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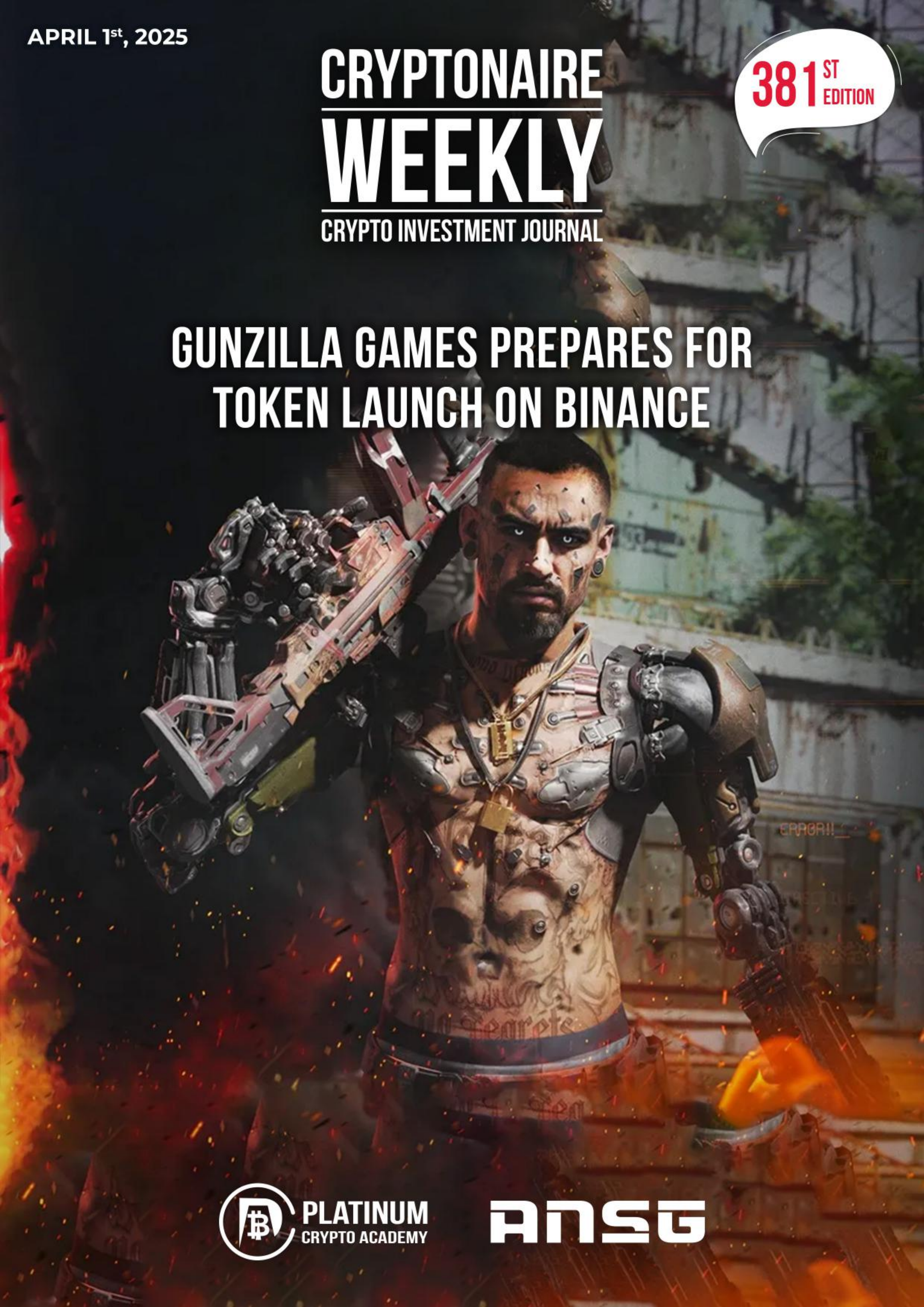

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Bitcoin is facing selling pressure as bears push for a drop to the key $80,000 support level. However, bulls are trying to hold the price around $81,100, showing early signs of defense. If they succeed, BTC could make a move toward the resistance line, but bears are likely to step in aggressively. A rejection at this level would increase the chances of a breakdown below $80,000, potentially sending BTC/USDT down to $76,606 and even $73,777. On the flip side, if buyers flip the resistance into support and push the price above $89,000, momentum could build for a rally toward $95,000.

Ether is testing a crucial support level at $1,754, with bulls attempting to stage a bounce. However, the 20-day EMA at $1,980 is expected to be a strong hurdle. If sellers defend this level and push ETH lower, a break below $1,754 could trigger a deeper correction to $1,550. The first sign of strength will be a decisive move above $2,111, which would invalidate the breakdown and confirm a bullish double-bottom pattern. If that happens, ETH/USDT could surge toward its next target at $2,468.

Lastly please check out the advancement's happening in the cryptocurrency world

Enjoy the issue

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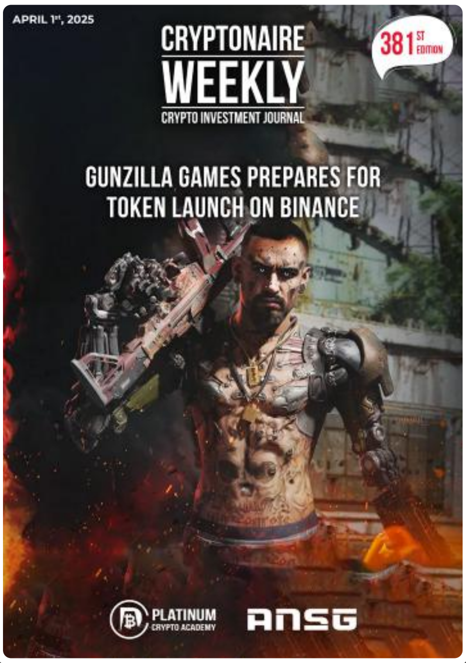
Cryptonaire Weekly is one of the oldest and trusted sources of Crypto News, Crypto Analysis and information on blockchain technology in the industry, created for the sole purpose to support and guide our Crypto Trading academy clients and subscribers on all the tops, research, analysis and through leadership in the space.

Cryptonaire weekly, endeavours to provide weekly articles, Crypto news and project analysis covering the entire marketplace of the blockchain space. All of us have challenges when facing the crypto market for the first time even blockchain-savvy developers, investors or entrepreneurs with the ever-changing technology its hard to keep up with all the changes, opportunities and areas to be cautious of.

With the steady adoption of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies around the world, we wanted not only to provide all levels of crypto investors and traders a place which has truly great information, a reliable source of technical analysis, crypto news and top emerging projects in the space.

Having been publishing our weekly crypto magazine 'Cryptonaire Weekly' for since early 2017 we have had our fingertips at the cusp of this exciting market breaking through highs of 20k for 1 Bitcoin to the lows of $3500 in early 2021. Our Platinum Crypto Academy clients (students and mentee's) are always looking for shortcuts to success to minimize expenses and possible loses. This is why we created our Crypto Magazine. Those who wish to invest their assets wisely, stay updated with the latest cryptocurrency news and are interested in blockchain technology will find our Weekly Crypto Magazine a valuable asset!

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# WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 381st edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is $2.70 Trillion, Down 150 Billion since the last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is at $76.39 Billion which makes a 36.04% increase. The DeFi volume is $5.07 Billion, 6.63% of the entire crypto market's 24-hour trading volume. The volume of all stable coins is $73.09 Billion, which is 95.68% share of the total crypto market volume the last 24 hours. The largest gainers in the industry right now are Polkadot Ecosystem and XRP Ledger Ecosystem cryptocurrencies.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 3.55% from $86,570 last week to around $83,500 and Ether's price has decreased by 9.49% from $2,055 last week to $1,860
Bitcoin's market cap is $1.66 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is $1.04 Trillion.

**Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)**

| | |
|---|---|
| BTC | 62.70% |
| ETH | 8.84% |
| USDT | 5.21% |
| XRP | 4.98% |
| BNB | 3.35% |
| SOL | 2.57% |
| USDC | 2.17% |
| DOGE | 1.05% |
| ADA | 0.96% |
| Others | 8.17% |

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Ethereum just introduced a new privacy tool, Privacy Pools, which allows users to transact privately while proving their funds are not linked to illicit activities. Developed by 0xbow.io and launched on March 31, the tool has already gained support from key figures, including Ethereum co-founder Vitalik Buterin, who was among the first to deposit funds. Privacy Pools groups transactions into anonymous "Association Sets," running a screening test to ensure that bad actors, such as hackers or scammers, are kept out of the system.

BlackRock CEO Larry Fink has warned that the US dollar could lose its status as the world's reserve currency to Bitcoin or other digital assets if the country fails to control its rising debt. In his Annual Chairman's Letter, Fink praised decentralized finance as a game-changer that makes markets faster, cheaper, and more transparent but also cautioned that the same innovation could erode America's economic dominance. The US debt has risen to 122.3% of GDP in 2023, up from 105% in 2018, according to Trading Economics. While Moody's still rates the US AAA, it has downgraded its outlook to negative, hinting at a possible downgrade. Fink emphasized the potential of tokenization, stating that if every asset were tokenized, it could revolutionize investing by eliminating market closures, enabling instant transactions, and unlocking billions of dollars currently tied up in settlement delays.

In the Bitcoin mining space, several members of former US President Donald Trump's family are backing a major new venture. Hut 8, a digital asset mining and infrastructure company, announced on March 31 that it is acquiring a majority stake in American Bitcoin, previously known as American Data Center. The firm is backed by a group of investors, including Trump's sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump. As part of the deal, American Bitcoin will take control of Hut 8's mining hardware. Donald Trump Jr. stated that the team behind American Bitcoin is fully committed to Bitcoin, both personally and through their businesses. The venture aims to become the world's largest and most efficient Bitcoin mining operation while building a significant strategic Bitcoin reserve. Mining operations will remain part of Hut 8's compute segment but will operate under the American Bitcoin brand.


Live Markets has officially announced the launch of LMGX, a blockchain-powered digital asset designed to drive financial and trading innovation. Operating under the esteemed LM Group umbrella, Live Markets benefits from the industry leadership and long-standing credibility of a financial powerhouse that has shaped the online trading and digital asset domains for over a decade.

Live Markets, as the licensed entity responsible for the expansion and regulatory oversight of **LMGX**, is taking a bold step forward in blockchain-powered finance. Backed by LM Group's robust financial infrastructure and extensive market presence, Live Markets operates at the intersection of traditional finance and blockchain technology.

*"Live Markets is not merely introducing another token. We are advancing a vision that redefines digital finance. LMGX is a financial instrument designed to provide a clear pathway from blockchain utility to structured equity. This launch is not just a product of innovation but of strategic foresight, ensuring that our investors have a real stake in the future of finance,"* said a spokesperson from Live Markets.

LMGX is a utility token designed to enhance transactions within the LM Group ecosystem. Built on blockchain technology, it offers lower fees and faster processing for seamless transactions, smart contract automation to reduce risk and increase efficiency, enhanced security to ensure transparency and fraud protection, and scalability for smooth integration across multiple platforms, such as online gaming.


With a legacy of trust and success through LMFX and Crypto LMFX, LM Group has demonstrated stability, resilience, and industry leadership. This credibility is a crucial factor in ensuring the success of LMGX, as the token integrates into an ecosystem already trusted by traders, investors, and institutions worldwide.

The launch of LMGX is a calculated evolution in the company's growth strategy that is setting the foundation for an asset that will transform from a digital token into a regulated financial instrument.
The LMGX Initial Coin Offering (ICO), scheduled from

March to May 2025, will provide early investors access to the token, engineered for immediate utility and long-term financial transformation.

The defining moment for LMGX, however, will come in 2027, when the Security Token Offering (STO) will allow LMGX holders to convert their tokens into equity shares, a first-of-its-kind transition for the company and a major milestone in digital asset history.

"In 2027, we are introducing a new financial paradigm—one where blockchain assets seamlessly integrate with institutional finance. The LMGX STO will mark a shift in how digital investments evolve, offering our token holders the ability to transition from cryptocurrency investors to equity stakeholders. This is the natural evolution of digital finance, and Live Markets is leading the way," the spokesperson stated.

Unlike speculative cryptocurrencies that thrive on hype, LMGX is rooted in tangible functionality. Built on Ethereum's secure and scalable blockchain, it facilitates low-cost transactions, high-speed processing, and secure interactions across financial and trading platforms. Token holders will have access to personalized loyalty programs, staking rewards, and seamless investment opportunities, enhancing engagement while ensuring the long-term stability of the ecosystem.

The ICO framework reflects Live Markets' commitment to fairness and transparency, eliminating private sales to ensure an equitable distribution model. Investors will acquire LMGX at a fixed rate of 1 LMGX = 1 USDC, with a total supply capped at 100 million tokens. Forty percent of the supply (i.e., 40,000,000 LMGX) will be allocated to the ICO, while the remainder will be distributed across liquidity reserves, product development, compliance funding, and operational expansion.

The spokesperson stated, *"The token will first be listed on Crypto LMFX, providing immediate accessibility, before rolling out across major external exchanges to enhance liquidity and market presence."*

Regulatory groundwork for the STO is already underway, ensuring compliance with international financial regulations and reinforcing investor confidence in Live Markets' long-term stability. Unlike many blockchain projects that operate in legal gray areas, Live Markets has structured LMGX with full regulatory oversight, ensuring that its transition to an equity-backed instrument aligns with global financial standards.

With the ICO commencing in March 2025, Live Markets is inviting investors, institutions, and blockchain visionaries to take part in a transformative financial initiative, one that will bridge decentralized finance with structured investment frameworks.

To participate in the LMGX ICO, visit **lmgxtoken.com**.

For more information, follow us on our socials: **X**, **Discord**, **Telegram**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook**.


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Live Markets is the licensed entity responsible for the regulatory oversight and expansion of Crypto LMFX and the LMGX Token. Operating under LM Group, a global financial powerhouse known for its industry-leading foreign exchange brokerage LMFX and rapidly expanding digital asset exchange Crypto LMFX, Live Markets is bringing evolution to blockchain-driven finance.

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# ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

## BITCOIN FALLS TO $81.5K AS US STOCK FUTURES SELL-OFF IN ADVANCE OF TRUMP'S 'LIBERATION DAY' TARIFFS

Bitcoin price slips below $82,000 as investor anxiety shows up in US stock futures markets. Will BTC close the month above $80,000?

Bitcoin looks set for a bearish open to mark the last trading day of March and possibly the weakest Q1 performance since 2018.

Crypto and stock traders' anxiety over US President Donald Trump's fresh wave of 25% tariffs on cars imported to the US, the threat of tariffs on the pharmaceutical industry is clearly reflected in BTC's current downside. Trump's frequent references to April 2 being "Liberation Day" (the day when an apparent number for "reciprocal tariffs" will be assigned to various countries) also has shaken traders' confidence.

At the time of publishing, stock futures have already slipped into the red, with the DOW futures shedding 206 points and the S&P 500 futures down 0.56%. As expected, Bitcoin's BTC $82,185 price moved in tandem with equities markets, slipping to $81,656 on March 30 and locking in a 7th consecutive day of lower lows.

After a tumultuous quarter, equities markets look set to close down for the month, with the S&P 500 down 6.3% and the Nasdaq and DOW each registering 8.1% and 5.2% respective losses.

Bitcoin's steady decline is a combination of weak demand in spot markets and clear derisking from traders who are reluctant to open fresh positions in BTC's futures markets.

Last week's core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) data showed a higher-than-anticipated uptick in inflation, and March consumer confidence data from the Conference Board showed the monthly confidence index — a metric that reflects respondents' expectation for income, business and job prospects — at a 12-year low.

Recession odds also continue to rise, with a recent report from Goldman Sachs raising the 12-month recession probability from their previous 20% to 35%.

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# Ethereum Price Falls Below $1900 As Expert Blames Decline On Network Stagnation

Ethereum price has been largely underwhelming with one expert blaming the network's decline on a failure to lead and grow.

Ethereum price has tumbled below $1,900 in a correction driven by a slew of factors. Outside of the technicals, one expert is pinning the blame on Ethereum's failure to lead and innovate in the Web 3 space.

Ethereum Price Continues Its Steep Decline
According to CoinMarketCap data, technicals for Ethereum's price are grim, with the second-largest cryptocurrency slipping below $1,900. At press time, Ethereum (ETH) is trading at $1,828 and shows no signs of reversing the grim trend.

A look at Ethereum's chart does not indicate any signs of an uptrend or a short bounce to stoke embers of optimism. According to pseudonymous analyst Gum, Ethereum signals "relentless downward price action" that could see the asset fall below $1,800.

Over the last day, Ethereum has fallen by nearly 4% while its seven-day chart indicates a decline of nearly 8%. The decline of Ethereum price follows a broader market correction with the global crypto market capitalization losing nearly 3% of its valuation.

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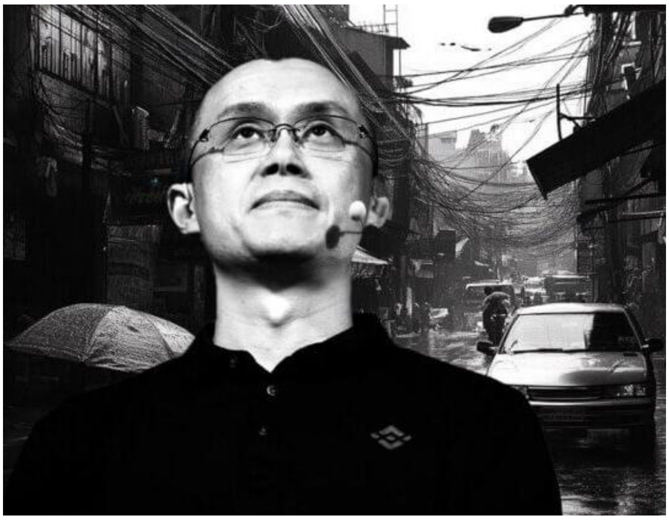
# Binance founder Changpeng Zhao 'CZ' leads crypto community donations for deadly SEA earthquake

Over 1,700 dead after 7.7-magnitude earthquake hits Myanmar and Thailand, prompting international aid and crypto donations, including a $630,000 pledge from Binance founder CZ.

In the wake of a devastating 7.7-magnitude earthquake that struck Myanmar and Thailand on Friday, over 1,700 fatalities have been confirmed and thousands injured across the two nations. The epicenter, located near Mandalay in central Myanmar, caused widespread destruction, including collapsed buildings,



damaged infrastructure, and flooding.

In Thailand, Bangkok experienced significant tremors, leading to the collapse of an under-construction high-rise that trapped dozens beneath the rubble. Rescue operations are ongoing as international aid pours into the region to address the humanitarian crisis. Myanmar's military government has declared a state of emergency and called for global assistance to support relief efforts.

Binance founder Changpeng Zhao leads crypto donations
Among notable contributions to disaster relief, Binance co-founder Changpeng Zhao (CZ) pledged 1,000 BNB tokens—valued at approximately $630,000—split evenly between Myanmar and Thailand.

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Let me tell you a story that, frankly, blew my mind.

It's about DeFi. It's about power. And it's about how one trader used pure strategy 4D chess to force one of the biggest perpetual protocols, Hyperliquid, into revealing just how centralized things really are beneath the surface.

Now, I've been in the crypto trenches long enough to know that DeFi isn't always as "decentralized" as we want to believe. But this move? It exposed everything—from weak liquidation systems to emergency switches hidden behind protocol curtains.

Let's unpack this chaos. Because if you're a trader, investor, or even just DeFi-curious, this one hit close to home.

The Setup: Galaxy Brain Levels of Planning

**Here's what the trader did:**
Took a $6 million short position on a small-cap token: $JELLY

Simultaneously went long on spot, stacking the asset

Then intentionally pumped the price of $JELLY triggering their own liquidation

Wait, what?

Yeah, on purpose.

The goal? Force Hyperliquid's protocol vault (the HLP) to inherit a toxic, high-leverage short on a mooning coin. A total reverse rug pull—only this time, it was the protocol getting rugged.


And it worked—brilliantly.

The Fallout: Protocol in Panic Mode

$JELLY shot up 429% in a single hour, ballooning from a $20M market cap to over $50M. Hyperliquid was suddenly bleeding millions in unrealized losses.

Every mechanism they built to manage risk. Cracking under pressure.

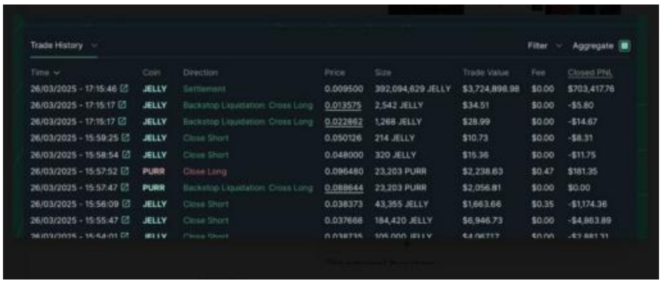
They had two options:

1. Let the vault ride the short and risk a $12M+ loss.

2. Step in and use centralized controls to shut it down.

Guess what they chose?

They force liquidated 392 million $JELLY tokens at $0.0095, while the market was trading around $0.50. And somehow, they walked away with $703K profit—but only by stepping in manually and force delisting $JELLY from the platform.



Trade History

| Time | Coin | Direction | Price | Size | Trade Value | Fee | Closed PNL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26/03/2025 - 17:15:46 | JELLY | Settlement | 0.009500 | 392,094,629 JELLY | $3,724,898.98 | $0.00 | $703,417.76 |
| 26/03/2025 - 17:15:17 | JELLY | Backstop Liquidation: Cross Long | 0.013575 | 2,542 JELLY | $34.51 | $0.00 | -$5.80 |
| 26/03/2025 - 17:15:17 | JELLY | Backstop Liquidation: Cross Long | 0.022862 | 1,268 JELLY | $28.99 | $0.00 | -$14.67 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:59:25 | JELLY | Close Short | 0.050126 | 214 JELLY | $10.73 | $0.00 | -$8.31 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:58:54 | JELLY | Close Short | 0.048000 | 320 JELLY | $15.36 | $0.00 | -$11.75 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:57:52 | PURR | Close Long | 0.096480 | 23,203 PURR | $2,238.63 | $0.47 | $181.35 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:57:47 | PURR | Backstop Liquidation: Cross Long | 0.088644 | 23,203 PURR | $2,056.81 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:56:09 | JELLY | Close Short | 0.038373 | 43,355 JELLY | $1,663.66 | $0.35 | -$1,174.36 |
| 26/03/2025 - 15:55:47 | JELLY | Close Short | 0.037668 | 184,420 JELLY | $6,946.73 | $0.00 | -$4,863.89 |

Yeah. You read that right.

The Lesson: DeFi Isn't as Trustless as We Think

This trade exposed the deepest flaws in many perp protocols:

Illiquid asset risk: No limits on position size.

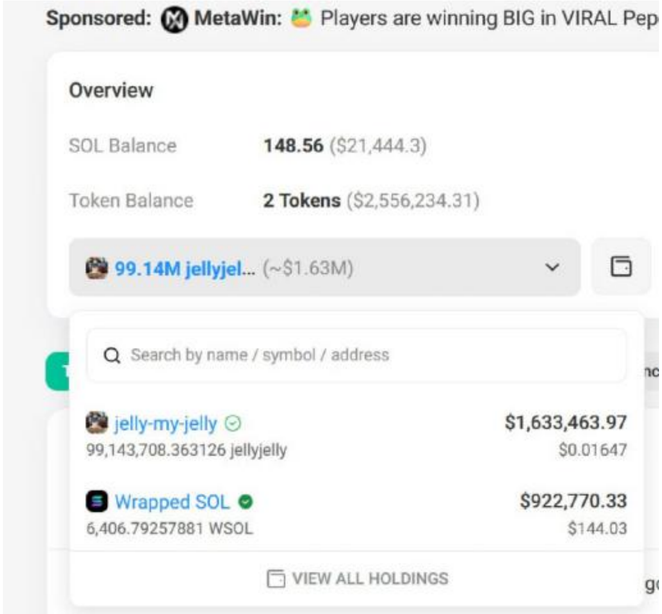
Oracle vulnerability: Price manipulation was all too easy.

Forced position inheritance: The protocol had to take on that short.

Emergency powers: "Decentralized" until the house is on fire.

We talk a lot about trustless finance. But when real capital is at stake, it turns out even the biggest platforms will press the panic button. Fast.

And that's where this story becomes about us—the everyday users.




Why This Should Matter to You

If you've ever provided liquidity to a vault, traded perps, or even just chased small-cap pumps on a DEX, this affects you. Protocols love to sell the idea of safety through code but this story shows that when push comes to shove, human intervention is still the final backstop.

That's not inherently bad. But it is something we deserve transparency about.

Because if a $230M vault can be nearly wiped by a single illiquid asset and one clever trader, then your money—our money—isn't as secure as we think.

My Take? This Was Art. And a Warning.

The trader didn't just make a bag. They made a point.

They exposed the hypocrisy in how "decentralization" is used as a buzzword, while protocols keep admin keys ready in the background for exactly this type of scenario.

Was it malicious? Maybe.

Was it genius? Absolutely.

And in a weird way, it makes me love DeFi even more. Because only in crypto can someone weaponize the rules of the game so effectively—and force the truth into the light.

Just make sure next time, you're not the one holding the bag.

# Japan Eyes Giving Crypto Assets Legal Status: Report

The country's financial regulator is rethinking how it wants to treat crypto, including provisions to curb insider trading.

Japan plans to reclassify cryptocurrencies as financial products and implement insider trading restrictions similar to those for traditional financial markets, Nikkei reported Sunday.

For these changes, Japan's Financial Services Agency (FSA) is looking to submit legislation to its parliament as early as 2026, following closed-door consultations with industry experts.

The proposed changes would revise the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, positioning digital assets differently from securities while acknowledging their investment characteristics.

While specific criteria on the restriction remain under consideration, Nikkei reports that those would likely "resemble" what's already in place for "conventional financial products."

Japan's Financial Instruments and Exchange Act regulates securities and financial instruments, categorizing them as either traditional "Paragraph I Securities" (like bonds and shares) or "Paragraph II Securities" (including trust interests and partnership stakes).

The Act establishes distinct regulatory requirements for public offerings versus private placements, with public offerings generally requiring securities registration statements and continuous reporting.

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# French State-Owned Bank Rolls Out $27,000,000 Initiative To Invest in Crypto Projects

A state-backed bank in France is reportedly launching a multimillion-dollar initiative to invest in crypto projects.

According to a new report from Bloomberg, French government-owned bank Bpifrance – which has nearly $110 billion in assets under its management – is rolling out a $27 million crypto venture fund to invest in digital asset startups. in at $1.26 billion, with Paxos Gold leading with TVL of just over $500 million.

Not only will the fund target projects that offer tokens in return rather than equity, it will also focus on blockchain protocols with "a strong French footprint" within the fields of decentralized finance (DeFi), artificial intelligence (AI), staking and asset tokenization.

Bpifrance deputy CEO Arnaud Caudoux says the bank needs to step up its accumulation strategy to be able to compete with the US now that pro-crypto politician Donald Trump is president once again.

As stated by Cardoux, according to Bloomberg,

"The new US policy is creating massive attractivity for all crypto companies from across the world. We want to keep those companies here because we strongly believe that it's very important in the future to have our own ecosystem."

Earlier this month, Trump announced that the US will adopt Bitcoin (BTC) and other digital assets as strategic reserve assets, which at the time caused a "sell-the-news" event.

Bpifrance first became interested in cryptocurrencies in 2014 when it struck a deal with the hardware developer Ledger. In 2022.

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There's a quiet revolution happening in corporate finance and it starts with a simple but radical idea: maybe cash isn't safe anymore.

For decades, the gold standard of financial security was just that gold. Or if not, it was cash, short-term bonds, and treasury bills. Safe, predictable, stable. That's where companies kept their war chests, their reserves, their "just in case" capital.

But what happens when the rules of the game change? What happens when the money itself starts to erode in value, slowly but surely, as central banks print more, and inflation eats away at purchasing power?

For a growing number of companies, the answer has become clear: you stop sitting on melting ice. You start buying Bitcoin.

Now, I know what you're thinking. Bitcoin? For a corporate treasury? Isn't that too volatile? Too risky? But if you dig deeper, the move starts to make a lot of sense not just financially, but philosophically.

Bitcoin, in the eyes of many forward-thinking execs, is more than just a volatile asset. It's a shield. A long-term hedge against everything that's broken in the traditional system. It's like gold, except programmable, borderless, and liquid 24/7.

Think about that for a moment. You're a company sitting on $100 million in cash. You know inflation is creeping in. You've seen what loose monetary policy can do. And now, you have an asset that not only protects purchasing power but could grow, significantly, over time.

That's the fundamental reason companies are allocating a portion of their reserves into Bitcoin. They're not trying to time the market. They're not chasing a quick win. They're betting that the future favors scarcity, decentralization, and innovation.

But Bitcoin on the balance sheet isn't just about protecting value it's about projecting vision.

When a company announces they're holding BTC, it sends a signal. It says, "We're not just playing it safe we're thinking ahead." And in an era where being future-forward matters more than ever, that message carries weight.

Investors take notice. Customers take notice. Partners, employees, even competitors everyone starts paying attention.

No one has embodied this philosophy more than Michael Saylor, the outspoken CEO of MicroStrategy. In 2020, while most CEOs were focused on cost-cutting and weathering the pandemic, Saylor made a bold move: he took $250 million from the company's treasury and bought Bitcoin.


To some, it seemed reckless. But to him, it was simple math.

He called cash a “melting ice cube.” He saw Bitcoin as a lifeboat, and he jumped in headfirst.

Since then, Saylor hasn’t looked back. MicroStrategy now holds over 250,000 BTC, making it one of the largest corporate holders of Bitcoin in the world.

And they didn’t just buy with spare cash. They issued bonds. Sold stock. Took on debt. All to acquire more BTC.

In essence, Saylor turned his software company into a Bitcoin accumulation machine and investors loved it.

MicroStrategy’s stock became a leveraged Bitcoin play. As the price of BTC rose, so did the company’s valuation. It created a feedback loop where higher Bitcoin prices meant more equity to raise, more capital to deploy, and more BTC to buy. It was a masterclass in financial engineering but rooted in conviction.

And that’s what stands out the most.
Saylor didn’t hedge. He committed. And in doing so, he unlocked a new chapter in corporate strategy one where companies don’t just manage capital, they multiply it through exposure to digital assets.


Of course, not everyone is going full Saylor.

Take GameStop, for example. Their recent approval to add Bitcoin to their reserves feels more cautious, more exploratory. But the intention is the same: protect value, tap into upside, and align with a digitally-native future.

It’s a sign of the times. What used to be a fringe idea is becoming mainstream finance.

So what does this mean for you and me?

It means validation. It means the asset we’ve believed in, studied, and maybe even struggled to explain to our families is being taken seriously by billion-dollar companies. It means the walls between traditional finance and crypto are coming down.

And maybe, just maybe, it means the world is finally waking up to the idea that the future of money doesn’t sit in a vault it lives on the blockchain.

So the next time someone rolls their eyes when you talk about Bitcoin, tell them this: while they’re busy mocking memes, the smartest companies in the world are stacking sats and doing it with purpose.

# Nasdaq Files To Launch a New Grayscale Avalanche (AVAX) Exchange-Traded Fund

Digital asset management giant Grayscale hopes to launch an Avalanche (AVAX) exchange-traded fund (ETF) in the US.

The Nasdaq Stock Market submitted a proposal this week to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to list and trade shares of Grayscale Avalanche Trust, which would be entirely tied to the price of the layer-1 project's native asset, AVAX.

Grayscale isn't the first financial giant to file for an Avalanche ETF. Documents submitted to the state of Delaware earlier this month suggest VanEck also hopes to launch a fund tied to the Ethereum (ETH) rival.

Coinbase Custody will serve as the custodian for Grayscale's Avalanche ETF if it's approved. The crypto asset manager also hopes to launch funds tied to Cardano (ADA), Solana (SOL), XRP and Hedera (HBAR).

The SEC greenlit the first spot market Bitcoin (BTC) ETFs in January 2024, bringing in billions of dollars worth of inflows to the top digital asset by market cap. The regulator subsequently approved Ethereum ETFs for trading last July.

Two financial firms, Franklin Templeton and Hashdex, also launched joint BTC-ETH ETFs earlier this year.

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# Bitcoin Miner MARA Starts Massive $2B Stock Sale Plan to Buy More BTC

The company, which has the second-largest bitcoin stash among publicly-traded companies, could use the funds to finance further BTC acquisitions.

MARA is launching a $2 billion at-the-market stock offering to raise capital after previously raising $1.4 billion through an ATM offering.

The miner plans to use the proceeds of this new offering for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of bitcoin.

The company previously used a portion of the raised funds to accumulate bitcoin, increasing its holdings from 13,726 BTC to 46,376 BTC.

Bitcoin mining company MARA Holdings (MARA) is launching a fresh $2 billion stock offering to buy more bitcoin, continuing its plan of buying BTC in the open market through capital raise while sticking to its "Hodl" strategy.

According to a Form 8-K and a new prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), MARA entered into an at-the-market (ATM) equity program with a group of investment banks including Barclays, BMO Capital Markets, BTIG, Cantor Fitzgerald, and others. The proceeds of the offering, which will see brokers selling shares of the miner from time to time, will be used mainly for the acquisition of bitcoin in the open market.

"We currently intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including the acquisition of bitcoin and for working capital," MARA said in its prospectus.

This new fresh stock sales plan follows a previous ATM offering that targeted up to $1.5 billion for the miner.

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# Vanguard Inches Toward Bitcoin, Cracking Anti-Crypto Wall Through Gamestop

Vanguard may soon gain indirect bitcoin exposure through Gamestop's BTC reserve plan, challenging its long-held stance that digital assets lack intrinsic value or stability.

Vanguard May Soon Gain Bitcoin Exposure via Gamestop's BTC Reserve
Financial giant Vanguard Group may soon have indirect exposure to bitcoin through its holdings in Gamestop (NYSE: GME), marking an unexpected twist in the company's traditionally cautious approach to cryptocurrency. The development follows a series of moves by Gamestop, a company in which Vanguard is among the largest shareholders.

Vanguard holds the top institutional stake in Gamestop, positioning it at the center of attention after the retailer unveiled a strategic shift toward bitcoin. On March 26, Ryan Rasmussen, Head of Research at asset management firm Bitwise, posted on social media platform X: "Vanguard buying bitcoin via Gamestop is amazing." The comment underscored the unusual nature of the situation, as Vanguard has consistently avoided direct involvement with crypto assets. Rasmussen's comment was in response to Bitwise's chief investment officer, Matt Hougan, who pointed out that Vanguard is Gamestop's largest shareholder.

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# Android malware 'Crocodilus' can take over phones to steal crypto

Once a targeted banking or cryptocurrency app is opened, a fake overlay launches over the top and mutes the sound while the hackers take control of the device.

Cybersecurity firm Threat Fabric says it has found a new family of mobile-device malware that can launch a fake overlay for certain apps to trick Android users into providing their crypto seed phrases as it takes over the device.

Threat Fabric analysts said in a March 28 report that the Crocodilus malware uses a screen overlay warning users to back up their crypto wallet key by a specific deadline or risk losing access.

"Once a victim provides a password from the

application, the overlay will display a message: Back up your wallet key in the settings within 12 hours. Otherwise, the app will be reset, and you may lose access to your wallet," Threat Fabric said.

"This social engineering trick guides the victim to navigate to their seed phrase wallet key, allowing Crocodilus to harvest the text using its accessibility logger."

Once the threat actors have the seed phrase, they can seize complete control of the wallet and "drain it completely."

Threat Fabric says despite it being a new malware, Crocodilus has all the features of modern banking malware, with overlay attacks, advanced data harvesting through screen capture of sensitive information such as passwords and remote access to take control of the infected device.

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# FTX to Begin $11.4B Creditor Payouts in May After Years-Long Bankruptcy Battle


Payments to FTX's largest creditors will start May 30, nearly three years after the exchange collapsed.

FTX has gathered $11.4 billion in cash to repay creditors after its 2022 collapse.

Payments to main creditors will begin May 30, according to court proceedings.

A large amount of potentially fraudulent claims still need to be reviewed.

FTX, the collapsed cryptocurrency exchange once helmed by Sam Bankman-Fried, plans to begin paying its main creditors at the end of May, Bloomberg reported based on court proceedings in Delaware this week.

The company has gathered $11.4 billion in cash to distribute to thousands of parties affected by its 2022 bankruptcy, with the first payments to major creditors set for May 30.

These include institutional investors and firms that held crypto on FTX's platform. Smaller creditors with claims below the $50,000 mark have already begun receiving distributions.

FTX's collapse left a financial crater and a trail of frustrated creditors—many of whom expected to be repaid in crypto, not dollars. Since the bankruptcy, the price of bitcoin has more than quadrupled, intensifying frustrations among those waiting for their assets back.

The task of unwinding FTX's balance sheet has been slowed by a large number of claims, many of them reportedly questionable.

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# Iran Officials Allegedly Steal $21 Million in Crypto While 'Investigating' Corruption

Cryptoland CEO Sina Estavi was tricked into paying $10,000 to "buy back" stolen tokens from what he believed was a third party.

Top interrogators from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) are accused of allegedly orchestrating one of the country's most audacious crypto thefts—embezzling over $21 million in crypto while investigating defunct exchange Cryptoland and its CEO, Sina Estavi.

The officers, part of the IRGC's intelligence and economic crimes unit, reportedly moved tokens from the exchange's seized assets into wallets they controlled—then sold them for personal profit under the guise of a corruption probe.

Court filings reviewed by Iran International point to Mehdi Hajipour and Mehdi Badi, two senior figures in the IRGC's economic intelligence branch, as ringleaders.

Blockchain evidence in the report showed that wallets controlled by Hajipour alone processed over $21 million worth of BRG, the platform's native token.

Prior to the scheme, his total assets were valued at $40,000. Four months later, his wealth had exploded to over $14.2 million (600 billion rials), which he reportedly used to acquire gold, luxury real estate, and high-end vehicles.

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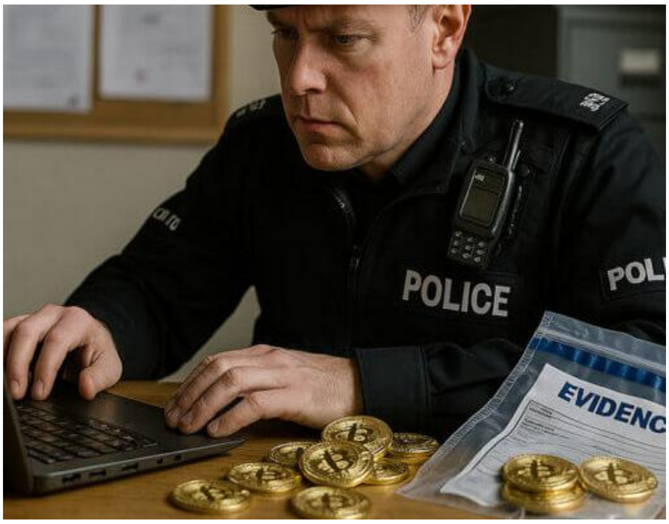
# U.K. officials have frozen nearly $7.7M worth of illicit crypto assets in one year




The biggest freeze order was issued against a wallet containing around $2 million in crypto that was hosted on Coinbase.

U.K. authorities have frozen around $7.7 million (£6 million) worth of illicit crypto assets since April 2024, according to an investigation by MailOnline.

Cryptocurrencies have become the asset of choice for criminals to launder illicit money and fund terrorism. To tackle this emerging threat, last year, the U.K. amended its rules to grant special power to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and police to freeze, seize, and destroy cryptocurrencies linked to crimes and criminals.

The power allows the police to freeze crypto wallets for up to three years. Officials can also seize the assets if the court is satisfied that the funds either originated from illicit sources or were going to be used for criminal purposes.

The special power also enables law enforcement to seize any crypto wallets that are suspected of having ties to criminal organizations, without requiring an arrest.

The authorities were also granted the power to destroy seized crypto assets if they deemed that returning it to circulation was "not conducive to the public good." This may include privacy coins which criminals often use to obfuscate the origin of their funds.

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# Terraform Labs Facilitates Claims For Creditors Post $40 Billion Ecosystem Collapse

Terraform Labs, the firm behind the now-defunct Terra USD token, has announced the opening of a creditor claims portal on March 31, 2025, as part of its ongoing bankruptcy process.

This initiative aims to allow affected creditors to submit claims for losses incurred from investments in certain cryptocurrencies linked to the company's downfall. The estimated repayment range for these claims is between $185 million and $442 million.

In a statement released on March 28, Terraform Labs Pte. Ltd. and Terraform Labs Limited, collectively referred to as the "Debtors," outlined their plans to wind down operations.

The newly established Crypto Loss Claims submission process will enable creditors to file claims stemming from the dramatic collapse of the Terra USD token and subsequent events that led to the firm's bankruptcy.

Terraform Labs' Crypto Loss Claims Portal, managed by Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, will be accessible starting March 31, 2025, at claims.terra.money. Creditors wishing to file claims must submit their Crypto Loss Claim Forms electronically through this portal, along with any supporting documentation.

All claims must be submitted by April 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Claims submitted after this deadline will be disqualified, and creditors failing to file in time will forfeit any potential recovery.


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# Stablecoin Mania Rocks the Blockchain Space, Disrupts Geopolitical Order


In another sure sign of mainstream crypto adoption sweeping the world, a host of banks, blockchain companies, and one US state announced in March that they plan to launch stablecoins soon.

Unlike cryptocurrencies with prices moved by volatile global exchange markets online, stablecoins use similar techniques for security and trust, but as digital representations of currencies like the dollar and euro.

They can provide efficient and low-cost payment rails for traditional central bank cash, but with some of the features and advantages of blockchain.

So they are similar in that regard to payment card companies like Visa and American Express, banks like Bank of America and JP Morgan, and mobile phone payment companies like PayPal and Venmo.

Stablecoins and Crypto Exchange Markets
But, in addition to this use case with a vast addressable market, stablecoins exist directly adjacent to Internet cryptocurrency exchanges and have a highly valued use case for traders.

As the CryptoPotato guide to stablecoins updated for 2025 explains:

"For many cryptocurrency traders, they serve as a lifeboat to escape to when they want to hedge their crypto portfolio without cashing out to FIAT. This is very effective, especially during bear markets or to keep profit at a FIAT value. After all, the world's day-to-day currency is still FIAT and not Bitcoin."

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# Crypto trading volumes plunge 70% from the peak as post-election hype fades

Daily exchange volumes have dropped from a $126 billion post-election peak to $35 billion, returning to pre-election levels amid market uncertainty. The following is an excerpt from The Block's Data and Insights newsletter.

Daily exchange volumes have retreated significantly from their post-election peaks, now settling around $35 billion, approximately the same level as prior to Donald Trump's presidential victory.

Following the Nov. 5 election, daily trading volumes surged to $126 billion amid heightened market enthusiasm and speculative activity. This represents a decline of roughly 70% from that peak, bringing the market back to pre-election baseline conditions in a relatively short timeframe. Recent tariff announcements against major U.S. trading partners have introduced uncertainty that has dampened trading enthusiasm across traditional and crypto markets.

Trading volumes have maintained their historical correlation with overall market capitalization, both experiencing similar trajectories in recent months. The total cryptocurrency market cap reached approximately $3.9 trillion at its peak before retreating to current levels of around $2.9 trillion, a 25% decline.

This volume contraction may signal several potential market developments in the coming months. Historically, extended periods of declining volumes have often preceded significant market moves, as the reduction in liquidity can amplify price impacts when larger players begin to reposition.

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