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Thai Enquirer News Summary

Economic News

- The Thai cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister and Finance Minister Srettha Thavisin, will hold its weekly meeting today. The key agenda items include the review of the Budget Bureau's revised budget framework for fiscal year 2025, which has been adjusted to align with the government's economic management and stimulus strategies.
 - ❖ The total budget is set at 3.75 trillion Baht, with a deficit of 865.7 billion Baht. The increased deficit is attributed to the allocation for the digital wallet project.



- The cabinet will also consider the Ministry of Finance’s proposal to extend the diesel excise tax reduction of 1-2 Baht per liter. This measure aims to help stabilize domestic diesel prices following the depletion of the Oil Fuel Fund beyond 100 billion Baht.

ประมาณการฐานกองทุนน้ำมัน

สิ้นสุด ณ วันที่ 14 เม.ย. 67

สินทรัพย์ : เงินฝากธนาคาร
เงินฝากที่กรมบัญชีกลาง กระทรวงการคลัง
เงินโอนให้ผู้ใช้ LPG

รายได้ค้างรับ : ลูกหนี้-รายได้ค้างรับจากผู้ประกอบการน้ำมัน *
ลูกหนี้-รายได้ค้างรับจาก LPG โรงกลั่นและโรมแยก *
ลูกหนี้-รายได้ค้างรับจากผู้จำหน่าย LPG

สินทรัพย์รวม

หนี้สิน : เงินรับโอนจากบัญชีน้ำมัน
เจ้าหนี้-เงินขอเชยราคาก๊าซ LPG ที่ใช้เป็นเชื้อเพลิง
เจ้าหนี้-เงินขอเชยน้ำมันเชื้อเพลิงประเภทต่างๆ
เจ้าหนี้-เงินขอเชย ตามมาตรการปรับลดราคาขายปลีกน้ำมัน
เจ้าหนี้-เงินงบบริหาร และสนับสนุนโครงการ
เจ้าหนี้ - เงินกู้ยืม

หนี้สินรวม

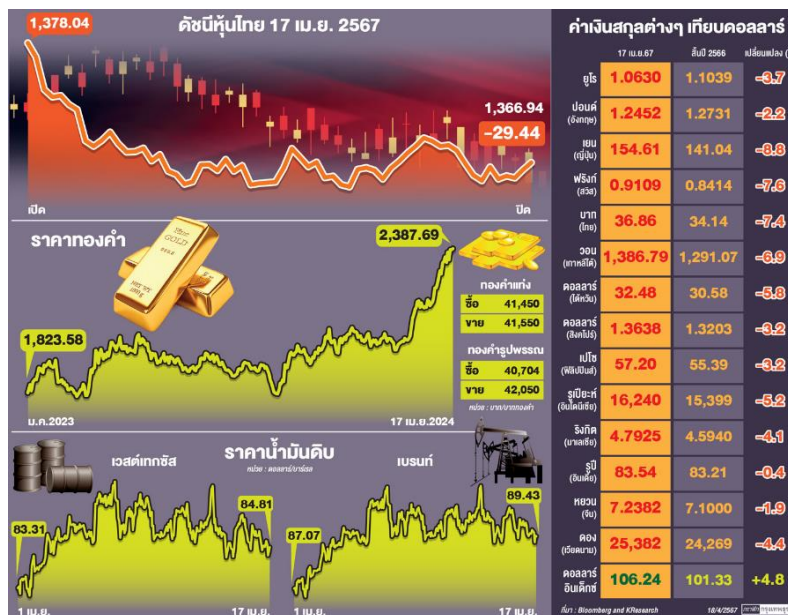
ฐานะกองทุน สุทธิ

น้ำมัน	LPG	รวม	เงินเชื่อ **	เงินกู้	ฐานะกองทุน รวม
1,543	-	1,543			1,543
1,400	-	1,400		14,733	16,133
24,196	-	24,196			24,196
1,011	-	1,011			1,011
-	752	752			752
-	339	339			339
28,150	1,091	29,241	-	14,733	43,974
-	24,196	24,196			24,196
-	3,822	3,822			3,822
14,206	-	14,206			14,206
6	-	6			6
31	-	31			31
70,314	20,286	90,600		14,733	105,333
84,557	48,304	132,861	-	14,733	147,594
-56,407	-47,213	-103,620	-	-	-103,620

- Meanwhile, today Bangchak gas stations have adjusted the prices of its gasohol upward by 0.40 Baht per liter, while diesel prices remain unchanged. PTT Station has also raised the prices of all types of benzine and gasohol by 0.40 Baht per liter, with diesel prices staying the same.

ชนิดน้ำมัน	วันนี้	พฤษภาคม	ส่วนต่าง
	บาท / ลิตร	บาท / ลิตร	บาท
Substandard Diesel B7	42.44	42.44	-
Diesel (Low)	30.44	30.44	-
Diesel B7	30.44	30.44	-
เบนซิน	47.84	48.24	+0.40
Gasohol 95	39.95	40.35	+0.40
Gasohol 91	38.48	38.88	+0.40
E20	37.84	38.24	+0.40
E85	37.59	37.99	+0.40

- The Thai Labor Ministry's Wage Committee is considering raising the minimum wage to 400 Baht per day, according to Pairot Chotikasathien, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labor.
 - ❖ This would be the 3rd minimum wage increase in 2024, a record for the country. The committee has instructed a subcommittee to study the feasibility of raising the minimum wage to 400 Baht in certain provinces and industries. The subcommittee's findings will be presented to the Wage Committee on May 14.
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) index closed yesterday at 1,366.94 points, down 29.44 points (-2.11%) with a trading value of 62.33 billion Baht. The index fell sharply in line with global markets, triggered by the escalation of Middle East tensions between Israel and Iran. Concerns over rising inflation and the potential for the Federal Reserve to delay interest rate cuts also pushed the market into a short-term risk-off mode.
 - ❖ As for today, analysts predict a strong rebound and believe the index is unlikely to breach the 1,350-point support level. Several positive factors are expected to support the market, including Thailand's likely better-than-expected first-quarter GDP growth and improving economic indicators across various sectors, including tourism and exports.
 - ❖ Pakorn Peetathawatchai, President of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, acknowledged the current global uncertainties but highlighted the positive impact of government stimulus measures on the Thai economy and corporate earnings. He expressed confidence in the market's resilience and its ability to recover in the near future.



- Gold prices in Thailand rose by 450 Baht yesterday, with the Gold Traders Association making eight price adjustments throughout the trading day.
 - ❖ The buy-back price for gold ornaments reached 40,795.56 Baht per Baht-weight and the sell price was at 42,150.00 Baht per Baht-weight. Gold bars were bought back at 41,550.00 Baht per Baht-weight and sold at 41,650.00 Baht per Baht-weight. The global spot gold price stood at 2,393.50 US dollars per ounce.

การปรับเปลี่ยนระหว่างวัน								
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ช่วงเวลา	ครั้งที่	ทองแท่ง		ทองรูปพรรณ		Gold Spot	Baht / US\$	ขึ้น / ลง
		รับซื้อ (บาท)	ขายออก (บาท)	รับซื้อ (บาท)	ขายออก (บาท)			
17/04/2567 16:13	8	41,550.00	41,650.00	40,795.56	42,150.00	2,393.50	36.77	50
17/04/2567 15:51	7	41,500.00	41,600.00	40,750.08	42,100.00	2,390.50	36.77	50
17/04/2567 15:01	6	41,450.00	41,550.00	40,704.60	42,050.00	2,383.00	36.84	50
17/04/2567 14:24	5	41,400.00	41,500.00	40,659.12	42,000.00	2,378.50	36.86	50
17/04/2567 13:20	4	41,350.00	41,450.00	40,598.48	41,950.00	2,375.00	36.88	-50
17/04/2567 11:41	3	41,400.00	41,500.00	40,659.12	42,000.00	2,382.00	36.81	50
17/04/2567 10:45	2	41,350.00	41,450.00	40,598.48	41,950.00	2,382.00	36.77	50
17/04/2567 09:03	1	41,300.00	41,400.00	40,553.00	41,900.00	2,384.50	36.67	200

- Seven Chinese battery makers for electric vehicles are interested in investing in Thailand, with two already planning to build production factories here in 2024, the Board of Investment (BOI) said.
 - ❖ The BOI did not disclose the names of the two firms, but they held meetings with executives from seven Chinese EV battery manufacturers in China between April 7 and 10. These companies include Contemporary Amperex Technology, China Aviation Lithium Battery, Shenzhen Intelligent Building Technologies Development, EVE Energy, Gotion High-Tech, Sunwoda Electronic, and SVOLT Energy Technology.
 - ❖ Narit Therdstearasukdi, the secretary-general of the BOI, said all seven EV battery manufacturers have shown interest in investing in Thailand due to financial support available to promote the manufacturing of battery cells for EVs and energy storage systems (ESS) from the Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. Other benefits under the Competitiveness Enhancement Act are also available to companies meeting the criteria.
 - ❖ However, he did not disclose which two companies are already planning to open factories, collectively worth 30 billion Baht, to produce cell-level batteries for EVs in Thailand. The production capacity in the first phase will be around 6-10 GWh.
- Bangkok Bank (BBL) and Kasikornbank (KBank) have stated that they have already allocated provisions for potential loan losses related to Italian-Thai Development (ITD).

- ❖ According to news reports, BBL, KBank, Krungthai Bank (KTB), and Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) extended credit lines worth 24 billion Baht to the company, which was facing a liquidity crisis and struggling to pay employee wages.
- ❖ BBL reportedly granted 8 billion Baht to ITD, while KBank and SCB reportedly granted 6 billion Baht each. KTB offered 4 billion Baht. Both KTB and SCB issued similar statements last week.
- The extreme heat and dry weather conditions prevailing across Thailand are taking a toll on fresh vegetable production, leading to an increase in prices.
 - ❖ The Department of Internal Trade conducted a nationwide survey of fresh vegetable prices in markets just before the Songkran holiday on April 11 and compared them to prices on the first working day after the holiday, April 17. The results revealed significant price hikes for several commonly consumed vegetables.
 - ❖ Coriander saw the highest price increase, jumping by 70-80 Baht per kg from the previous range of 130-140 Baht per kg to a new range of 200-220 Baht per kg. Yardlong beans also experienced a notable price rise, increasing by 40 Baht per kg from 60-65 Baht to 100-105 Baht per kg.
- The price of rubber has started to dip despite the claims by the government that the prices are at nearly a decade high. The prices that were nearly touching the 100 Baht/Kg has now dropped back to around 80 Baht/Kg.

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วัน/เดือน/ปี	พริกแห้ง		ราคาประมูล ณ ตลาดกลางบางพาราจ.สงขลา			ราคาสูงสุด		FOB, RSS3 (Bangkok)
	บางแผ่นดิน	น้ำบางสด (ณ โรงงาน)	บางแผ่นดิน	บางแผ่นดิน ตัน 3วัน	น้ำบางสด	Rss3 สูงสุด	ตลาดกลาง	
11 เมษายน 2567	79.65	73.50	-	83.88	-	83.88	สงขลา	89.38
10 เมษายน 2567	80.15	74.50	-	-	-	84.79	นครศรีธรรมราช	90.29
9 เมษายน 2567	80.20	75.00	81.96	85.79	-	86.09	นครศรีธรรมราช	91.49
5 เมษายน 2567	80.45	76.25	-	85.69	-	85.79	นครศรีธรรมราช	91.09
4 เมษายน 2567	80.50	76.00	82.92	86.22	-	86.22	นครศรีธรรมราช	91.72
3 เมษายน 2567	80.50	76.00	-	86.19	-	86.45	สุราษฎร์ธานี	91.78
2 เมษายน 2567	80.45	75.50	-	86.77	-	86.88	นครศรีธรรมราช	92.21
1 เมษายน 2567	80.75	75.50	83.35	87.99	-	87.99	สงขลา	93.38
29 มีนาคม 2567	80.75	77.00	-	86.59	-	87.99	สงขลา	92.71
28 มีนาคม 2567	80.90	77.50	-	86.49	-	86.66	สงขลา	92.05
27 มีนาคม 2567	81.15	78.50	83.15	86.71	-	87.09	นครศรีธรรมราช	92.46
26 มีนาคม 2567	82.55	79.00	83.85	86.69	-	86.98	นครศรีธรรมราช	92.38
25 มีนาคม 2567	82.95	79.50	84.80	86.89	-	86.89	สงขลา	92.39
22 มีนาคม 2567	85.55	81.20	85.89	88.59	-	88.59	นครศรีธรรมราช	94.09
21 มีนาคม 2567	85.50	81.20	87.00	90.19	-	90.69	สงขลา	95.86
20 มีนาคม 2567	85.40	81.00	88.02	91.76	-	91.85	นครศรีธรรมราช	97.22
19 มีนาคม 2567	84.85	80.20	87.88	93.55	-	93.55	สงขลา	98.53
18 มีนาคม 2567	83.55	79.50	86.22	94.44	-	94.44	นครศรีธรรมราช	99.94
15 มีนาคม 2567	82.15	78.00	-	91.45	-	92.01	นครศรีธรรมราช	97.22
14 มีนาคม 2567	81.30	77.50	85.45	90.55	-	91.01	สุราษฎร์ธานี	96.36
13 มีนาคม 2567	80.00	77.00	84.65	88.88	-	90.09	นครศรีธรรมราช	95.17
12 มีนาคม 2567	78.85	75.80	-	87.43	-	88.25	สุราษฎร์ธานี	93.48
11 มีนาคม 2567	77.65	74.80	80.02	85.23	-	85.23	สงขลา	90.73
8 มีนาคม 2567	76.25	73.50	-	83.08	-	83.08	สงขลา	88.38

- The Thai Alcoholic Beverage Business Association announced that the sales of spirits and beer this year have risen higher than last year by over 30% due to various events from New Year to Songkran.

- ❖ The association expected particularly strong sales in April due to the Thai government's idea to extend the Songkran festival to 21 days. They anticipated that April alone would generate over 50 billion Baht in revenue for the industry.
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Political News

- A sub-committee of Parliament tasked with reviewing data on politically motivated cases, operating under a larger committee responsible for developing guidelines for an amnesty bill, has identified 25 laws potentially relevant to such cases. These laws cover offenses driven by political motives dating from January 1, 2005, to the present.
 - ❖ However, offenses related to the lese majeste law have not yet been considered. Another sub-committee will be established to assess the feasibility of including these offenses, said Nikorn Chamnong, the chairperson of the sub-committee on politically motivated cases.
 - ❖ When asked if former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra would be eligible for amnesty, Nikorn replied that the committee cannot consider it on an individual basis. He also stated that Yingluck's case is not implicated in any of the 25 laws.
 - ❖ Nikorn also said the next step will be to present their proposals to the main committee today.



- Opposition Move Forward Party MP Parit Wacharasindhu called on the Election Commission (EC) to speed up the announcement of regulations for the upcoming Senate election.
 - ❖ Parit, who chairs the House panel on political development, mass media and people's inclusion, said that he was worried that unclear regulations would only

result in confusion and complaints. This would only hold up the election and voting results for 200 new senators.

- The 250 senators who came from the National Council for Peace and Order are close to the end of their 5-year term on May 10.
- ❖ The tenure of the current 250-member Senate will expire in less than a month, but the EC has yet to announce its regulations for the upcoming senatorial election. The incumbent 250 senators were appointed by the 2014 coup makers, and they will be replaced by 200 senators through a complicated peer-election system at district, provincial and national levels. The candidates are required to represent 20 professions.

ปี 2562
โทวต 'ประยุทธ์' นายกฯ

ปี 2566
โทวต 'เศรษฐา' นายกฯ

เสนอร่างแก้ไข รธน. 20 ฉบับ

คัดเลือก 18 ฉบับ
ผ่าน 1 ฉบับ แก่ระบบเลือกตั้ง (มีไฟเขียว)
ถูกคอง 1 ฉบับ
(ศาล รธน.5ปีจด้วยแก้ไขรัฐธรรมนูญต้องทำประชามติก่อน)

18/04/2567

<p>ผ่านร่างกฎหมาย 53 ฉบับ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> สว.เห็นด้วยกับสภาฯ 37 ฉบับ เสนอแก้ไขเพิ่มเติม และ สส.เห็นชอบ 10 ฉบับ เห็นชอบจาก กมร. 4 ฉบับ อยู่ระหว่างพิจารณา 2 ฉบับ ไม่ผ่าน 1 ฉบับ 	<p>ตั้งกระทู้ ตรวจสอบรัฐบาล</p> <p>กระทู้ตาม 488 กระทู้</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ถามด้วยวาจา 167 กระทู้ รัฐบาลตอบ 59 กระทู้ ทสถึง 108 กระทู้ ที่ตกไป 	<p>กระทู้ถามเป็นหนังสือ 721 กระทู้</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ตอบไม่ทันประชุม 170 กระทู้ รัฐบาลตอบ 115 กระทู้ ค้างตอบ 6 กระทู้ ตกไป 49 กระทู้ ตอบไม่ราชกิจจานุเบกษา 151 กระทู้ รัฐบาลตอบ 112 กระทู้ รอตอบ 19 กระทู้ ตกไป 20 กระทู้ 	<p>  ธีรรัตน์ รัตนานันท์ นั่งประธาน ศาลปกครอง สูงสุด </p> <p>  วิษณุ วัลย์บุญ นั่งประธาน ศาลปกครอง สูงสุด </p> <p>  พล.ต.ท.ธิตะ แสงสว่าง นั่ง ป.ป.ช. </p> <p>  สภาพร วิสาพรหม นั่ง ป.ป.ช. </p> <p>ตัดทั้งองค์กรณี:</p>
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- The Constitutional Court has granted the main opposition Move Forward Party an additional 15 days to submit a statement in its dissolution case, extending the deadline to May 3.
 - ❖ The court announced its decision on its website Wednesday, saying the deadline was extended from April 18 to May 3. Move Forward earlier asked the court to extend the deadline by 30 days.
- The Constitutional Court has dismissed Parliament's request for clarification on whether it has the authority to amend Section 256 of the constitution, which outlines the amendment process. The court reiterated that its previous ruling, requiring a referendum before proceeding with a charter rewrite, was already clear.

- ❖ Furthermore, the court highlighted that the request did not relate to a specific incident involving Parliament's authority that had occurred; rather, it was solely seeking clarification. Therefore, the court decided not to accept the request.
- ❖ The main opposition Move Forward Party, which supports the ruling Pheu Thai Party MPs' efforts to reduce the number of referendums required for amending the charter but opposes Parliament asking the court about its authority to amend Section 256, stated that following today's court decision, the current House Speaker should reconsider the earlier decision to reject a charter amendment draft seeking to revise Section 256 and pave the way for establishing a charter drafting committee.
- ❖ The draft bill, presented by the Pheu Thai Party and backed by the MFP, was turned down by former House Speaker Chuan Leekpai in June 2021. His rejection was based on the Constitutional Court's ruling that amending this section would entail replacing the charter, thus necessitating a referendum both before and after the rewrite.
- ❖ MFP spokesperson Parit stated that since the court dismissed request to clarify Parliament's authority, the current House Speaker should reconsider the prior decision and approve the draft bill, allowing Parliament to proceed with charter amendment with two referendums instead of three.
- Rumors are circulating within the Pheu Thai Party regarding a potential cabinet reshuffle, with several key positions reportedly being considered for changes. These include Somsak Thepsuthin, who is expected to transition to the position of Minister of Public Health, Pichai Chunhavajira, Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Thailand to Minister of Finance, Gen Natthaphon Nakphanit, Secretary to the Minister of Defense to Deputy Minister of Defense, Paophum Rojanasakul, Secretary to the Minister of Finance to Deputy Minister of Finance.
 - ❖ Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Chakkraphong Saengmanee will likely be appointed as the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office to allow him to work more closely with the premier.



- 13 political parties received donations amounting to 6.16 million Baht, according to an announcement published on the Election Commission (EC) website yesterday.
- ❖ The top three recipients were the Bhumjaithai Party with 2,390,000 Baht from 93 donors, the Move Forward Party with 1,216,698 Baht from 76 donors, and the Party of Thai Counties with 1 million Baht from 1 donor.

ลำดับที่	พรรคการเมือง	รายการที่บริจาค (บาท)			ผู้บริจาค (ราย)
		จำนวนเงิน	ทรัพย์สิน	ประโยชน์อื่นใด	
1	พรรคภูมิใจไทย	2,390,000.00	-	-	93
2	พรรคก้าวไกล	1,166,198.00	-	50,500.00	76
3	พรรคกล้าธรรม	389,000.00	-	-	1
4	พรรคไทยภักดี	301,400.00	-	-	2
5	พรรคพลังบูรพา	-	-	365,000.00	1
6	พรรคเพื่อไทย	10,000.00	-	-	1
7	พรรครักษ์สันป่าประเทศไทย	360,000.00	-	-	1
8	พรรคท้องถิ่นไทย	1,000,000.00	-	-	1
9	พรรคใหม่	64,050.00	-	-	5
10	พรรคประชาชนชาติ	170,000.00	-	-	1
11	พรรคเสรีรวมไทย	15,000.00	-	-	1
12	พรรคไทยสร้างไทย	160,900.00	-	-	2
13	พรรครักษ์ธรรม	-	-	21,000.00	2
รวม		6,463,048.00			187

- Thai and New Zealand agencies signed MOUs on education and aviation, aiming to elevate bilateral relations to a strategic partnership by 2026. The signing was witnessed by Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, marking the first visit of a New Zealand Prime Minister to Thailand in 11 years.
- ❖ Government Spokesperson Chai Wacharonke stated the two leaders agreed that elevating the relations would expand cooperation in defense, security, and combating transnational organized crimes such as anti-human and drug trafficking, cyber-security, counter-terrorism, and violent extremism. They also aim to triple two-way trade by 2045.

- ❖ In tourism, visa facilitation and resumption of direct flights aim to welcome 100,000 New Zealanders to Thailand and 40,000 Thai tourists to New Zealand by next year. The leaders also plan to explore sustainable and movie-induced tourism opportunities.
- ❖ Prime Minister Srettha also thanked Prime Minister Luxon for supporting Thailand's OECD membership request and candidature for the United Nations Human Rights Council for 2025-2027.



- At least 1,293 cases related to political participation and expression have been filed against 1,954 individuals between July 18, 2020, and February 29, 2024, according to Thai Lawyers for Human Rights (TLHR).
 - ❖ Of those, 217 cases were against 286 minors under the age of 18. Fourteen new cases were filed against three people (only counting those never charged before) in February alone.
 - ❖ Of the total 1,954 individuals, 270 people were charged with lese-majeste in 301 cases, 152 people were charged with sedition in 50 cases, 1,469 people were charged with violation of the emergency decree in 669 cases, 181 people were charged with violation of the Public Assembly Act in 99 cases, and 200 people were charged with violation of the Computer Crime Act in 223 cases.
 - ❖ Out of the total 1,293 cases, 545 have reached a conclusion while 748 cases are still ongoing at various stages.



- Suspended Deputy National Police Chief Pol Gen Surachate Hakparn has requested an additional 10 days to prepare a statement regarding his money laundering case.
 - ❖ Pol Gen Surachate is accused of accepting bribes and involvement in money laundering linked to the Minnie illegal online gambling ring, currently under investigation by the National Anti-Corruption Commission. Additionally, he is implicated in the BNK Master illegal online gambling website, a case being handled by the police, though the two investigations are connected.
 - ❖ Pol Gen Surachate failed to comply with three summonses for the BNK Master case before an arrest warrant was issued, leading to his surrender on April 2. He was subsequently granted bail but was expected to provide his statement to the police yesterday. However, he requested more time to gather evidence in support of his statement. His request was granted, and his next reporting date to the police is scheduled for April 27.



General News

- An explosion at an ice factory in Bang Lamung district, Chonburi province, left at least 141 people injured and caused an ammonia leak that forced the evacuation of nearby residents. The incident occurred on the evening of April 17, near the Baan Eua-Arth Bang Lamung Village.

- ❖ According to reports, the ammonia leak spread over a radius of one kilometer, causing some nearby residents to have experienced tightness in the chest and difficulty breathing.
- ❖ By 00:38 on April 18, the situation was brought under control, and injured individuals were being transported to nearby hospitals for treatment.



- Yesterday Forest fires broke out at two main spots on Doi Suthep, a famous tourist destination in Chiang Mai. The blaze can clearly be seen from a distance.
 - ❖ According to social media post by Nirat Pongsitthaworn, Chiang Mai Governor, the fires started at around 21:20 at the back of Nong Ho Buddha Dhamma Temple. Three hours later (00:20), the governor posted that 50 fire fighters were dispatched and the fire is now 100 percent under control, while the damage assessment will be reported later during the day.
 - ❖ It is also reported that this is the first time in 3 years since wild fires broke out in these spots.



- The Thai Meteorological Department issued a weather forecast for today, predicting hot weather with a high of 42 degrees Celsius across the country. Thunderstorms with strong gusts of wind are expected in 19 provinces in the northern and northeastern regions.
 - ❖ In Bangkok, the weather will be hot with partly cloudy skies during the day. The high temperature will reach 40 degrees Celsius.

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ภาคเหนือ	42.1 °C	อ.ค้ำฉัตร จ.ลำปาง
ภาคอีสาน	41.0 °C	อ.โกสุมพิสัย จ.มหาสารคาม
ภาคกลาง	41.5 °C	อ.ชัยบาดาล จ.ลพบุรี และ อ.เมือง จ.กาญจนบุรี
ภาคตะวันออกเฉียงเหนือ	40.5 °C	อ.อรัญประเทศ จ.สระแก้ว
ภาคใต้	40.1 °C	อ.พระแสง จ.สุราษฎร์ธานี
กรุงเทพฯ และปริมณฑล	40.0 °C	อ.คลองหลวง จ.ปทุมธานี



Yesterday's Temperatures were above 40 degrees across the country.

- The cyber police arrested Chinese and Singaporean suspects from a hybrid scam gang before they could transfer 80 million Baht in cash to Myanmar via the Mae Sot border. In total, assets worth more than 200 million Baht were confiscated from the suspects.
 - A total of four suspects have been arrested in raids on the hybrid scams gang in Chiang Mai, Chonburi, Bangkok, and Tak yesterday, including a 45-year-old Chinese national who is the main suspect, a 41-year-old Singaporean national who is the frontman, a 31-year-old Thai national who laundered money gained from the scams via digital asset transactions, and a 25-year-old Thai national who owns a mule account.
 - Assets worth around 250 million Baht, including 80 million Baht in cash, have been confiscated. Charges against them include colluding to defraud the public, acting as middlemen, forming gangs of thieves, engaging in dishonesty or deception to infiltrate computer systems with distorted or fake data that could harm the public, participating in transnational criminal organizations, and engaging in or assisting money laundering.



- How much money had been spent during the Songkran break?

- ❖ Well a bill from Baccarat bar & restaurant that was circulating on Social media says it all. It was visiting Chinese customer.



Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- Many international observers had high hopes for a significant recalibration of Thailand's stance towards Myanmar following the 2023 general election.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/52068/opinion-strategic-challenge-for-thailands-myanmar-policy/>
- Opposition Move Forward Party MP Parit Wacharasindhu called on the Election Commission (EC) to speed up the announcement of regulations for the upcoming Senate election.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/politics/40037317>
- The Public Prosecutor Commission has unanimously approved appointment of Phairach Pornsomboonsiri as the next Attorney- General. He will be replacing Amnat Jedcharoenruk, whose term will end on September 30th this year.

- Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/appointment-of-thailands-next-attorney-general-approved/>
 - After the 250 junta-appointed senators complete their five-year term on May 10, they will be replaced by a 200-member Senate elected from thousands of candidates via a complex voting system that excludes full public participation.
 - Link- <https://www.thaipbsworld.com/a-guide-to-thailands-next-senate-and-the-most-complicated-election-in-the-world/>
 - Ranger shot dead in Yala
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2777619/ranger-shot-dead-in-yala>
 - Cabinet reshuffle looms
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2777614/cabinet-reshuffle-looms>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- The Thai Chamber of Commerce is optimistic the Thai economy will grow this year, citing the disbursement of the budget and the flourishing tourism sector as positive factors.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/blogs/thailand/economy/40037307>
- The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) will this year announce safe industrial standards for seven items of stainless steel kitchenware to protect consumers from low-quality foreign products flooding the market.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/thailand/general/40037311>
- Bangchak preps Norway petroleum facility
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2777374/bangchak-preps-norway-petroleum-facility>
- Govt orders action on cadmium saga

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2777599/govt-orders-action-on-cadmium-saga>
 - EV sales expected to miss target
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/motoring/2777884/ev-sales-expected-to-miss-target>
 - Aviation bodies see recovery in passenger figures by 2025
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/general/2777864/aviation-bodies-see-recovery-in-passenger-figures-by-2025>
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Issues to be watched out for

- April 23, 2024 - FTI executives meet to elect the new President
- May 7, 2024 - April 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- May 20, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q1/2024
- June 5, 2024 - May 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- June 12, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- July 5, 2024 - June 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 5, 2024 - July 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- August 19, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q2/2024
- August 21, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- September 5, 2024 - August 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- October 7, 2024 - September 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data

- October 16, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- November 5, 2024 - October 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- November 18, 2024 - NESDC press conference Thailand's GDP Q3/2024
- December 6, 2024 - November 2024 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data
- December 18, 2024 - Monetary Policy Committee holds its meeting
- January 6, 2025 - December & Fiscal Year 2023 Consumer Confidence Inflation Data

For information on Opportunity Day of various companies click on the link –

<https://www.set.or.th/streaming/opdayCalendar>

Key Data

SET Index	1,366.94	-29.44
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Link - https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html

Global Commodities

Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>

Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

Global Equity Market's Movements

Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

Asian Equity Markets Movement

Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

Information on April 17, 2024

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

Stock Code	Volume	Value	Action
BKD	259,600	1.34	Purchase
EP	28,300	2.68	Purchase
EP	18,500	2.69	Purchase
AKR	200,000	1.02	Sale
LEO	89,300	4.14	Purchase
PRINC	276,000	4	Purchase
COLOR	6,500	1.35	Purchase
SANKO	100,000	1.47	Purchase
SISB	2,000	40.75	Sale
TSTE	10,100	9.9	Purchase

XD, XE or XM or other notifications

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <https://www.set.or.th/set/xcalendar.do>

Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

Daily as of 17 April 2024						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Unit: M.Baht	
	Value	%	Value	%	Net Value	%
Local Institutions	4,433.06	7.11	5,056.82	8.11	-623.76	-
Proprietary Trading	3,697.58	5.93	3,480.47	5.58	217.11	-
Foreign Investor	32,480.11	52.07	38,875.50	62.32	-6,395.39	-

Local Individuals	21,771.35	34.90	14,969.31	24.00	6,802.04	-
Monthly Cumulative between 1 Apr –17 April 2024						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	33,977.14	9.36	39,466.19	10.87	-5,489.05	-
Proprietary Trading	23,275.14	6.41	22,231.38	6.12	1,043.75	-
Foreign Investors	188,543.83	51.92	185,175.41	50.99	3,368.41	-
WLocal Individuals	117,341.10	32.31	116,264.22	32.02	1,076.88	-
Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan -17 April 2024						
Unit: M.Baht						
Investor Type	Buy		Sell		Net	
	Value	%	Value	%	Value	%
Local Institutions	283,038.30	9.07	294,700.17	9.44	-11,661.87	-
Proprietary Trading	214,478.69	6.87	216,327.68	6.93	-1,848.99	-
Foreign Investors	1,645,512.46	52.71	1,711,470.25	54.82	-65,957.79	-
Local Individuals	978,813.21	31.35	899,344.55	28.81	79,468.65	-

Total Trading Value 62,396.97 Million Baht

Background Information

According to the report by the Election Commission of Thailand as of May 8, 2019, the strength of each party in the Thai Parliament following the elections on March 24, 2019.

- https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24
- List of MPs - https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf

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