanmar Shaanxi Chamber of Commerce*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Private Security Service Association expresses great pride and honour for the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

We wish that the President will be blessed with good mental well-being and physical health, and that he may be able to carry out the responsibilities of the State with strength, happiness, and sound health in both body and mind.

*Private Security Service Association*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Mizzima Linkara Thamane Kyaw Association congratulates on the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

We wish that the President will be blessed with good mental well-being and physical health, and that he may be able to carry out his duties for the sake of the country, race and religion more and more.

*Mizzima Linkara Thamane Kyaw Association*

### Congratulatory Message

WE are very proud and honoured to announce that the representatives of the people, who were overwhelmingly elected by the ethnic nationals of the country, have elected Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the President on behalf of the people. All the members of the All Myanmar MSME Cluster Footwear Manufactures Federation (Central) are happy and sincerely welcome and pay their respects.

*Myanmar MSME Cluster Footwear  
Manufactures Federation (Central)*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Myanmar-Belarus Promotion of Friendship and cooperation Association congratulates Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

May the President continue to receive blessings and continue to achieve his great goals. May the Republic of the Union of Myanmar be peaceful, prosperous and further development.

*Myanmar-Belarus Promotion of Friendship  
and Cooperation Association*

### Congratulatory Message

IT is our honour and pleasure to express congratulations on the election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

It is a matter of great pride that Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who has been elected as President, was born to Dawei parents and has become the first-ever President in the history of the Dawei ethnic group, representing the entire Dawei community.

May Senior General Min Aung Hlaing be blessed with good mental well-being and physical health, and may he carry out the duties of the State with strength, happiness, and good health in both body and mind.

We wish for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to be peaceful, prosperous, and to achieve modern development and progress.

*Dawei Ethnic Organizing Committee (Central)*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Myanmar Chinese Buddhist Monks Association expresses its great pride and congratulations on the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's election of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

We wish that the President will be blessed with good mental well-being and physical health, and that he may be able to carry out his duties for the sake of the country, race and religion more and more.

*Myanmar Chinese Buddhist Monks Association*

### Congratulatory Message

THE Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation expresses its special pride and congratulations to the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his election as President, wishing him good health and happiness in carrying out his duties for the benefit of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its people.

*Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation*

### Congratulatory Message

IT is our honour and pleasure to express congratulations on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who was nominated as Vice-President by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Presidential Electoral College, at the third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 3 April 2026, on his election as the President.

We respectfully extend our best wishes that, under the leadership of the President, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will become peaceful, stable, and increasingly prosperous and further developed.

*Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association*

# NATIONAL



## Frontline Tatmadaw personnel welcomed

FRONTLINE Tatmadaw members who successfully carried out security measures in Kyaukpyu Township, Rakhine State, were warmly welcomed back by Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Tin Min Latt, relevant officials, and locals at the station of Ye Mon garrison town in Hlegu township of Yangon yesterday.

restoring security, stability and peace for the ethnic people in different regions and states. The commander and party welcomed back the victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia, including traditional dance and music performances. The commander presented cash prizes to the victorious Tatmadaw members. — MNA/KTZH

Troops were honoured for

This photo shows victorious troops receiving a warm welcome at the Yangon Command.

### Congratulatory Message

MR Hiromichi Watanabe, a member of the House of Representatives and Vice-Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar Parliamentary Friendship League, sent a congratulatory message to His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, on the occasion of his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

*Mr Hiromichi Watanabe, a member of the House of Representatives  
Vice-Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar  
Parliamentary Friendship League*

### Congratulatory Message

MR Fumio Usui, Chairman, and Mr Naohiko Takaku, Representative Director of the Japan-Myanmar Culture Industry Promotion Association, sent a congratulatory message to His Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, President-Elect and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, on the occasion of his election as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

*Mr Fumio Usui, Chairman, and Mr Naohiko Takaku,  
Representative Director  
Japan-Myanmar Culture Industry Promotion Association*

## MAI, Perkasa Flight School forge partnership for cadet pilot training

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) and Indonesia-based Perkasa Flight School are collaborating on a cadet pilot training programme with international curricula.

It is intended for those who want to pursue an aviation career as pilots. The cadet pilot training programme will systematically provide theoretical knowledge, practical air exercises, and simulator-based training.



An aeroplane seen on taxiway at the airport.

Furthermore, trainees who demonstrate outstanding performance during the training period will be given priority consideration for appointment as pilots in accordance with MAI's recruitment regulations. — ASH/KK

## Public Notice on Fuel Distribution

PETROLEUM products such as petrol, diesel, and LPG account for 29 per cent of the country's total energy consumption, which is primarily used in the transport sector.

As 97 per cent of petrol and diesel used in the transport sector are being imported, countries like Myanmar that rely on imports are facing huge challenges amid the current global fuel crisis.

The government implements management measures and a digital technology-based sales system to address the fuel crisis, and the fuel importation, distribution and sales have been put onto a more systematic path, and fuel consumption has been significantly reduced.

According to data from 20 February 2026 to date, the average daily fuel consumption has decreased from 3.54 million gallons to 2.5 million gallons. This 29 per cent reduction in daily consumption is expected to save about US\$6 million per day in foreign exchange and allow for further 10 days of fuel reserves.

The government imports about five million tonnes of fuel annually, costing over US\$5 billion. With the current systematic fuel usage, an estimated US\$2 billion in annual savings can be achieved.

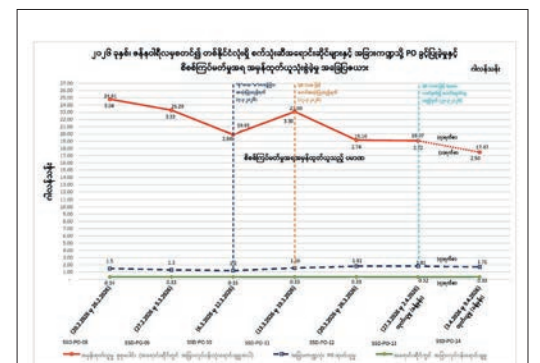
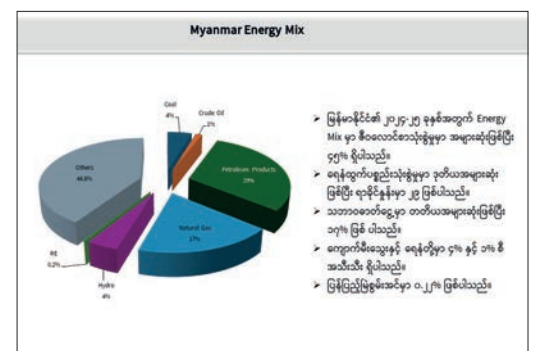
The country has a petrol reserve for 40 days and a diesel reserve for 50 days, and arrangements have been made to import 26 tankers in April. Moreover, plans are being made with partner countries to ensure a stable fuel supply.

The public is strongly urged to rely only on official announcements issued by the Ministry of Energy and to cooperate accordingly.

The Ministry of Energy is also issuing warnings to media outlets that publish unverified information or use sensational headlines intended to cause public concern.

The public is advised to follow the prescribed regulations for fuel purchases. Petrol stations are using QR code systems, and emergency refuelling permissions are available if necessary. Therefore, the public is encouraged to buy and sell fuel without concern. In case of any difficulties, please contact the designated call centres for assistance.

Ministry of Energy



# NATIONAL

## Graduation ceremonies held across nation for People's Military Service Training 21

EVERY citizen holds a fundamental duty to uphold the "Our Three Main National Causes": the non-disintegration of the Union, the non-disintegration of national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sovereignty. In fulfilment of these responsibilities, young people who enthusiastically registered have been undergoing training, and the graduation ceremonies for People's Military Service Training 21 were held yesterday at various training depots across the respective military commands.

The graduation ceremonies followed a formal military parade, during which trainees took a solemn oath of allegiance while holding the national flag. Officials from each training depot delivered graduation addresses



The graduation ceremony of the People's Military Service Training 21 is underway in Yemon, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region.

and presented awards to trainees who demonstrated outstanding

performance throughout the course.

Following the ceremonies, chief ministers from the respec-

tive Regions and States, along with commanders of various commands and officials, met with the newly graduated soldiers of Course 21 in the school halls. They delivered encouraging remarks and greeted the graduates warmly. During the course, trainees were provided with systematic instruction in physical fitness, military drill, combat tactics, and general subjects.

Under the Constitution, the State protects the rights of its citizens, who in turn are required to perform national duties. Committed to fulfilling these obligations, these exemplary citizens have completed their training and are now undertaking their roles in national defence and security. — MNA/KNN

### Trading amount and foreign exchange rate in the FE market on 6 April 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rate	3,648-3,669	557-558.7	124.9-125.68	43.60
Trading amount in the market	11,410,863.71	33,795,080.94	15,705,474.29	-
The amount sold by CBM into the market	-	-	-	-

- Such a large amount of trading foreign currencies in the market was sold for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, fertilizers, medicines and raw materials for medical supplies, animal feed, paper, raw industrial materials, auto/motorcycle parts, electronics and foodstuffs. US\$2.99 million from earnings of the CMP sector was sold to the edible oil sector; US\$0.26 million to the fuel oil sector; and US\$0.35 million to the printing materials, raw materials for foodstuffs, electric power, medicine and medical equipment, raw industrial sector and construction sector. — 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, Skaw 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

### Deportation underway for 3 Bangladeshis who illegally entered Myanmar

THE Government is identifying, investigating, and taking action against foreign nationals who have entered border areas illegally and have been involved in criminal activities, including online gambling and telecom fraud. These individuals are being systematically deported and transferred to their respective countries in accordance with laws and procedures.

In the course of these deportations, three Bangladeshi nationals who had entered illegally via neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and were residing at sites around Myawady in Kayin State, have been newly identified and detained, and arrangements are being made for their deportation.

From 30 January 2025 to 6 April 2026, a total of 14,620 foreign nationals who had entered Myawady Township illegally have



Immigration officials processing the deportation of undocumented immigrants.

been detained. All of them have undergone investigation, and 13,404 have been systematically deported to their respective countries via Thailand in accordance with legal procedures.

Of the remaining 1,216 foreign nationals yet to be transferred, 741 have been prosecuted under Section 3 (1)/13 (1) of the existing immigration laws of Myanmar. The remaining 475 are now ready to be transferred to their respective countries and are being properly accommodated and cared for.

The Government is

also actively cooperating with neighbouring and regional countries, as well as international organizations, to identify and arrest those involved in online scam operations, including foreign nationals acting behind the scenes, and to take effective and stringent action against them. At the same time, coordinated efforts are being made to ensure the swift repatriation of foreign nationals who are in distress for various reasons, including victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KNN

# OPINION

## Strive to improve the healthcare facilities for people

THE World Health Organization (WHO) was established on 7 April 1948, and has now reached its 78th anniversary. 7 April, the day the WHO was founded, has been designated as World Health Day since 1950, and every year on this date, member countries hold commemorative events and activities to observe World Health Day.

In recent times, the right of millions of people around the world to live healthy lives is increasingly threatened. The outbreak of diseases and the occurrence of disasters have become major causes of death and disability. Armed conflicts are leading to fatalities, injuries, malnutrition, and severe psychological trauma, destroying countless human lives in a deliberate and widespread manner. Moreover, the burning of fossil fuels causes climate disruption and simultaneously deprives people of access to clean air for breathing.

In addressing the health challenges faced worldwide, access to quality healthcare, education, and reliable information is a fundamental right that everyone should enjoy. Additionally, everyone should have access to clean drinking water, pure air, adequate and nutritious food, adequate housing, safe and decent working conditions, a healthy environment, and a life free from discrimination.

In Myanmar, efforts to improve healthcare for citizens are being implemented through the collaboration of relevant ministries, the Ministry of Defence's military medical teams, charitable and social welfare organizations, and active participation from the general public. As people around the world face health challenges, Myanmar too confronts threats such as diseases, conflicts, and air pollution. Health is a fundamental right for everyone, and ensuring that all individuals can enjoy this right requires active involvement and cooperation from the community.

Success in controlling infectious diseases, raising awareness about non-communicable diseases, halting domestic armed conflicts, and reducing air pollution caused by factors such as the use of fossil fuels can only be achieved quickly and effectively through the active participation and collective effort of the public.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced the theme for World Health Day on 7 April 2026, as "Together for health. Stand with science". This campaign focuses on promoting evidence-based policies and scientific collaboration to protect the health of people, animals, and the planet, highlighting the need for trusted, science-led health solutions. For everyone to enjoy good health by implementing the theme of World Health Day 2026, it is necessary to clarify and eliminate the fundamental factors that threaten life and resilience. As such, every citizen must actively and responsibly participate in fulfilling their individual duties.

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### 1. Introduction

Every year on 7 April, World Health Day is celebrated on a grand scale across the globe. This significant day marks the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) and serves as an occasion to accelerate public awareness activities aimed at elevating the health standards of all human beings globally.

A total of 194 member states of the United Nations, including Myanmar, observe this day in unity under a specific annual theme. For 2026, the WHO has designated the theme: "Together for health. Stand with science".

This theme is highly timely and presents a valuable call to action in an era marked by the emergence of new infectious diseases, the adverse side effects of climate change, and the rampant spread of health-related misinformation. It highlights the critical need to rely on solid, science-based evidence and data, as well as cooperation, to overcome modern health challenges.

### 2. The History and Origin of World Health Day

The history of World Health Day is directly linked to the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO). Following the end of World War II, the United Nations was established in 1945. At that time, leaders from various nations realized the necessity of a specialized independent organization to address global infectious diseases and

health issues collectively.

Consequently, on 7 April 1948, the Constitution of the World Health Organization was officially ratified by numerous countries, formally establishing the WHO. To commemorate this historic founding, the first World Health Assembly decided to observe 7 April as "World Health Day", a tradition that commenced in 1950.

Every year since then, the WHO has selected a specific theme based on urgent global health issues to focus attention on critical matters and urge societies, governments, NGOs, and individuals to take active participation. Over the past decades, these themes have covered a wide spectrum of areas, including maternal and child health, the fight against infectious diseases, mental health, environmental health, and universal health coverage.

### 3. Current Global Health Status and Challenges

According to the WHO's Global Health Statistics 2025, Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic lung diseases, remain the leading causes of death globally, accounting for approximately 74 per cent of all annual deaths. The major global health challenges faced today include:

- \* Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) or Lifestyle Diseases: Over 41 million people die annually from NCDs worldwide, and approximately three-quarters of these deaths occur in developing and impoverished nations.
- \* Healthcare Inequality: The WHO highlights that more than half of the world's population still lacks access to the most basic, essential health services.
- \* Unscientific Misinformation: With the rise of social media, unscientific data regarding medications, disease prevention and treatments are spreading widely, causing public confusion.

On a positive note, owing to the dedicated efforts of global scientists, the average global life expectancy has risen from a mere 67 years in 2000 to 73.3 years in 2024, and maternal and child mortality rates are steadily declining. These are the true fruits of science.

### 4. The Essence of the Theme: "Together for Health, Stand with Science"

This year's theme is built upon two major pillars:

#### 1. Together for Health

Health is not a matter to be handled solely by doctors, nurses, and the Ministry of Health. A healthy society can only be built when governments, civil society organizations, the private sector, and individual citizens across the world combine their strengths and cooperate. Furthermore, under the "One Health" concept, human health is directly connected to the health of animals, plants, and the ecosystem of our planet; thus, all must be protected in balanced harmony.

#### 2. Stand with Science

During the severe COVID-19 pandemic, global scientists successfully developed effective vaccines and treatments in a short period, saving millions of human lives. This is the "Power of Science". Therefore, this theme urges us to avoid imaginary concepts and unscientific beliefs in disease prevention and treatment, and to trust and follow only solid research, evidence, and the directives of medical professionals.

### 5. Myanmar's Health Sector Progress and Collaboration with WHO

Myanmar is a member state of the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEARO) and has actively collaborated with the WHO since its establishment in 1948. The WHO Country Office in Myanmar (WHO-Myanmar) has consistently provided technical support in formulating health policies, strengthening disease surveillance, and building staff capacity. Currently, Myanmar is achieving notable successes in various

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# Together for Health, Stand with Science

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public health sectors by relying on scientific data.

1. According to the data released in the Myanmar Statistical Yearbook 2025,

#### significant improvements include:

- \* Rising Life Expectancy: Data for 2025 reveals that the life expectancy of Myanmar men increased from 63 years in 2024 to 63.7 years. Similarly, the life expectancy of women increased from 72 years to 72.5 years, indicating robust health outcomes and effective public healthcare efforts in Myanmar.
- \* Improvements in Maternal and Child Health: Infant mortality rates, under-five child mortality rates, and overall fertility rates are gradually declining year by year, proving the effectiveness of adopting scientific methods in maternal and child care.

#### 5.2 Key Findings of the 2024 Myanmar STEPS Survey

With technical support from the WHO, the Ministry of Health successfully conducted the second national population-based STEPS Survey in 2024. The survey covered 8,252 adults aged 18 to 69 years across 52 townships.

When comparing the results to the previous surveys conducted in 2009 and 2014, the 2024 survey highlighted several positive indicators and advancements in Myanmar's NCD prevention sector:

- \* Enhanced Disease Awareness and Early Detection: Among adults suffering from hypertension, a significant majority (58.1 per cent) had been previously diagnosed. Similarly, over half of those with diabetes (56.5 per cent) were already aware of their condition. This scientifically proves an encouraging expansion in screening capabilities in Myanmar.
- \* Active Medical Management: A substantial proportion of diagnosed individuals are actively seeking treatment. Among adults previously diagnosed with diabetes, over half (50.4 per cent) were currently on medication. For hypertension, 43.6 per cent of affected individuals were seeking medical treatment.
- \* Advancements in NCD Control: The 2024 survey observed crucial improvements compared to the 2009 and 2014 STEPS surveys, specifically in the areas of hypertension control and lipid management.
- \* Abstinence from Alcohol: A large majority of the population in Myanmar (63.0 per cent) are lifetime abstainers from alcohol, serving as an outstanding protective community factor against related NCDs.
- \* Maintaining Normal Body Weight: Despite rising global obesity trends, a strong majority of men (58.2 per cent) and more than

half of women (53.6 per cent) in Myanmar still maintain a normal, healthy body weight.

### 6. How to Build a Healthy Lifestyle in Accordance with Science

In line with this year's theme, "Together for health. Stand with science," citizens are encouraged to take care of their health by adopting scientifically proven practices:

#### For Physical Health:

- \* Undergo Regular Screenings: Especially if you are over the age of 35, you should systematically measure your blood pressure and blood sugar at least once a year. Consult doctors to undergo cancer prevention screenings as well.
- \* Maintain a Nutritious Diet: Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Minimize the intake of salt, oil, and sugar, which can negatively impact the body. Drink an adequate amount of water.
- \* Engage in Physical Activity: Engage in moderate physical activities such as brisk walking, cycling, or aerobics for at least 30 minutes a day, at least five days a week.
- \* Abstain from Tobacco and Alcohol: Tobacco products cause cancer and heart disease, so quit completely. Similarly, the consumption of alcohol should be avoided.

#### For Mental Health:

- \* Manage Stress: To reduce daily stress, practice meditation, take deep breaths, and ensure you maintain a regular sleep schedule of seven to eight hours a day.
- \* Maintain Good Relationships: Building warm relationships with family members and friends is highly important in preventing depression.

### 7. Conclusion

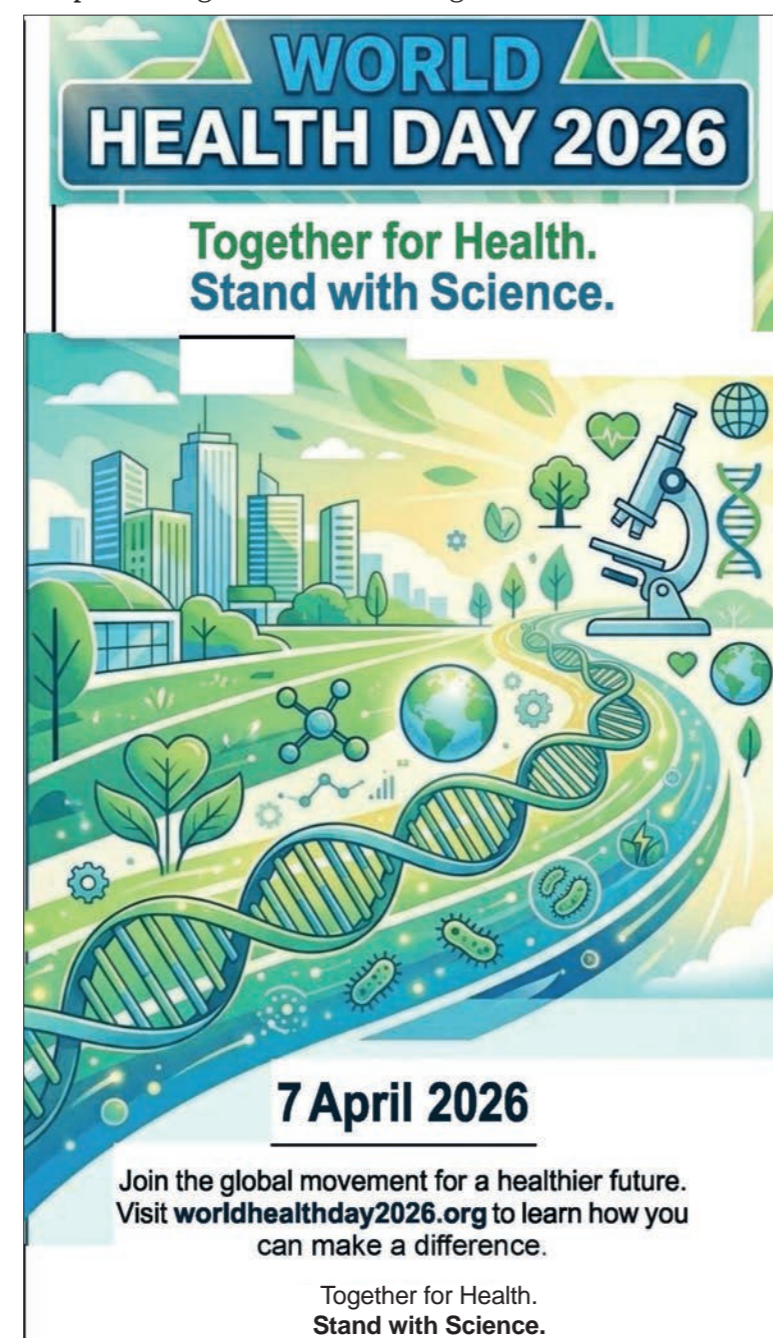
In line with the traditional Myanmar proverb, "Health is the greatest wealth," we can only successfully carry out our social, economic, and educational pursuits when we are healthy.

The theme for 2026, "Together for health. Stand with science," sounds a clarion call to global citizens and the people of Myanmar alike to cooperate more firmly based on scientific foundations in the health sector.

The scientific data obtained from the 2024 STEPS Survey and the 2025 Statistical Yearbook demonstrate that Myanmar's health sector is travelling on a progressive path. Therefore, to maintain this momentum and build an even better future health system, it is requested that every citizen, department, and organization participate together under the guiding principle of "Together for health. Stand with science."

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# NATIONAL

## Tatmadaw regains Thaphanseik hydropower plant, Indaing village, Sagaing Region

NUG and their subordinates PDF terrorists intentionally launched destructive actions across the nation to destroy the governance mechanism and development of the country such as planting mines and destroying public infrastructure including government buildings, roads, bridges, and dams, as well as burning homes of local civilians, while the government makes efforts from multiple sectors to ensure stability and development, including the construction of roads and bridges, excavation of dams and irrigation systems, and the provision of electricity to areas without access.

Meanwhile, PDF terrorists temporarily took control of the Thaphanseik Dam and surrounding villages in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Region, and were conducting various acts of destructive actions.

Therefore, Tatmadaw columns systematically organized necessary forces and launched coordinated offensives, combining firepower and tactical manoeuvres, with the strong morale, determination, and perseverance of officers and soldiers. Despite operational

constraints aimed at minimizing damage to infrastructure and equipment at the dam, they successfully recaptured the Thaphanseik Dam on 28 March and Indaing Village, located about 5,000 metres west of the dam, yesterday afternoon. Weapons, ammunition, and related materials were seized from the insurgents, who retreated after suffering significant casu-

alties.

While retreating, PDF terrorists set fire to the Thaphan-

seik Hydropower Plant, resulting in damage and loss of power-generating equipment.

They also continued to burn civilian homes in Indaing Village. Security forces carried out fire-fighting efforts and necessary security measures.

The terrorists had occupied the Thaphanseik Dam and hydropower plant since December 2025, during which time they removed valuable equipment and caused destruction. The Thaphanseik Dam is a major irrigation source supplying water to over 500,000 acres of farmland. The hydropower plant is also an important facility for the national power grid to supply electricity regularly. Its destruction has disrupted electricity generation and negatively impacted regional development.

Although the insurgents claim to act in the interest of local communities, their actions, such as burning down a non-military hydropower facility, have in fact hindered regional development. Residents have strongly condemned these acts. Security forces, in cooperation with relevant authorities, will undertake urgent efforts to repair and restore the damaged hydropower plant as quickly as possible. — MNA/KTZH



Images reveal Tatmadaw personnel restoring control of the Thaphanseik Dam and confiscating weapons and munitions.

## Customs launches MACCS online payment system with six private banks

THE ceremony to announce the use of the MACCS online payment system with six private banks was held yesterday morning at the Zeyathiri Meeting Hall in the head office of the Customs Department, Yangon Region.

The event was attended by the director-general and officials of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance, representatives from the Central Bank of Myanmar and Myan-

ma Economic Bank, as well as officials from Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association, the Myanmar Customs Brokers Association, and the Myanmar Banks Association. Responsible officials from Ayeyawady Bank Limited (AYA Bank), Kanbawza Bank Limited (KBZ Bank), Cooperative Bank Limited (CB Bank), Ayeyawady Farmers Development Bank



The event announcing the use of the MACCS online payment system with six private banks is underway at the Customs Department in Yangon.

Limited (A Bank), uab Bank Limited, and Yoma Bank Limited were also present.

At the ceremony, the director-general of the Customs Department delivered the opening address. This was followed by

a presentation by Ayeyawady Bank Limited on behalf of the six private banks regarding the implementation of the system. A documentary on the implementation of the MACCS online payment system was then

shown, and it was officially announced that the system would be introduced in areas where the MACCS system is currently in use, in collaboration with the six private banks. — MNA/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Shwedagon to host 1388 Myanmar New Year ceremony with almsgiving and Paritta recitation

The 1388 Myanmar New Year ceremony will be held at the Shwedagon Pagoda on New Year's Day, 17 April, according to the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The programme will include the offering of alms at the pagoda, the recitation of Paritta by venerable Sayadaws, and fish-releasing ceremonies.

"The 1388 Myanmar New Year ceremony will begin with the offering of great alms to the Buddha at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 5 am, followed by the offering of alms to venerable monks at 5:30 am. At 6:30 am, the New Year celebration will take place at the ancient Bud-

dha images on the southern part of the pagoda, including listening to Paritta recited by venerable Sayadaws, making offerings, and sharing merits. At 7 am, a fish-releasing ceremony will be held at Shin Uppagutta Lake in Singuttara Park, on the pagoda's lower terrace near the northern archway," said U Bo Thin, a member of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Additionally, the Shwedagon Pagoda will remain open throughout the Maha Thingyan holiday, allowing pilgrims to observe the Dhamma in accordance with the guidelines. — ASH/MKKS



This photo illustrate pilgrims thronging on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda in the previous year.

## Yangon Region readies 4 hospitals to treat heat-related illnesses

THE Ministry of Health has announced that four major hospitals in Yangon Region have made preparations to provide healthcare services to patients suffering from heat-related illnesses.

As the country enters the hot summer, preparations are underway to ensure necessary medical care is available for the public at government hospitals. In Yangon Region, these four sites include the Yangon Eastern Hospital, the Yangon Western Hospital, Hlinethaya Hospital and Thanlyin Hospital.

Furthermore, the ministry is intensifying its efforts to prevent and treat heat-related health issues through several key initiatives: stockpiling supplies, clinical training, and capacity building.

Similar preparatory measures are being scaled up in other regions experiencing high

temperatures, including Magway Region, Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. The ministry continues to accelerate its prevention and treatment protocols promptly to address health risks associated with extreme heat. — MT/ZN



Preparations and facilities at selected major hospitals in Yangon Region to provide healthcare services for heat-related conditions.

## 'The Beginning' Group Exhibition Features Live Painting at Art Bridge Gallery



The catalogue of 'The Beginning' art exhibition and the participating artists.

AT the Art Bridge Art Gallery in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, arrangements have been made for visitors to closely observe live painting demonstrations by artists participating in the group art exhibition titled 'The Beginning', according to artist Ogre, one of the exhibitors.

The exhibition features 100 outstanding artworks created by 38 artists, using various media such as watercolour, oil, and acrylic, and is being held from 4 to 8 April.

"As for me, I am exhibiting a large painting at this show. The artwork measures about five feet

square. The painting blends traditional Myanmar style with a modern approach. It was used as the opening piece for the launch of this new gallery. Just as performances in Myanmar dance drama traditionally begin with the Apyodaw dance, it feels meaningful that the exhibition also began with this painting," said Artist Ogre.

In addition, art enthusiasts can observe live demonstrations of acrylic painting by artist Aung Thin Oo on 5 April, watercolour painting by artist Myint Oo on 6 April, and emotional abstract painting by artist Ogre on 7 April. — ASH/KNN

# NATIONAL

## Customs to provide full services during Thingyan holidays



A bird's-eye view of the working terminals and docked vessels at Yangon Port along the Yangon River.

THE Customs Department will remain operational to ensure smooth customs operations for imported and exported goods through international seaports and airports during the Thingyan holidays from 11 to 15 April.

Furthermore, the Customs Department processes clearance of urgently imported goods as required by the State when they submit an application in advance, and import/export operations will be facilitated. Those companies wishing to work overtime must ensure sufficient deposit amounts for applicable duties with the Customs Department for the goods to be imported/exported, and must apply to the Customs Department by 2 pm on 10 April.

To ensure smooth customs operations at Asia World Port,

the department will provide services in three shifts to inspect containers designated for exports on public holidays except for Myanmar New Year Day (17 April) upon request of the applicants. Moreover, the existing border trade posts and township customs offices along trade routes will continue to provide full services during Thingyan holidays. For difficulties in importing and exporting goods, individuals can contact the following numbers: 09 250254208 of Director (Export/Import), 09 5066569 of Director (Security), 09 785055456 of Deputy Director (Export), 09 785414433 of Deputy Director (Import), 09 445179698 of Deputy Director (Security) and 09 5408957 of Deputy Director (Airport), the Customs Department stated. — NN/KK

## Authorities to take legal action on misleading prepackaged food labels

THE logo of the Food and Drug Administration Department and the Ministry of Health on prepackaged food must be avoided, and misleading labelling will be subject to legal action.

The FDA issued Directive 8/2022 on Labelling of Prepackaged Foods on 20 January 2022. Under Chapter 7, stanza 21 of the Directive, food manufacturers using FDA labelling on prepackaged food will face legal action under Section 31 of the National Food Law.

The ministry has been regulating food business operators across the entire food chain to ensure compliance and food safety for the public.

FDA totally denies the use of formalin in food such as tofu, rice noodles, to lengthen the shelf life, since exposure to formalin can cause short-term effects like eye, nose, throat, skin irritation, nausea, headache, vomiting, stomachache and respiratory problems. Severe exposure can lead to life-threatening conditions like cirrhosis of the liver, kidney disease, gastrointestinal problems and cancer in addition to adverse effects on pregnancy and fetus.

The FDA warned food producers, distributors and sellers of the ban on the use of formalin in food. Failure to do so will result in legal action under Section 28 (a) of the National Food Law. — NN/KK

## Business partners sought for high-end housing development in Magway

INTERESTED entrepreneurs and companies are invited to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for joint operations of the high-end housing project in Magway Township, according to the Tender Committee of the Magway Township Development Affairs Committee.

The project is to be implemented on a plot of land located at Plot No 1654, Maehlataung Village-tract, Magway Township, Magway Region, covering an area of 20 acres.

Therefore, interested Myanmar citi-

zen entrepreneurs must submit their EOI applications to the Magway Township Development Affairs Committee by 28 April, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Directive 3/2018 regarding the leasing, transfer, and joint operation of state-owned land and buildings.

The EOI form, regulations and guidelines can be obtained from the Engineering Division of the Magway Township Development Committee by presenting relevant company credentials by 24 April, 2026.

Required company credentials include a letter expressing interest in undertaking the project and requesting the EOI application, a valid company registration, the capabilities and experience of the investor and developer in relevant projects, name, position, address, phone number, and email address of the contact person for communication with the company. Individuals can enquire about details through the Magway Township Development Committee at 063 2025048 and 09 43009529. — NN/KK

## Meteorologist urges professional advice on heat-stress adaptation

THE agriculture sector should seek professional advice on climate resilience technology as preparations for reducing impacts on the yield of crops, said meteorologist U Win Naing.

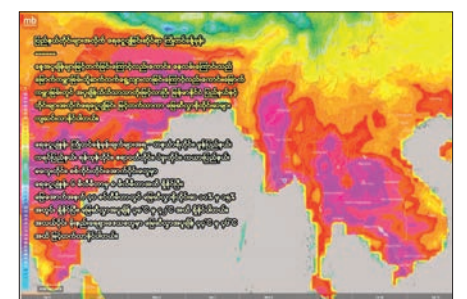
The temperature has increased visibly in the Northern Hemisphere due to the elevated daytime temperatures from April to May and the Sun's path shifting to the Northern Hemisphere, leading to increased evapotranspiration and a decline in soil moisture in regions and states of Myanmar.

According to predictions, the evapotranspiration will be six to eight millimetres in Taninthayi Region, Mon State,

Kayin State, Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Kayah State, Magway Region and lower Sagaing Region, while the soil moisture will be 10-15 per cent in 40 centimetres deep and the soil temperature will be 38-42 degrees Celsius, he said.

In the dry zone located in central Myanmar, the soil temperature will be 44-46 degrees Celsius, he said. In the rest of the regions and states, evapotranspiration will be 3.5-5.5 millimetres, the soil moisture will be 16-26 per cent in 40-centimetre-deep soil, and the soil temperature will be 24-36 degrees Celsius.

He suggested that farmers should take advice on technology for heat stress tolerance from agricultural experts, in order to prevent losses in crop production. — MT/ZS



The chart for evapotranspiration forecasts in regions and states.

## OPEC+ to ramp up oil output in May amid global energy crisis

THE Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Sunday decided to increase oil output by 206,000 barrels per day in May, according to an OPEC statement.

The decision was announced following a virtual meeting attended by Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman, which reviewed global market conditions and outlook.

Amid the ongoing military conflict in the Middle East, the eight OPEC+ countries underscored the critical importance of safeguarding interna-



Vehicles refuel at a gas station in Paris, France, on 9 March 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

tional maritime routes to ensure the free flow of energy supplies.

The eight countries also expressed concern over attacks on energy infrastructure, which

harmed the overall supply availability. They stressed that it is both costly and takes a long time to restore damaged energy assets to full capacity. — Xinhua

## Libya's oil output hits highest level in over a decade

LIBYA'S oil production has risen to about 1.43 million barrels per day, the highest level recorded in over a decade, Chairman of Libya's National Oil Corporation Masoud Suleiman announced here Sunday.

Suleiman said during a meeting that oil sales revenue for February exceeded US\$2 billion and was fully transferred to the state treasury without any deductions, a first in years.

He also noted that

domestic fuel supplies remain stable despite global crises, and that maintenance work on the Al-Sharara oilfield's export pipeline has been completed, with production back to normal levels. — Xinhua

### Notice for Change of Distributor

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No.	Trade Name	Active ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No.
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## Brunei minister urges petrol station companies to support MSMEs growth

A Brunei government minister on Sunday called on petrol station companies to play a leading role in strengthening micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), particularly by creating more job opportunities and enhancing skills development for Bruneian people.

Speaking at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Cahaya Pakatan filling station in Brunei's Tutong district, Muhammad Juanda Abdul Rashid, minister of

development, emphasized the importance of private sector contributions to national economic goals. The minister said such efforts are in line with Brunei Vision 2035, which aims to transform the country into a dynamic and competitive economy. He stressed that empowering MSMEs through employment opportunities and skills training would help build a more resilient workforce and support long-term economic sustainability. — Xinhua

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# ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

## Iran's FM discusses ongoing war with Russian, Indian counterparts over phone

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi on Sunday exchanged views with his Russian and Indian counterparts on the ongoing regional conflict involving the United States, Israel and Iran.

In two separate phone calls, Araghchi discussed the latest developments in the West Asia region as well as the security and economic consequences of the US and Israeli "aggression" with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, according to statements released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Araghchi elaborated on the "crimes" committed by the United States and Israel against Iran's people over the past 37 days, including their attacks on Iranian industrial and production infrastructure, hospitals, schools, residential areas as well as nuclear centers and facilities.

He urged all influential parties at the UN Security Council to adopt responsible approaches that are based on international law.

He highlighted the firm determination of Iranian people and armed forces to powerfully defend Iran's national interests and security, warning about the consequences of the US and Israeli



This photo taken on 4 April 2026 shows a building destroyed in a US and Israeli airstrike at the Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran, Iran. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

"aggression" for the stability and security in the region and the world.

Lavrov, for his part, stressed the need for stopping the "illegal" attacks against civilian targets, especially the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant in southern Iran, calling for grasping every opportunity to prevent the expansion of the conflict's scopes.

The Indian foreign minister highlighted the importance of efforts to re-

store stability and security to the region, expressing his country's support for the ongoing efforts at the regional and international levels to stop the war.

The phone calls came amid heightened regional tensions following joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran starting on 28 February to which Iran and its regional allies responded with attacks on Israeli and US interests across the Middle East. — Xinhua

## Japan opposition parties, citizens rally against govt move to ease arms export rules



People participate in a protest outside the Ikebukuro station in Tokyo, Japan, on 5 April 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SENIOR figures from several Japanese opposition parties joined thousands of citizens outside the bustling Ikebukuro station in Tokyo on Sunday evening to protest the government's dangerous push to ease restrictions on

arms exports and advance sweeping military expansion, voicing concern about the country's future path.

More than 6,000 people attended the protest, according to organizers. Demonstrators held signs reading "Mil-

itary force cannot bring peace" and "Takaichi step down," while chanting slogans including "Oppose war" and "Defend peace", in opposition to what they described as a shift in the government's security policy.

Japanese media have previously reported that the Takaichi government plans to revise the implementation guidelines for the "three principles on transfer of defence equipment and technology" within the month to loosen overseas arms export restrictions.

Opposition politicians speaking at the rally said Japan's export of weapons could fuel international conflicts and runs counter to the pacifist principles enshrined in the country's constitution. They warned that a series of policies being pushed by the government, including relentless military buildup, a proposed anti-espionage law, and plans to establish a national intelligence agency, could put Japan on a dangerous path toward preparing for war. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Tran Thanh Man re-elected as Vietnam's top legislator

VIETNAM'S National Assembly (NA) on Monday elected Tran Thanh Man, chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> parliament, to lead the country's top legislature for its 16<sup>th</sup> tenure.

At the first session of the 16<sup>th</sup> NA, which opened in Hanoi on Monday, Man, a member of the Political Bureau of the 14<sup>th</sup> Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee, won a majority of votes to continue in the post. Man, born in 1962, previously assumed the NA chairmanship on 20 May 2024. — Xinhua

#### Mount Semeru volcano erupts in Indonesia

INDONESIA'S Mount Semeru in East Java province erupted several times on Monday morning, sending thick ash up to 1,100 metres above its summit, according to the Centre for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation.

An official at the Semeru monitoring post reported that the ash columns, ranging from white to gray, moved southward with moderate intensity. By press time, the volcano had recorded at least seven eruptions since midnight. The activity began at 00:38 am local time, with the most recent blast occurring at 9:29 am. The peak of this activity was observed at 6:51 am, when the ash plume reached its maximum height of 1,100 metres. — Xinhua

#### Flooding kills 110 in Afghanistan, more rain on the way

AT least 110 people have been confirmed dead, 160 injured, and seven others have gone missing after torrential rainfall triggered flash floods across Afghanistan over the past 11 days, the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) reported on Monday.

The natural disaster has caused widespread destruction, utterly destroying 958 homes and partially damaging another 4,155 houses, according to the authority. The floods have also washed away more than 356 kilometres of roads, inundated 15,562 acres of farmland, and damaged water canals and irrigation networks.

The authority has dispatched emergency assistance to impacted areas through provincial departments and urged residents to stay away from flood-prone zones and riverbanks during rainy periods to avoid further loss of life and property damage.

Rescue and relief teams, working with national and international organizations, are conducting damage assessments in flood-affected areas. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Arbeloa's choices vital for Real Madrid's European future

REAL Madrid coach Alvaro Arbeloa faces several major decisions as his side prepares to host Bayern Munich in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Tuesday night.

Real Madrid goes into the game after a 2-1 defeat to Mallorca on Saturday, a result that left it seven points behind FC Barcelona in La Liga with just eight games remaining.

With the league title slipping away, Real Madrid's campaign and Arbeloa's future as coach now appear to rest on success in Europe.

The good news for the Real Madrid coach is that his team is usually transformed in the Champions League, especially at home in the special atmosphere of the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Kylian Mbappe and Vinicius Jr will lead the Real Madrid attack, with Vinicius returning after starting Saturday's defeat on the bench following his return from international duty with a slight physical issue.

Arbeloa's first major dilemma is whether Jude Bellingham should start after he was fit enough only for a second-half substitute appearance at the weekend. Fede Valverde, Aurelien Tchouameni and Arda Guler are all expected to start, leaving Arbeloa to choose between Bellingham, young midfielder Thiago

Pitarch and Brahim Diaz for the remaining place.

Eder Militao poses another question for the coach. Militao marked his return with a goal against Mallorca after four months out following knee surgery and, when fully fit, offers a more reliable partner for Antonio Rudiger than Dean Huijsen. Arbeloa has to decide whether the half-hour Militao played on Saturday is enough for him to start against a Bayern attack that may or may not include Harry Kane, who has also been struggling with a minor injury.

The two full-back positions also present dilemmas. At right back, Trent Alexander-Arnold offers creativity and excellent delivery from set pieces but is vulnerable defensively at the highest level, while Dani Carvajal is more solid defensively but is beginning to show his age.

Ferland Mendy's injury means Arbeloa must choose between Fran Garcia and Alvaro Carreras on the left, with Carreras failing to strengthen his case at the weekend.

Real Madrid and Bayern have met 28 times in Europe, with Real Madrid winning seven of the last nine meetings. Arbeloa will need to improve that record further by the final whistle on Tuesday, and the decisions he makes could prove decisive. — Xinhua

## Myanmar U17 boys set to leave for ASEAN Championship on 8 Apr



The Myanmar U17 team is to compete in the ASEAN U17 men's Championship 2026.

TO compete in the ASEAN U17 men's Championship 2026, the Myanmar U17 team will depart for Indonesia on 8 April, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar U17 team has been placed in Group B, and according to the group fixtures, the team will play Laos at 7 pm local time on 12 April, Thailand at 7 pm local time on 15 April and the Philippines at 3 pm local time on 18 April.

MFF has urged Myanmar football fans to show their strong support and to motivate the national team to pass the group stage successfully. — Htun Htun/ZS

## Chinese striker Shao Ziqin signs with Benfica Women through 2029

CHINESE international striker Shao Ziqin has signed with Benfica Women through 2029, the Portuguese club announced, in a move she described as a major step forward in her career.

The 23-year-old, who becomes available after her contract with Jiangsu Wuxi expired in December, told Benfica TV: "This is a big challenge for me. Benfica is a historic club, and this marks an important stage in my career."

Considered one of China's standout players,

Shao helped Jiangsu to a runner-up finish in the domestic league last season and was shortlisted for the 2025 Chinese Women's Footballer of the Year award.

Benfica stated that several European clubs had shown interest in Shao before she agreed to join as part of their plans for the upcoming campaign. Although she has already started training with the team, she will be eligible to play officially from the 2026-27 season. — Xinhua



## Tanaka nets as Leeds beat West Ham in FA Cup quarterfinal

JAPAN midfielder Ao Tanaka scored his fourth goal of the season as Leeds United defeated West Ham in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the FA Cup on Sunday.

The Samurai Blue playmaker initiated the attack before dis-

playing fancy footwork to beat his marker and open the scoring from the centre of the box in 26 minutes at London Stadium.

Tanaka's team still led 1-0 when he headed to the bench in 69 minutes, and they soon after doubled the advantage through Dominic Calvert-Lewin, but two injury-time goals from West Ham left the match deadlocked 2-2 through 120 minutes.

Leeds prevailed 4-2 in the shootout to advance to the sem-

ifinals of the storied tournament for the first time since 1987.

Elsewhere in Europe, Ritsu Doan, who captained Japan in a historic friendly win over England last week, started for Eintracht Frankfurt and was substituted in 67 minutes of their 2-2 draw with FC Koln at Deutsche Bank Park.

In the German Bundesliga, midfielder Joel Chima Fujita started for St Pauli in a 1-1 draw with Union Berlin. — Kyodo

Japanese midfielder Ritsu Doan (L) starts for Eintracht Frankfurt in a 2-2 draw with FC Koln at Deutsche Bank Park in Frankfurt on 5 April 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

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# WORLD

## Cambodia's new law on combatting online scams promulgated

CAMBODIA'S new law on combatting online scams, which will deliver up to 30 years or life imprisonment to scam bosses, was promulgated on Monday.

The promulgation was made in a royal decree signed by Acting Head of State Samdech Techo Hun Sen after the Senate, or the upper house, gave final approval to the law on 3 April.

According to the decree, the law takes effect immediately.

Under the new law, online scam bosses will face between 15 and 30 years or life imprisonment if their operations lead to one or many deaths.

Ringleaders of online scam centres will face between five and 10 years in prison and a fine of up to one billion riels (about US\$250,000), and they will face between 10 and 20 years in jail and a fine of up to 2 billion riels if their operations are found to involve violence, torture, illegal confinement, human trafficking, or forced labour.

Online scammers will be imprisoned between two and five years with a fine of up to 500 million riels.

The South-East Asian country has launched an unprecedented nationwide crackdown on cyber scam networks in order to maintain social security, safety and public order, and to restore the kingdom's image on the international stage. — Xinhua

## FAO chief economist warns of deepening global food risks amid Mideast tensions

THE ongoing conflict in the Middle East could heighten risks to global food security, particularly for countries heavily dependent on imported food, fertilizer and fuel, Maximo Torero, chief economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has said.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Torero said the crisis is exposing the vulnerability of countries with limited domestic production and a heavy reliance on external supply routes.

"The real dividing line is not simply between rich and poor countries," he said. "It is between those with domestic buffers and those without."

The FAO warned in a recent report that disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil, gas and fertilizer trade, could drive up costs across the agrifood system and put additional pressure on vulnerable economies.

Torero noted that some Gulf countries are highly exposed despite their wealth, as they rely heavily on food imports and seaborne trade. Financial resources may provide short-term relief, he said, but cannot replace disrupted supply routes.

He also pointed to South Asia and parts of sub-Saharan Africa as areas of concern. In these regions, shocks to fertilizer and energy supplies could quickly affect agricultural production, particularly during planting seasons.



Maximo Torero Cullen, chief economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, speaks at a panel discussion themed on "Accelerating Green Transitions: Paths and Actions" during the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2026 in Boao, south China's Hainan Province, 26 March, 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Countries with limited fiscal space would face greater difficulty absorbing higher import costs or making emergency purchases, he said.

"For low-income countries already using very limited agricultural inputs, even small supply cuts can cause disproportionately large production losses," Torero said.

The warning comes as the FAO continues to monitor global food markets. Torero said governments should not rely solely on food prices as an early signal of

stress, but also monitor fertilizer prices, gas supplies to fertilizer plants, shipping flows and maritime insurance costs.

He highlighted sulfur as a critical but often overlooked factor. Though less discussed than oil or gas, sulfur is essential for producing phosphate fertilizers, and supply disruptions could have far-reaching effects beyond the conflict zone.

"Agriculture runs on biological deadlines," Torero said. "If key planting windows are missed, later interventions cannot fully reverse the damage." — Xinhua

## IAEA says strikes near Iran nuclear power plant 'must stop'



This handout satellite image provided by Maxar Technologies and taken on 30 August 2020 shows an overview of Iran's Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, southeast of the city of Bushehr. PHOTO: SATELLITE IMAGE ©2021 MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES / AFP

THE chief of the UN nuclear watchdog on Monday warned attacks near Iran's Bushehr atomic power plant "pose a very real danger to nuclear safety and must stop".

The facility, located in the south of the country and equipped with a 1,000-megawatt reactor, has been targeted four times since the US-Israeli war on Iran began. The latest strike was reported by Iranian state media on Saturday.

Strikes near the operating plant "could

cause a severe radiological accident with harmful consequences for people and the environment in Iran and beyond", said Rafael Grossi, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), on X.

The IAEA analyzed satellite imagery of the site, confirming the impact of the latest strike, which did not damage the power plant.

Grossi added that one strike hit just 75 metres (246 feet) from the plant perimeter. — AFP

## China releases guidelines to promote high-quality e-commerce development

SEVERAL Chinese government departments have jointly issued guidelines to advance high-quality development of the e-commerce sector, aiming to strengthen its role in supporting the real economy, the Ministry of Commerce announced on Monday.

The document outlines key measures to deepen the integration of the digital and real economies, focusing on empowering small and medium-sized enterprises and rural areas through e-commerce, boosting industrial digitalization, and encouraging technological innovation to improve consumption quality.

It also highlights efforts to expand high-standard opening up by advancing cross-border e-commerce and the Silk Road e-commerce initiative, while pushing for greater alignment with international rules in areas such as digital trade. — Xinhua