

Govt Pledges to Further Deepen Myanmar-China Ties

Myanmar backs the four-point proposal put forward by Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping for peace and stability in the Middle East: U Min Aung Hlaing

China will continue to support Myanmar on the international stage: Mr Wang Yi

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, the President expressed his honour and pleasure that Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, was the first to send a congratulatory message within hours of his election as President, demonstrating his high regard. He also conveyed his gratitude that the Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Minister of Foreign Affairs was the first to visit during the tenure of the government led by him. The President added that the government will continue to further strengthen relations and cooperation between Myanmar and China during its tenure.

The Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China stated that Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, had conveyed his congratulations and best wishes on the election of Your Excellency as President of Myanmar. He noted that China's sending of a congratulatory message within hours of his election and the dispatch of a delegation to attend the oath-taking ceremony demonstrated the

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Wang Yi exchange commemorative gifts in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



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Notice on Fuel Sale & Distribution

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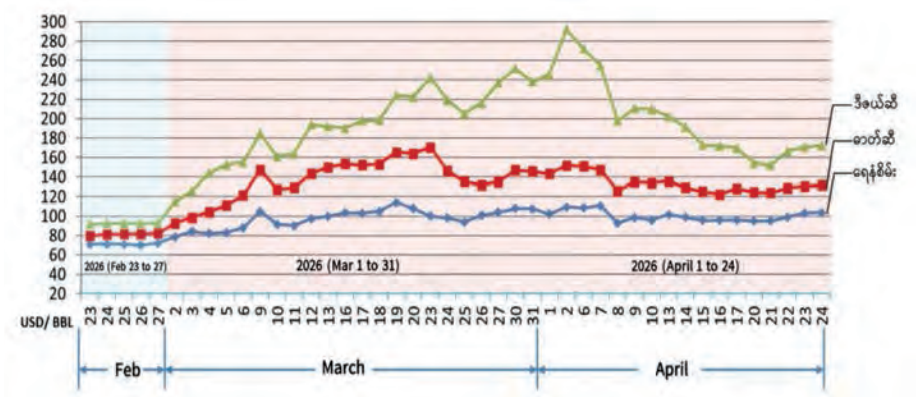
DUE to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, disruptions have occurred in the Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately one-fifth of the world's oil supply is transported. As a result, global crude oil prices have risen continuously, leading to increases in fuel prices and causing various difficulties.

The government has been coordinating and supervising efforts to ensure that fuel supplies do not run out, and the fuel has been continuously replenished and is being distributed regularly. Through systematic management and controlled usage, the country has now achieved a reserve for up to 60 days. Moreover, to ensure fuel security, the government has engaged in discussions and negotiations with partner countries, securing agreements for the importation of not only fuel but also other petroleum products.

Moreover, tax exemptions have been granted on the import of regular diesel used for transportation, allowing it to be sold at K5,752 per litre (US\$1.423 per litre).

When comparing the increase in crude oil prices with that of refined fuel prices, it can be observed that while crude oil prices have risen at a relatively lower rate, refined fuel prices have surged significantly.

Table for Comparison of Crude Oil, Petroleum and Diesel Prices



Therefore, if crude oil can be purchased and refined domestically, the public would be able to access fuel at more affordable prices. And so, the government is implementing plans to expand and construct new oil refineries and upgrade the existing facilities.

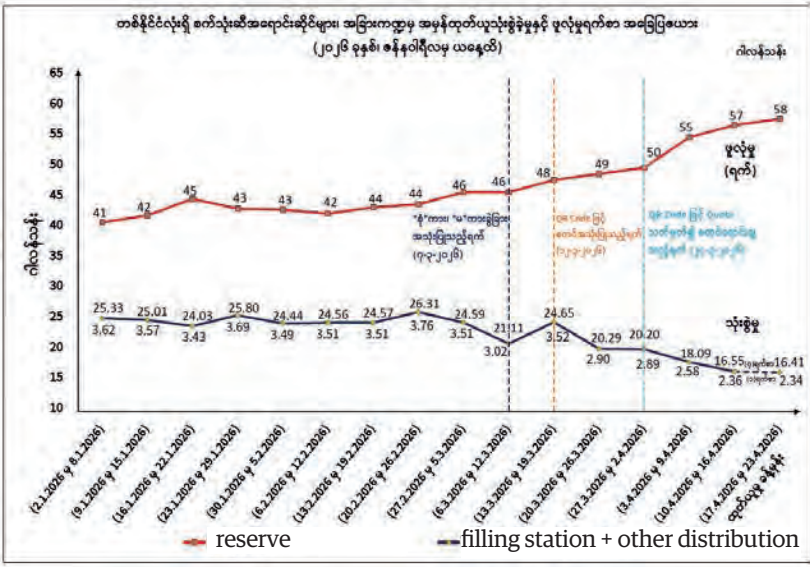
Moreover, if sufficient domestic production of crude oil can be achieved, public concerns regarding fuel availability would be alleviated. And, the government is making efforts through various means to increase crude oil production.

The government directly distributes domestically produced fuel to consumers for motorcycles, three-wheeled vehicles, and some motor vehicles at K17,252 per gallon of RON 68, at K17,707 per gallon of RON 72, whereas at K10,000 per gallon of diesel for the farmers. Plans are also in place to continue such distribution.

At present, the public has been actively cooperating by demonstrating understanding, empathy, and a positive attitude, such as providing suggestions, sharing knowledge through social media, reporting harmful activities to call centres, and the media also avoids publishing misleading or panic headlines. For such cooperation, the fuel distribution operations have become more stable.

Therefore, the public is urged not to engage in panic buying or stockpiling fuel out of fear of shortages. Purchasing only what is necessary will reduce time loss and inconvenience for individuals and help decrease the country's foreign currency expenditure. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy respectfully requests continued public cooperation in implementing these measures for the benefit of all citizens.

Ministry of Electricity and Energy



Although global fuel prices have increased, the government takes measures to prevent significant rises in domestic fuel prices. Compared to other Southeast Asian countries, domestic fuel prices remain at a reasonable level.

Comparison of Fuel Prices Among ASEAN Countries

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		(USD/litre)	(MMK/litre)			(USD/litre)	(MMK/litre)
၁	Brunei	0.417	1684.993	၁	Brunei	0.244	985.943
၂	Indonesia	0.723	2921.462	၂	Indonesia	0.853	3446.760
၃	Vietnam	0.902	3644.757	၃	Vietnam	1.068	4315.521
၄	Malaysia	1.017	4109.443	၄	Thailand	1.265	5111.549
၅	Myanmar	1.215	4909.000	၅	Cambodia	1.421	5741.906
၆	Philippines	1.465	5919.699	၆	Malaysia	1.511	6105.573
၇	Cambodia	1.483	5992.432	၇	Myanmar	1.735	7012.000
၈	Thailand	1.646	6651.075	၈	Philippines	2.051	8287.578
၉	Laos	1.775	7172.331	၉	Laos	2.170	8768.428
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CTD to offer Basic Tour Guide Course

THE Central Tourism Development Centre (CTD) will conduct the 66th Basic Tour Guide Course from 9:30 am to 3:45 pm from Monday to Friday between 15 June and 4 September.

Those who want to attend the course must present the following documents: three colour licensed photos (taken within the last six months), a bachelor's degree certificate, a citizenship scrutiny card, a health certificate, and a ward/police verification certificate. The course fee is K250,000. Applications will be accepted from 28 April to 2 May 2026. Individuals can enquire about details at 40/42, Bo Sun Pek Road, between Maha Bandoola Road and Merchant Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon by dialling 01 8377559.

The tour guide course covers basic industry knowledge in tourism, travel industry trends, sustainable and conservation-related lessons, Myanmar travel destinations,

the cultural traditions of Myanmar's ethnic groups, Myanmar's biodiversity, tour guide professional skills, regulations, and other related knowledge and expertise.

The course is taught by senior tour guides, experts from various associations, and instructors recognized by relevant departments with extensive practical and theoretical backgrounds. Participants will receive a certificate in travel industry studies, which is highly valuable for careers in tourism, including Tour Guide, Tour Leader, Tour Operator, Sales & Marketing, Agency Manager/Owner, Teacher/Trainer, and Customer Service.

Applicants will undergo a screening process and must pass a three-hour entrance exam. Those who pass the entrance exam will be permitted to attend the course. The entrance exam covers Basic Tourism Industry Knowledge, famous travel destinations in Myanmar, and Language Skills. — NN/KK

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President U Min Aung Hlaing receives Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Wang Yi and his delegation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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importance it attaches to Myanmar and its people. He also expressed his belief that, under the leadership of Your Excellency, Myanmar would become a country that achieves long-term development. He added that both countries would continue to accelerate efforts on matters that would bring socioeconomic benefits to their states and peoples, and he vowed that China would continue to stand by and support Myanmar on the international landscape.
Furthermore, they cordially exchanged views on the enhancement of diplomatic relations and friendly relations between the two countries, the implementation of a community with shared future between the two countries through thick and thin, and the steadfast support of China in enabling Myanmar to move along a successful path suited to its national conditions, with the backing of its people.

They also frankly discussed that the continued firm support for Myanmar’s sovereignty, territorial security, and stability, as well as the consistent support for enabling the implementation of peace and stability in the country, national reconciliation among ethnic groups, and social harmony within society.
Their bilateral talks emphasized the further coordination and cooperation in the peace and stability of border regions, facilitating smooth, swift, and efficient trade flows and the efforts to restore the internal peace process, China’s continued assistance in rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following the damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake, and the conditions enabling Myanmar to further enhance international relations and cooperation in the ASEAN community.
They talked about Myanmar’s support for the four-point proposal put forward by Mr Xi

Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China, for peace and stability in the Middle East, and the Myanmar’s successful holding of a free and fair multi-party democratic general election and, the government elected by the people is firmly continuing along the democratic path, thereby enabling the country to further enhance its participation and cooperation within ASEAN.
Moreover, their discussions dealt with the situations to enhance cooperation in bilateral border trade, energy and mining, agriculture and technological sectors, the concerted efforts to combat telecommunication fraud and online gambling, and the plan to accelerate the existing friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries and peoples.
The President and the Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China

Key points of the discussions between the President and the Chinese Political Bureau Member of the CPC Central Committee and the FM

- Further coordination and cooperation for the peace and stability of the border regions
- The facilitation of smooth, swift, and efficient trade flows and the efforts to restore the internal peace process
- The plans of Myanmar to further enhance its participation and cooperation within ASEAN
- The continued firm support for Myanmar’s sovereignty, territorial security, and stability, implementation of peace and stability in the country, national reconciliation among ethnic groups, and social harmony within society.

exchanged commemorative gifts and had documentary photos taken together with the attendees.
Present at the meeting together with the President were Union Minister at the President’s Office U Khin Maung Yi, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe and Vice-Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peace-making Central Committee Lt-Gen Yar Pyae. The Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China was accompanied by Ambassador Ms Ma Jia of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of China and delegation members. — MNA/TTA

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Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and China hold bilateral meeting

U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a bilateral meeting with Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, who is on an official visit to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the evening of 25 April 2026.

Both sides discussed ways to further strengthen the "Pauk-Phaw" relations between Myanmar and China, the building of a Community with a Shared Future, and the momentous acceleration of existing friendly ties and practical cooperation. They also exchanged views on continued cooperation to maintain peace and stability along the shared border, China's support for Myanmar's peace process and socioeconomic development, and increased cooperation based on good neighbourliness in combating online scamming and illegal activities in border areas. Both sides further emphasized mutual support in regional and

international arenas and reaffirmed their commitment to promoting mutually beneficial cooperation.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe expressed his appreciation to China for its consistent support to Myanmar and its assistance to Myanmar. He stated Myanmar's support for the "One China Policy", four global initiatives proposed by Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping and four propositions on safeguarding and promoting peace and stability in the Middle East. He underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries. He conveyed gratitude for China's assistance in earthquake recovery efforts. He requested China's continued support for Myanmar's peace process and peace and stability in the border areas, as well as the socioeconomic development of people in the border areas. He reaffirmed Myanmar's commitment to continue cooperation with China in regional and in-



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe holds talks with Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Wang Yi, who is on an official visit to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ternational fora.

Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Wang Yi congratulated Myanmar on the successful holding of the General Election and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to visit Myanmar shortly after the formation of the new government led by President U Min Aung Hlaing. He stated that China would continue to support Myanmar's peace process and remain a reliable neighbour upon which Myanmar can depend, based on the "Pauk-Phaw" friendship. He expressed willingness for closer cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries and affirmed that continued efforts would be made to enhance mutual understanding and trust between the

two nations. He also stated that both sides would strive to effectively implement the agreements reached by the leaders of the two countries, deepen mutually beneficial cooperation across various sectors, and accelerate and expand the implementation of bilateral projects.

After the meeting, in the presence of the Foreign Ministers, the exchange of the hand-over and acceptance certificate for the China-aided emergency project on post-earthquake prefabricated resettlement housing for monks, nuns, and their monasteries affected by the Mandalay earthquake, as well as the exchange of the Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar Space Agency (MSA)

and the China National Space Administration (CNSA) on cooperation in the peaceful use of outer space, took place.

Subsequently, U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, hosted a dinner to the Chinese delegation led by Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China at the Jasmine Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. The dinner was attended by Chief Executive Officer of the Myanmar Space Agency Dr Soe Myint Maung, deputy ministers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and officials. — MNA

Chinese CPC Central Committee's Political Bureau Member & Foreign Minister arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

At the invitation of U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and the delegation, arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on the afternoon of 25 April 2026 by special aircraft for an official visit to Myanmar from 25 to 26 April 2026. They were

warmly welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA



Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Wang Yi is welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

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MNREC Union Minister attends briefing on mineral-related activities



Union Minister U Hsan Oo observes samples of rocks and minerals displayed at the meeting on mineral-related activities of the Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department on 24 April.

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Hsan Oo attended a briefing on mineral-related activities of the Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department on the evening of 24 April, together with Deputy Ministers U Khin Lat Gyi and Dr Thaung Naing Oo, as well as the permanent secretary, directors-general, and managing directors. The department is engaged in mineral resource development, exploration, testing, and feasibility studies in Myanmar.

Director-General Dr Thet Tin Nyunt of the Department of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration first briefed the Union minister on the department's activities, Myanmar's geology and geoscience technologies, mineral resource development,

and the status of exploration, testing, and feasibility studies of key minerals.

Afterwards, the deputy ministers and officials presented their reports. The Union minister noted that the mineral sector plays a key role in national development and emphasized that experts from relevant departments should expand mineral exploration, strengthen research and capacity-building in cooperation with the international community, prioritize the exploration and assessment of key minerals, continuously study modern skills and technologies, and strictly prevent illegal mining activities.

The Union minister then inspected maps of mineral development sites, geological maps, and samples of rocks and minerals. — MNA/MKKS

MoL Union Minister attends ASEAN dialogue on migrant labour in Manila

UNION Minister for Labour U Khin Maung Soe attended a high-level ASEAN dialogue on cross-border labour issues held in Metro Manila, the Philippines.

The meeting, led by the Philippines as ASEAN Chair, focused on promoting safe and regular labour migration, reducing risks along migration routes and enhancing skills development benefits. ASEAN labour ministers, senior officials, representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) also took part.

Participants discussed regional cooperation mechanisms, protection of migrant workers, reintegration support, social protection, climate-related migration, crisis preparedness and digital transformation, sharing experiences and challenges. — MNA/KZL

Labour ministers and senior officials from ASEAN nations pose for the documentary group photo at the ASEAN High-Level Roundtable in Manila, the Philippines.



Myanmar-China Programme to Deliver Cardiac Care to 100,000 Patients

THE Ministry of Health has announced that medical professionals from Myanmar and China will collaborate at cardiac treatment centres in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay to launch a heart disease risk assessment and treatment programme, targeting around 100,000 people.

“This is wonderful news for heart disease patients. However, there is one issue: facilities like the cardiac ward at the Yangon General Hospital are often overwhelmed by patients arriving from across the country, leading to shortages in accommodation. Due to the large number of patients, I have

also noticed weaknesses in hygiene standards. Furthermore, we must consider the need for additional doctors, nurses, and support staff to provide care for the influx of new patients. If these requirements are met, it would be truly excellent,” commented U Htun Htun Oo, a heart disease patient who re-

ceived treatment at the Yangon General Hospital.

The Ministry of Health also stated that it intends to expand health awareness initiatives through targeted projects in every secure and stable village. Furthermore, the Ministry plans to increase the provision of free healthcare services in

public hospitals for civil servants and retired civil servants. Recognising that health is a fundamental requirement for the socioeconomic development of the State and its citizens, the Ministry will prioritise healthcare services that directly benefit the public. — ASH/KZL

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Modern DEMU Express to Launch on Yangon-Mandalay Corridor

IN pursuit of the President’s guidance, Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Transport will operate a modern DEMU air-conditioned passenger express train on the Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon railway commencing on 1 May 2026, according to the following schedule: -

Sr	Train No	Journey		Departure/ Arrival Time		Total Duration
		From	To	Departure Time	Arrival Time	
1	5 Up	Yangon	Mandalay	06:00	16:00	10 hours
2	6 Down	Mandalay	Yangon	06:00	16:00	10 hrs & 10 mins

The Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon route will include stops at Toegyaungkalay, Bago, Nyaunglebin, Toungoo, Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw, Yamethin, Thazi, and Kyaukse stations. The fare is K48,000 for upper class and K34,000 for first class.

The modern air-conditioned DEMU passenger express train 31 Up/32 Down will operate on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section in line with the following schedule. It will stop at Toegyaungkalay, Bago, DaikU, Toungoo, and Pyinmana stations, and the fares will remain the same.

Sr	Train No	Journey		Departure/Arrival Time		Total Duration
		From	To	Departure Time	Arrival Time	
1	31 Up	Yangon	Nay Pyi Taw	10:00	15:00	5 hours
2	32 Down	Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	10:00	15:00	5 hours

The air-conditioned modern DEMU passenger express train 7 Up/8 Down will operate on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon railway according to the schedule below. It will stop at Toegyaungkalay, Bago, Pyu, Toungoo, and Pyinmana stations, and the fares will remain the same.



This image captures a passenger train of Myanma Railways.

Sr	Train No	Journey		Departure/Arrival Time		Total Duration
		From	To	Departure Time	Arrival Time	
1	7 Up	Yangon	Nay Pyi Taw	12:30	17:30	5 hours
2	8 Down	Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	12:30	17:30	5 hours

DEMU passenger express trains 5 Up/6 Down operate on the Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon railway, while 31 Up/32 Down operate on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section. Seat tickets for the air-conditioned DEMU passenger express trains 7 Up/8 Down will be available for purchase through the Online Railways Ticketing and Payment (ORTP) system. As the number of train passengers increases, Myanma Railways will expand routes and add additional coaches to provide more convenient travel. — MNA/MKKS

Frontline Tatmadaw members welcomed back



Triumphant Tatmadaw troops are seen being warmly welcomed back in the Triangle Region Command.

A ceremony to warmly welcome back the triumphant frontline Tatmadaw members who courageously served duties in Muse Township, Shan State (North), was held at the local battalion in Mongtwan, Shan State (East), yesterday.

Commander of the Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Soe Myat Htut, relevant departmental officials, war veterans’ organization and local ethnic people welcomed back returning

soldiers with heartfelt enthusiasm.

The commander and officials welcomed back the victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia and presented the cash prizes to the returnees. The event included traditional dance and music performances.

The commander and party had lunch together with the victorious Tatmadaw members. — MNA/MKKS

Five-week ASEAN Studies Foundation Course to open



This image captures the Media Press Conference.

THE South-East Asia and the Pacific (SEAP) Studies Centre - Myanmar has announced that a five-week Foundation Course in ASEAN Studies, focusing on core ASEAN-related topics, will be held at the Secretariat in Yangon.

According to U Kyaw Dewa, founder of the centre, the course aims to promote ASEAN academic studies while enhancing the knowledge of ASEAN affairs among young people. It is highly recommended for diploma graduates, government officials, NGO staff and interested individuals.

The opening ceremony will feature an introductory speech by Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, and the curricu-

lum will be delivered by a panel of experts, including Dr Tin Maung Maung Ohn, Dr Khaing Khaing Win, U Kyaw Dewa and Daw Khaing Su Yi Zaw.

U Kyaw Dewa explained that while the program will initially launch as a certificate course, there are plans to expand into diploma programmes in the future. It is scheduled to take place on weekends from 6 June to 5 July on the first floor of the Secretariat. Only 60 students will be accepted, and the fee is K250,000. It is open to those with a diploma-level qualification or higher, with no age limit. Interested applicants can register via <https://forms.gle/rdqly7ZXgyT-b1qKR8>. — MT/ZN

Another Firm Set to Join YSX in 2026

ONE more company that imports and distributes electronic products and healthcare electronic devices will be listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) in 2026.

“We are currently reviewing the requirements to permit the new company to be listed on the Main Board. There are also a few public companies preparing to join the Pre-Listing Board,” said an official from YSX.

Stock trading on YSX has been rising since December 2025, and both the stock market index and share prices of listed companies have been increasing accordingly. At present, shares of eight listed companies: First Myanmar

Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the security market (Main Board), while the Pre-Listing Board conducts daily transactions with two public companies.

— ASH/KK

This image features stock investors observing the market index board at the Yangon Stock Exchange office.



Fuel prices retreat this week, ending 30 Apr

FUEL oil reference prices dipped this week ending 30 April 2026, with K4,668 for Octane 92 and K4,909 for Octane 95, K5,752 for diesel and K7,012 for premium diesel.

The prices soared at K4,735 for Octane 92 and K4,945 for Octane 95, K6,485 for diesel and K7,755 for premium diesel last week ending 23 April.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Furthermore, the Central Bank of Myanmar has been injecting foreign currencies into the fuel oil sector to help cut the price. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see



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

whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and

energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar did. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$6.9M to edible oil, LNG-importing companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$3.59 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$3.33 million to LNG-importing companies on 24 April.

CBM sold over \$3.7 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$4 million to LNG-importing companies on 23 April.

CBM sold over \$3 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$1 million to LNG-importing companies on 22 April.

CBM sold over \$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 into edible oil-importing companies on 10 April.

CBM announced on 9 April

that it would inject \$49 million into the fuel 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 currencies into the market, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Protect IP rights for the improvement of the sports sector

THE theme for World Intellectual Property Day on 26 April 2026 is “IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!” This theme highlights how intellectual property (patents, trademarks, designs, and copyrights) drives innovation, technology, and creativity in sports, enhancing both performance and the fan experience. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) leads this initiative to show how creative ideas are converted into economic value, enhancing the sporting world.

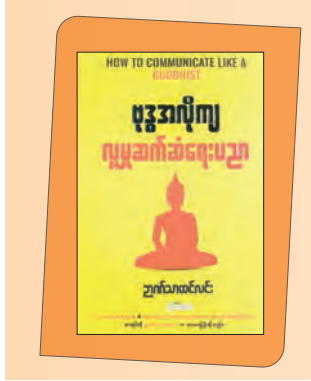
WIPO stated that World Intellectual Property Day 2026 celebrates how creativity and innovation, backed by IP rights, keep the world of sports thriving, dynamic and accessible for everyone,

In fact, sports aren't just about the game. Sports intersect with fashion, entertainment, media, health, gaming and consumer goods. IP, such as patents, designs, trademarks, and copyrights, incentivizes innovation and enables cross-industry connections with sport, sparking creativity, technological advancement and economic growth. It is necessary to consider that even when somebody is outside the stadium or off the court, sports and IP are part of their daily life. Hence, everyone has to follow IP rights so as to improve the sports sector.

ty innovation and sporting activities must be “ready, set, innovate,” and efforts should be made to strengthen intellectual property rights further by integrating both sectors.

In Myanmar, in order to effectively protect national development, the interests of the public, and creative works, four intellectual property laws were enacted in 2019: the Trademark Law, the Industrial Design Law, the Patent Law, and the Copyright Law. The Trademark Law, the Industrial Design Law, and the Copyright Law came into force in 2023, while the Patent Law came into force in 2024, and these are being implemented as special laws.

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Buddhist Social Ethics (How to Communicate Like a Buddhist by Cynthia Kane)

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Buddhist Social Ethics

THIS week, we would like to introduce not just a book for reading, but one that can be practically applied in daily life. The book is a Myanmar translation by Nyan Thar Htin Lin of How to Communicate Like a Buddhist by the original author Cynthia Kane. It belongs to the genre of self-development and mindfulness literature. Cynthia Kane holds a BA from Bard College and an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College. She is also a mindfulness coach, writer, and speaker. She has practised Buddhism in India and Nepal and now teaches practical mindfulness techniques for Western audiences.

Every human being communicates daily, and every word spoken has a significant impact on oneself and others. However, rather than learning to listen or manage our minds, we tend to focus more on reacting. In this book, Cynthia Kane emphasizes smooth and successful communication based on Buddhist principles such as mindfulness, right speech, and compassion.

The book starts with the Dalai Lama’s

quote, “Don’t try to use what you learn from Buddhism to be a Buddhist, use it to be a better whatever-you-already-are.”

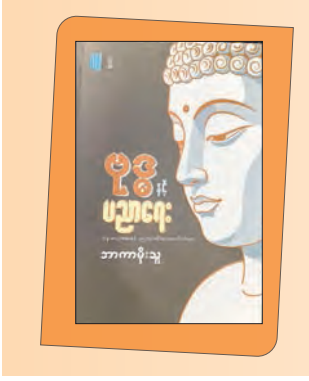
The original author states... For many years, I relied on others when communicating. I mean, I rarely expressed what I needed or wanted. I assumed others would just know. I pretended everything was fine. I said “yes” to things I didn’t want to do, or I told people what they wanted to hear. Because I didn’t express myself, I always had unspoken frustrations inside. I was often irritated and kept telling myself that my needs were not being met. At that time, if someone had asked me why, I would have blamed others

The methods in this book can greatly support communication at home, at work, and in relationships with friends, family, and loved ones. The author herself experienced difficulties in learning how to respond in conversations and how to listen attentively without judgment. Therefore, the book provides clear and practical techniques that are easy to follow.

Moreover, the author clearly mentioned five basic elements: 1, Listen to yourself, 2, Listen to others, 3, Speak mindfully, briefly, and clearly, 4, Recognize silence as part of communication and 5, Practice meditation to improve communication skills.

The book is divided into three parts: communicating with yourself (self-talk and awareness of inner voice), communicating with others (active listening and non-judgmental speaking), and communicating with the world (online communication, setting boundaries, and practising loving-kindness). Each chapter includes “meditation reflections” and “practical exercises”, making it applicable not only in a religious context but also in everyday social life.

This book is especially suitable for those who are easily upset or emotionally affected in relationships, those who want to improve workplace communication, and those who wish to apply the Buddhist concept of right speech in everyday life rather than limiting it to religion.



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Buddha and Education (Core Buddhist Concepts and Scholarly Articles)

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Buddha and Education (Core Buddhist Concepts and Scholarly Articles)

THIS book is written by Professor Dr Akar Moe Thu of the Oriental Studies, exploring the Buddha’s linguistic skills, how he introduced new paradigms of consciousness, the system of ancient psychotherapy, education and social philosophy and perspectives. Despite the title “The Buddha and Education”, the book does not separate the religion and education domains, and it serves as a bridge, reinterpreting the Buddha’s teachings from the perspective of modern education.

The articles in this book are dedicated to friends, relatives, and university alumni who are engaged in discussions with the author about the Buddha, as well as to fellow students from the university. They often raise questions and seek to comprehend what factors create a distance between

Buddhism and contemporary society. After reviewing these inquiries, they are evolving issues rooted in the differences between present-day society and the society of the Buddha’s time. He notes that questioners often sought the Buddha’s views on self-acceptance, intellectual value, constructive learning, homosexuality, stress and depression, psychotherapy, humanitarianism, and the right to education, which are key familiar and emerging topics in today’s societies, as highlighted in the preface.

The author states that although these terms are contemporary, the underlying problems in human society have persisted since the Buddha’s time over 2,600 years ago.

They are fundamental challenges that humanity has faced

throughout its history. Despite the difference in vocabulary between the old era and the new era, their root causes remain the same. These problems have emerged in society for over 2,600 years, and similar issues continue to arise throughout human history. Thus, the essential point is that although the terminology differs between the society of the Buddha’s day and modern society, the fundamental sources of the problems share a commonality.

In this book, readers will explore how such problems were addressed and overcome during the Buddha’s era, how the Buddha mediated societal conflicts, and what the Buddha’s stances on society were. Readers will also delve into the Buddha’s linguistic skills and how he introduced new paradigms of consciousness, an-

cient psychotherapy, educational philosophies, and perspectives on human society.

When we run through “The Buddha and Logic”, there is a discourse where the Buddha demonstrates what constitutes a logical fallacy. I have studied how the Buddha typically constructed logical arguments or irrelevant points. When reviewing the societies in which the Buddha lived, logic was a significant intellectual discipline in India. Those who understand things in a logical way are called Nyaya-vadi in Pali. In modern terms, they would be called philosophers. When studying the Indian tradition of logic, one finds that the Nyaya emphasized four means for acquiring valid knowledge. According to the Nyaya-vadin, the ultimate source of knowledge could only be established through holding that perception.”

In the article titled “The Buddha and the Analysis of the Kalama Sutta”, when moral integrity deteriorates, the stable balance of a society is disrupted, leading to the collapse of the entire human community. This prompted me to contemplate why the Buddha’s Vibhajjavada (the Doctrine of Analysis), which emphasizes self-reflection, has become persistently associated in Myanmar’s society with the Kalama Sutta.



Thingyan Treat: Mont Lone Yay Paw

By Min Min Zan

*During Thingyan, bright and gay,
We share sweet treats in joyful play,
Mont Lone Yay Paw, soft and round,
In every home, their taste is found.
Sticky rice with jaggery sweet,
A hidden surprise for those who eat,
Some with chilli tucked inside,
Bring laughs and smiles we cannot hide.
In water's splash and summer cheer,
These treats make hearts feel warm and near,
A symbol of love, both pure and true,
A Myanmar delight for me and you.*



Longing

By Hlaing Hteik Khaung Tin , Translation by Myint Zan

about to die
about to collapse
Why hast thou not come?
(I'm) so far from my
glorious beloved

Translated on 23 April 2026

သေလုပ်ပြီကြွေလုပ်ပြီ
ဘာပြုလို့မလာသေး
ဘုန်းသူနဲ့ဝေး
လျှိုင်ထိပ်ခေါင်တင် ရေးဖွဲ့သည်

Translator's note: Only a stanza of the poem/song by Princess Hlaing Hteik Khaung Tin (1832-1875) of the Royal Court of Mandalay has been translated.



Wish

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

The yellow Padauk flowers
Are lavishly offered, and the wish refers
To Myanmar with happiness and pleasure,
Whose golden colours glitter.

When the white jasmine
Is donated by praying,
May good hearts of the Myanmar people
Feel clean and free from care.

With the brown Thapya flower,
By bowing down before the Greatest Power,
Through lack of peril, clothing in success,
Just be with a good grace of triumph.

Using the holy water,
The Idol in the temple with great power
When it is venerated and washed in prayer;
To thoroughly enjoy the peace inner.

ပိတောက်ဝါနှင့်
ဝေဆာလှူဒါန်း၊ ဆုကိုညွှန်းလျှင်
ရွှင်လန်းကြည်သာ၊ ပြည်မြန်မာ့
ဝင်းဝါပါစေ၊ ရွှေရောင်တွေတည်း။

ခံပယ်ဖြူနှင့်
ဆယ့်ပန်ရည်၊ လှူခံသည်သော်
မြန်ပြည်လူရှင်၊ စိတ်ဖြူစင်၍
ကြည်လင်ပါစေ၊ ဘယာတွေတည်း။

သပြေညှိနှင့်

ဘုန်းမိမြတ်ဖွား၊ ခဝပ်တွားကာ
လွှင့်ပါးရန်စုံ၊ အောင်မှမြဲ၍
အောင်ပွဲတင့်စွာ၊ အောင်ပွဲသာတည်း။

မြတ်ရေစင်နှင့်
သခင်ဘုန်းဟော၊ ဂုဏ်မွေ့ကို
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NATIONAL
Entertainment

CELEBRITIES SHARE NEW YEAR WISHES



Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi
HAPPY NEW YEAR. May all people be blessed with prosperity, peace of mind, and good health.



Director Wyne
FROM the New Year onwards, may you be happy, healthy, and may all your wishes be fulfilled.



Poe Mamhe Thar
WISHING you a joyful Myanmar New Year. May you feel calm and happy during this festive season, stay safe from all dangers, and enjoy beautiful moments with your loved ones and family.



Htun Pale Yadana
FROM the Myanmar New Year Day, may you be happy and healthy, with growing prosperity, joy, and success. Happy Myanmar New Year!



Phway Phway
IN the New Year, may your inner and outer mind glow brightly. May you remain strong and stable through life's ups and downs, and move forward in your own loving space with health, peace, and happiness. May everyone be calm, healthy, and surrounded by warmth and love.



Khine Thin Kyi
MAY all Myanmar people be blessed with peace of mind and good health in the New Year.



Khin Wint Wah
WISHING you a blessed and auspicious New Year.



Aye Myat Thu
STARTING from the first day of the Myanmar year 1388, may I be someone who can keep my loved ones healthy and happy.



Gantawinn
AT the end of the year 1387, may all misfortune fade away, and may you carry forward growing merits into the New Year 1388. From the first day of the New Year, may you be filled with merit, practice loving-kindness, and perform good deeds. May you be healthy, prosperous, and free from worries.



Vocalist Zarni Aung
IN THE NEW YEAR, may you walk towards your goals in good health and prosperity with renewed strength and new steps.



Phyo May (MRTV-4)
HAPPY NEW YEAR. May both your mind and body be free from harm. May you receive only good things and be able to share loving-kindness.



Oak Awe Than Thar
DURING this Myanmar New Year season, may all your loved ones be healthy and happy.



Lin Zarni Zaw, Myu Lin Ko Ko
FROM the New Year onwards, may you be filled with blessings. May your hearts be joyful, your smiles bright, and may all your good wishes come true.



Hsu Mon (MRTV-4)
WISHING you a peaceful and joyful Myanmar New Year. May everyone be healthy and happy.



May Chit Thet
FROM the first day of the Myanmar New Year, may you be filled with mental happiness and physical well-being. May your business and wealth grow, and may you achieve success. I extend my loving-kindness and best wishes. – Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw regains full control of Falam, temporarily held by CDF



Tatmadaw members pose for a victory photo after reclaiming Falam.



This photo shows firearms and ammunition seized from terrorists.

FALAM, the second-largest town in Chin State, is a mountainous town where district and township administrative offices are located. It borders Tiddim Township to the north and Haka Township to the south. Near Falam lies Surbung Mountain, where an airstrip is located, making it the first town in Chin State to have an airport. From Falam, one can travel to Kalay Township in Sagaing Region, and via the Falam-Haka road, to Gangaw Township in Magway Region. It is a strategically important and peaceful town.

In such a peaceful mountainous region, where local ethnic people lived and worked honestly, terrorist insurgent groups under the name of CDF, instigated and supported by CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, recruited and persuaded locals with political incentives under the pretext of democracy and regional development, and provided them with terrorist training. These groups aimed to destroy the lives and property of local people, disrupt government administrative mechanisms, and hinder development. Under the name of the Chin Brotherhood operation, they launched attacks in towns and villages and carried out assaults on small, weakly defended security outposts using excessive force. On 8 November 2024, they launched a large-scale attack on security forces stationed in Falam.

During the attack, security personnel resisted bravely with

strong determination, fighting courageously and sacrificing their lives. However, due to the terrorists excessive numbers gathered by forced recruitment and their use of local civilians as human shields, security forces exercised restraint to minimize harm to civilians and prevent damage to homes, religious buildings, schools, and hospitals. After defending for about six months and suffering increasing casualties, the security forces conducted a systematic tactical withdrawal on 6 May 2025, and then, the insurgents temporarily took control of Falam.

To swiftly recapture Falam and eliminate the CDF terrorists, Tatmadaw columns made necessary preparations and logistical arrangements in Kalay and Tiddim. Coordinated surface and air operations were launched, and

step-by-step counteroffensives were carried out. And, the locations were successfully recaptured: Thayagon Village on 27 October 2025, Natchaung Bridge on 30 October 2025, Point-2244 Hill on 3 November 2025, Kennedy Mountain and Webula Camp on 4 November 2025, Point-2064 Hill on 8 November 2025, Thaingnin Camp on 9 November 2025, Point-1361 Hill on 17 November 2025, Zaungkaung Village on 26 November 2025, Zwelay Village on 2 February 2026, Htinshu Camp Village on 10 February 2026, Pathae Village on 31 March 2026, Var Bridge on 19 April 2026, Khunli Village on 22 April 2026, Point-1710 Hill, Kyunghinsha Village, and Sunhran Village on 23 April 2026, and Surbung Airport and Seizamaw Village on 24 April 2026. On 25 April 2026, Tatmadaw columns complete-

ly recaptured and regained full control of Falam, which had been under the temporary control of the insurgents.

For such a successful operation, local ethnic people can now safely return to their homes and live peacefully, free from threats, violence, coercion, and fear imposed by terrorist groups. They can now pursue their livelihoods in a stable and secure environment.

During the operations to recapture Falam and the surrounding areas, Tatmadaw columns fought bravely, sacrificing their lives. A total of 109 major and minor engagements occurred, 19 dead bodies of terrorists were seized, together with 33 assorted arms and ammunition. Some Tatmadaw officers and soldiers also made the ultimate sacrifice for the country and Tatmadaw.

While under the temporary control of the terrorists, the CDF terrorist groups constructed bunkers inside religious buildings, schools, government offices, hospitals, and residential homes, and used them to attack security forces. They also used homes as defensive shields and looted valuable items, food supplies, and commodities from houses and shops. Therefore, residents, including children and the elderly, suffered greatly, developed hatred for the insurgents, and were forced to flee to nearby towns and villages.

Tatmadaw columns are working to ensure that displaced residents can safely return to Falam. Efforts are underway to quickly restore administrative functions and prioritize the clearance of landmines planted by insurgents. In cooperation with local communities, reconstruction of damaged schools, hospitals, offices, religious buildings, and homes will be carried out as soon as possible. Security forces will also continue to intensify counter-terrorism operations to eliminate terrorist insurgents from Chin State.

The government has invited ethnic armed organizations to participate in open-ended peace dialogues to end the armed conflicts and resolve political issues through political means. Therefore, it is time for the armed groups, including the PDF, to consider this as an opportunity to choose the right path. — MNA/KTZH



This photo shows the Falam Township People's Hospital which was destroyed by terrorists.

ECONOMY
WORLD

Gulf oil output can rebound in months after Hormuz reopens, says Goldman Sachs

The speed of recovery will hinge on transport and well flow rates.



Brent North Sea Crude has surged past \$90. PHOTO: AFP

GULF crude oil production could largely recover within a few months of the Strait of Hormuz reopening, Goldman Sachs research said in a report. However, it added that a complete return to pre-war levels may take longer and the crude oil production is likely to face heightened risks if the closure of the crucial waterway and tensions in West Asia continue for a longer period.

The research wing of the investment bank estimated that Gulf output went down by 14.5 million barrels per day (mbd), or 57 per cent, from pre-war levels. In its latest research note, Goldman Sachs said a swift recovery is possible, given there are no renewed strikes on oil assets and

a full, safe reopening of the Strait in the coming months. However, the last leg of the ramp-up could be prolonged and may not fully materialize if the waterway remains closed for an extended period.

The speed of recovery will hinge on transport and well flow rates. Once the Strait reopens, the key constraints are likely to be pipeline capacity, the availability of empty tankers to clear previously produced oil, and the mobilization of materials and workers for field workovers. Goldman estimates that available empty tanker capacity in the Gulf has fallen by about 50 per cent, or 130 million barrels, since the start of the conflict. — ANI

NEWS IN BIREF

EU trade chief seeks ‘positive traction’ on US steel tariffs

THE EU is seeking more progress in easing the effects of US steel tariffs, its trade chief Maros Sefcovic said Friday, adding that talks are “going in a positive direction”.

The bloc also wants to align approaches with the United States towards third countries when it comes to steel trade, he added.

With US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, “we agreed to accelerate this work at a technical level,” Sefcovic told reporters in Washington where he met with American counterparts.

His comments Friday came after discussions with Lutnick and US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. During his visit, he also formalized a critical minerals partnership with Washington. — AFP

Japan bathhouses in deep water as energy costs boil over

TRADITIONAL public bathhouses in Japan are in deep water as soaring energy costs triggered by the Middle East oil supply disruptions threaten to extinguish the fires of a fading

tradition, with some of them forced to shorten their hours or even shut their doors for good.

Already struggling with a shrinking customer base and aging owners without suc-

cessors, the oil price surge is dealing a fresh blow to “sen-to”, as the communal baths are known in Japanese, with regulated pricing making it difficult to pass on rising costs to customers.

On a cool day in early April, customers were hurrying toward the bath at Ikesu Onsen, a family-run sento founded in 1919 in Tsushima in central Japan’s Aichi Prefecture.

The sento has long been a social hub of the neighbourhood. Recently, however, it has been forced to delay its opening time by an hour since late March due to an unstable supply of fuel oil, with monthly delivery halved from about a ton, leading to a drop of around 10 customers per day.

Fuel supply in Japan has been disrupted by the Middle East crisis sparked by the US-Israeli attacks on Iran, which has affected tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz and driven up global oil prices. — Kyodo



This photo taken on 7 April 2026 shows the “sento” bathhouse Ikesu Onsen in Tsushima, Aichi Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

Sweden orders new icebreaker from South Korea

SWEDEN on Friday signed a deal with South Korea’s HD Hyundai Heavy Industries for a new icebreaker to be delivered in 2029, the Swedish Maritime Administration said.

The Scandinavian country currently has six icebreakers, with the largest ones built in the 1970s and 1980s and now nearing the end of their lifespans.

“Nine out of 10 goods exported from and imported to Sweden are transported by sea. Sweden’s basic industries depend on shipping working year-round,” the director general of the Maritime Administration, Erik Eklund, said in a statement.

The vessel will be larger than the country’s current icebreakers, capable of breaking a channel up to 32 metres wide compared to today’s 24 metres, the agency said.

At the same time, energy consumption will be reduced by 40 per cent, it said. — AFP

Japan sushi chain
sets Guinness record
for most expensive
tuna at auction

A Japanese sushi chain operator has won a Guinness World Records title for the most expensive tuna at auction after paying 510.3 million yen (\$3.2 million) at the year's first auction in 2026.

The bluefin tuna, weighing 243 kilograms, was caught off Oma in the northeastern prefecture of Aomori. Kiyomura Corp, which operates the sushi chain Sushizanmai, bought it at Tokyo's Toyosu fish market on 5 January.

The tuna was cut at Sushizanmai's main Tsukiji outlet and served at its restaurants across Japan.

"We will continue to offer high-quality tuna next year and beyond," Kiyomura President Kiyoshi Kimura said as he received the Guinness certificate at a ceremony at the chain's main outlet on 20 April.

It is the second Guinness World Records title for the operator, which was recognized for the bluefin tuna it bought for 155.4 million yen in the first auction of 2013.

According to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, this year's winning bid was the highest since comparable data became available in 1999. — Kyodo



Kiyomura Corp's President Kiyoshi Kimura (R) receives the Guinness certificate for the most expensive auctioned tuna in Tokyo on 20 April 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

Tehran's largest airport to
resume intl flights

IRAN'S Imam Khomeini International Airport will resume international passenger flights as of Saturday, the official IRNA news agency reported on Friday.

The first flights will depart for Istanbul in Türkiye, the Omani capital Muscat, and China's capital Beijing, IRNA quoted Ahoura Mohammadi, public relations director of the Imam Khomeini Airport City, as saying.

The inaugural flight, operated by Iran's national carrier Iran Air, is scheduled to take off at 06:45 am local time (0315 GMT) for Istanbul, followed by another two flights to the same destination by Iran Airtour and Mahan Air at 09:00 am and 09:30 am respectively, Mohammad



Iran's Imam Khomeini International Airport will resume international passenger flights as of Saturday. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/WIKIPEDIA

di said. A flight to Muscat by Sepehran Airlines will depart at 11:00 am, and a Mahan Air flight to Bei-

jing is set for 06:50 am, he added. Mohammadi said that five airlines — Iran Air, Iran Airtour, Mahan

Air, Sepehran Airlines, and ATA Airlines — have so far received permission to sell tickets. — Xinhua

US won't renew Iranian,
Russian oil waivers

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Friday that exemptions allowing for the purchase of Russian oil already at sea would not be renewed after the current license expires on 16 May. "I wouldn't imagine that we'd have another extension. I think the Russian oil on the water has been largely sucked up," Bessent said in an interview with the US media.

A renewal of the one-time waiver for Iranian

oil at sea is totally off the table, Bessent said. "We have the blockade, and there's no oil coming out," he said.

The United States first issued a 30-day licence in March allowing shipments of Russian oil loaded by 11 March, aiming to ease global supply shortages stemming from the Middle East conflict. It then extended the license for another 30 days on 17 April. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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A staff member adjusts the chip production equipment at a test base in the Xiong'an Science and Technology Innovation Center in Xiong'an New Area, north China's Hebei Province, 28 March 2024. **PHOTO: MU YU/XINHUA**

APRIL 25

China warns against US export control bills

CHINA on Saturday warned against a package of export control legislation of the US House of Representatives, reiterating its opposition to the over-extension of the concept of national security and the abuse of export controls.

The US House Foreign Affairs Committee recently passed the Multilateral Alignment of Technology Controls on Hardware, known as the MATCH Act, and several other export control bills.

The spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said if enacted, the relevant bills would seriously undermine the international economic and trade order and significantly disrupt the stability of global semiconductor industrial and supply chains.

China will closely monitor the legislative process, carefully assess the impact on Chinese interests, and take resolute and necessary measures to firmly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese enterprises. — Xinhua

APRIL 24

EBRD to raise 500 mln euros for Chernobyl repair

THE EUROPEAN Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) plans to raise about 500 million euros (US\$586 million) to repair the confinement structure at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported Friday.

At a briefing ahead of the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, Odile Renaud-Basso, the bank's president, said the funds must be raised by the end of 2027 to repair the New Safe Confinement.

The confinement was put into operation in July 2019 to contain the destroyed reactor from the Chernobyl accident and was severely damaged in a Russian drone attack in 2025.

"The real work on the full renovation must begin in 2028 with the goal of completion in 2030," she said. — Xinhua

APRIL 23

Russian oil supplies to Slovakia restored

RUSSIAN oil supplies to Slovakia via the Druzhba pipeline resumed early Thursday after a suspension of nearly three months, Slovak Minister of Economy Denisa Sakova said.

Oil deliveries restarted at around 2 am local time (0000 GMT) and are proceeding in line with the approved schedule, Sakova said in a post on social media, according to the News Agency of the Slovak Republic.

Earlier reports said Ukraine had provided the transit plan to Slovakia's state-run pipeline operator Transpetrol on Wednesday.

The Druzhba pipeline had been out of operation since 27 January when it was damaged amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, halting oil flows to both Slovakia and Hungary. — Xinhua

APRIL 22

Lesotho, South Africa inaugurate Senqu Bridge

LESOTHO and South Africa have officially inaugurated the Senqu Bridge in Lesotho's highland district of Mokhotlong, marking a milestone in cooperation between the two neighbouring countries.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Lesotho's King Letsie III jointly declared the Senqu Bridge, the first extradosed bridge in Lesotho, open at a ceremony Wednesday attended by dignitaries, engineers, workers and community members. Addressing the ceremony, Ramaphosa described the bridge as a powerful symbol of the deep and enduring partnership between the two neighbouring countries. "This bridge tells a story of determination in the face of complexity," he said. Ramaphosa said the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) remains the largest investment South Africa has made outside its borders, and that Lesotho's highland water resources are vital to the development of South Africa as a water-scarce country. He also announced that South Africa would provide \$1.81 million in humanitarian assistance to Lesotho through the African Renaissance Fund. — Xinhua

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King Charles honours late Queen's

KING CHARLES paid a tender tribute to his late mother Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday on what would have been her 100th birthday, saying his "darling Mama" would "remain forever in our hearts and prayers".

Elizabeth, Britain's longest-reigning and longest-lived monarch, was born on 21 April 1926, and spent 70 years on the throne before her death in September 2022 at the age of 96.

In a televised statement, Charles said his mother had shaped the world around her, and touched the lives of countless people.

"Today, as we mark what would have been my beloved mother's 100th birthday, my family and I pause to reflect on the life and loss of a sovereign who meant so much to us all, and to celebrate anew the many blessings of her memory," he said.

To mark the centenary of her birth, the royal family are carrying out a number of engagements this week. — AFP

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Women's share of minister positions rise globally

THE average share of women among Cabinet ministers worldwide has risen to 22.9 per cent, from 14.2 per cent over the past 20 years, but women are largely assigned to "low-prestige" and "feminine" posts, a study by Japan's National Diet Library showed.

The corresponding figure for Japan fell to 10 per cent in 2025, from 12.5 per cent in 2005, and averaged 13.2 per cent over the 20-year period, the lowest among the Group of Seven advanced economies.

The library compiled the analysis based on data from 189 countries released by the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women as at 1 January 2025. — KYODO

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Lost Chinese bronze works catalog published

A SIXTY-VOLUME compendium documenting more than 23,000 ancient Chinese bronze artefacts lost abroad was published on Sunday by Shanghai Classics Publishing House.

The books' publication marks China's first systematic investigation and sorting of the status of important bronze cultural relics scattered overseas.

The project began in 2012, when China's National Cultural Heritage Administration entrusted Peking University to assess the scale of the country's lost cultural relics. Led by Professor Zhu Fenghan, the university's research team visited more than 260 institutions across over 10 countries to trace the scattered relics and related records, while also visiting collectors. This collection categorizes nearly 300 types of bronze artifacts. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar to host 20th South-East Asia Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championships

MYANMAR will host the 20th South-East Asia Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in Yangon from 14 to 18 May at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC), officials said.

A coordination meeting was held at the Thuwunna Indoor Stadium in Yangon to ensure the successful hosting of the event, with officials from the Ministry of Sports and Yangon Region attending.

The championships will feature competitors from eight South-East Asian countries and include 22 event categories. Authorities are arranging accommodation, meals and logistics for athletes and international judges.

Officials said hosting the regional event will help boost Myanmar's sporting profile and strengthen ties among ASEAN countries, while also showcasing local culture through planned city tours for visiting teams. — MNA/KZL



A coordination meeting on holding the 20th South-East Asia Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships in progress in Yangon yesterday.

Furyk named USA captain for 2027 Ryder Cup

JIM Furyk was named United States captain for the 2027 Ryder Cup on Friday by the PGA of America, tasking him with obtaining the first US triumph in Europe since 1993.

Furyk was selected after 15-time major winner Tiger Woods withdrew from consideration for the job following his 27 March arrest on suspicion of DUI charges, to which he has pleaded not guilty. Woods has stepped away from golf and gone to Europe for treatment.

That sets the stage for Furyk to take charge of the Americans for the 46th Ryder Cup to be played on 17-19 September 2027, at Adare Manor in Limerick, Ireland.

It's the second time as captain for Furyk, who directed the US squad that lost to Europe in 2018 at Le Golf National in France.

"The opportunity to captain the US Ryder Cup team for a second time is a tremendous honour," Furyk said. "I am committed to putting our players in the best position to succeed as we work to reclaim the Cup on European soil." — AFP

American Jim Furyk was named captain of the United States team for the 2027 Ryder Cup in Ireland, his second time directing a US men's golf squad against Europ. PHOTO: AFP



MFF Summer Course 2026 draws youth as second batch begins



The second batch of the MFF summer football skills course 2026 started on 25 April 2026.

THE second batch of the summer football skills course 2026, organized by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), commenced on 25 April, said MFF.

The opening ceremony was held at the Yangon Academy Artificial Turf on the morning of 25 April.

Many football enthusiasts have joined the second batch, which will continue under the theme learn-play-enjoy.

At the opening ceremony, the sponsor companies— AYA Bank, Royal D and M21 Sport – and the MFF officials gave speeches about the training course, which is designed to help young students spend their summer holiday effectively and happily by learning basic football skills in a structured way.

The MFF summer football skills course 2026 first batch was completed in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Patheingyi and Mawlamyine and about 1,700 students aged between 10 and 15 years were trained in basic football techniques in a proper way with free training uniforms provided by sponsors. — MT/ZS

Betis's Bellerin further dents Real Madrid title hopes



Real Betis defender Hector Bellerin smashed home in stoppage time to help his former side Barca and claim the Andalusian side a point. PHOTO: AFP

FORMER Barcelona defender Hector Bellerin snatched Real Betis a late point in a 1-1 La Liga draw against Real Madrid on Friday to do his former side a favour in the Spanish title race.

Alvaro Arbeloa's Madrid seemed set to chop down Barca's lead but the Catalans sit provisionally eight points ahead of Madrid after Bel-

lerin cancelled out Vinicius Junior's opener. Hansi Flick's defending champions, shorn of injured teenage winger Lamine Yamal, visit Getafe on Saturday and now have the chance to move 11 points clear of Los Blancos with a victory. Vinicius's 17th-minute strike seemed set to bring his team victory and boost their slim chances of overhauling the leaders and finishing the season with a trophy.

However, Madrid were rocked in stoppage time as Bellerin finally provided the breakthrough his side's performance had deserved. "We suffered another blow in the final minutes, as has already happened to us many other times, and we end up with a result I don't think we deserved, because we had chances (to win)," Arbeloa told reporters. — AFP

First national reading week begins as China builds book-loving society

As a country with more than five millennia of continuous civilization, China has long valued reading and learning.

As spring unfolds across China, so do the pages of countless books. On Monday, the country's first national reading week and the fifth national reading conference opened in tandem, an invitation to turn over a new leaf in the nation's journey towards a book-loving society.

Over the coming week, reading events will be held across the country. From lectures and book

fairs to salons and book donations, all aimed at promoting reading among the public.

As a country with more than five millennia of continuous civilization, China has long valued reading and learning. Today, the Chinese government has elevated nationwide reading to a national strategy, incorporating it into the 15th Five-Year Plan and featuring it in government work reports for 13 consecutive years.



Children read books at a bookstore in Shijiazhuang City, north China's Hebei Province, 12 April 2026. **PHOTO: LIANG ZIDONG/XINHUA**

The government sees building a reading-friendly society as crucial to raising people's cultural refinement and the nation's level of social progress, and to fostering the country's overall

innovation and creativity.

By the end of 2025, there were 3,253 public libraries across the country offering free access.

Many libraries have been built at people's doorsteps. For

example, the library of Lixia District in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, has established 100 community library branches, which cumulatively served over one million readers. — Xinhua

Greece expands sunbed-free beach list for 2026



Without a doubt the most famous beach in Greece, Navagio is located in an isolated part of Zante, an island that has unfortunately become a haven for drunk British teenagers. **PHOTO: ENVATO**

GREECE on Friday named over 250 beaches in environmentally important areas that must be left in their natural state, amid ongoing efforts to limit the impact of overtourism in its multi-billion-euro travel industry.

The initiative bans the use of umbrellas and sunbeds for hire in

areas both on the mainland and islands, including many protected marine Natura 2000 sites, some of whom are vital grounds for endangered species such as loggerhead turtles and monk seals.

The initiative "seeks to ensure the effective protection of beaches that have particular aesthetic,

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geomorphological, or ecological value, as well as the preservation of the habitat types and the plant and animal species found on these specific beaches", the government said in a ministerial decision.

The updated list for 2026 includes 251 beaches compared to 238 last year, and 198 in 2024.

Amid growing concerns over the impact of overtourism on Greece's natural environment, authorities in recent years have dismantled illegal construction on coasts.

On Thursday, crews accompanied by riot police tore down beachfront shacks on the small island of Gavdos south of Crete that the local municipality had deemed a fire risk. — AFP

YouTube offers deepfake detection to Hollywood

The platform's technology identifies AI-generated content like face swaps.

YOUTUBE is expanding its free AI likeness detection tool to Hollywood celebrities and entertainers, building on last month's rollout to officials, journalists, and candidates, to combat deepfakes misusing faces and voices.

The platform's technology identifies AI-generated content like face swaps, enabling users to request removals regardless of having a YouTube channel, amid rising threats from tools

like OpenAI's Sora (now shut down) and ByteDance's Seedance 2.0, which produced viral fakes of stars like Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise.

Entertainment execs praise it as vital protection for "personal real estate," while experts like Cypriote's Alon Yamin call it a key step against misinformation, though full elimination remains challenging. — AFP



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