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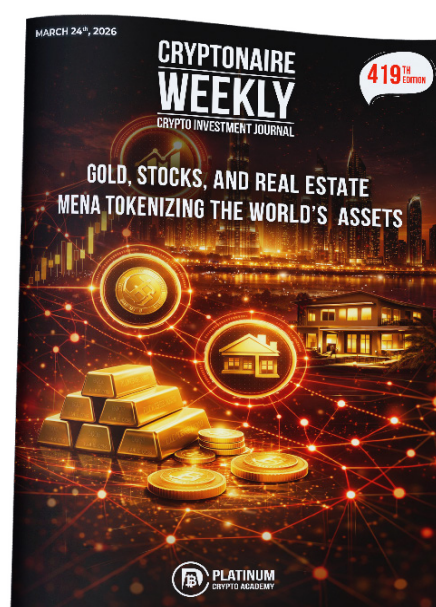
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LETTER

Bitcoin spent this week consolidating just below the key resistance zone near \$74,500, showing that bulls are still in control but struggling to break through overhead supply. Price action has tightened, and this kind of compression usually leads to a strong move. The 20-day EMA continues to trend upward, now acting as dynamic support, while momentum indicators remain slightly positive. This suggests buyers are still defending dips rather than exiting positions. If BTC manages to push through \$74,500 with strong volume, it could trigger the next leg higher toward the \$80,000–\$84,000 region. However, repeated rejection at this level shows that sellers are still active, and any failure to break higher could lead to another pullback toward the \$70,000 support zone. A breakdown below that area would shift the structure back into a wider range and delay any bullish continuation.

Ether followed through on last week's breakout but is now facing some resistance as it approaches higher levels. The price is holding above the previous breakout zone, which is a positive sign and suggests that buyers are maintaining control. The moving averages have turned supportive, and momentum remains on the bulls' side for now. If ETH continues to hold above the \$2,100–\$2,200 region, the path toward \$2,600 remains open. A sustained move above that level could bring \$3,000+ back into focus in the coming sessions. However, if ETH starts to lose momentum and drops back below the 20-day EMA, it may slip back into consolidation and revisit the \$1,900 zone before attempting another move higher.

BNB has shown a steady grind higher after its recent breakout attempt, but the price is still struggling to build strong follow-through above \$670. Buyers are defending dips, and the structure remains constructive as long as BNB holds above the 20-day EMA. A clean push above \$670 would likely open the door for a move toward \$730 and possibly \$790 if momentum builds. However, if the price continues to stall and falls back below the EMA, it would indicate that the market is still range-bound. In that case, BNB may continue to trade between \$570 and \$670 until a clear breakout direction emerges.

XRP has continued to press higher but remains capped below key resistance levels. The price is holding above its short-term averages, which suggests that buyers are still active and absorbing supply. If XRP manages to break above the \$1.61 level, it could trigger a stronger move toward the upper trendline and signal a shift in short-term structure. However, failure to break resistance could lead to another pullback toward the \$1.40 zone. A drop below that level would indicate that sellers are still in control and could push XRP back toward the lower end of its channel.

Traders Outlook:

Bitcoin remains the main focus, and its reaction at the \$74,500 resistance will likely set the tone for the entire market. A strong breakout above this level could bring fresh momentum and push BTC toward the \$80,000–\$84,000 zone. However, repeated rejection increases the risk of a pullback toward \$70,000. Traders should watch how price reacts around the 20-day EMA, as it remains the key short-term support. Ethereum is holding strength after its breakout, but it needs to maintain levels above \$2,100 to keep bullish momentum intact. A move toward \$2,600 is likely if buyers stay in control. BNB is still in a transition phase, and the \$670 level remains the key breakout trigger for upside continuation. If that level is cleared, momentum could accelerate quickly. XRP is building pressure below resistance, and traders are watching for a breakout above \$1.61 to confirm strength. Until then, it remains a range-bound trade with short-term opportunities. The overall market is showing signs of recovery, but conviction is still building. Liquidity remains cautious, and breakouts may take time to confirm. Traders should stay patient and focus on confirmed moves rather than anticipating early entries.

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

Enjoy the issue!

Karnav Shah

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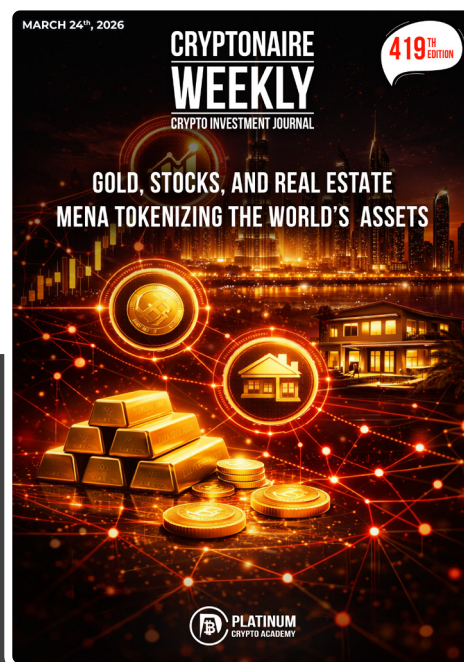
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WEEKLY CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKET ANALYSIS

Hello, welcome to this week's 419th edition of Cryptonaire Weekly Magazine. The global crypto market cap is \$2.41 trillion, Down \$120 billion since last week. The total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$123.26 billion, which makes a 73.89% increase in the last 24 hours. The Fear & Greed index is 32% Fear and the Altcoin season index is 49% which makes a 2% increase since last week.

Bitcoin's price has decreased by 5.22% from \$74,150 last week to around \$70,280 and Ether's price has decreased by 7.58% from \$2,310 last week to \$2,135 Bitcoin's market cap is \$1.40 Trillion and the altcoin market cap is \$1.01 Trillion

Bitcoin reacted fast to macro headlines this week, ripping nearly 4% within minutes after US President Donald Trump signaled a temporary de-escalation with Iran and a push toward negotiations. Risk assets caught a bid across the board, with oil dumping hard and equities pushing higher, but the crypto market didn't fully buy into the move. While the spot price bounced, derivatives told a different story. Bitcoin futures were trading at just a 2% annualized premium over spot, which is well below the typical 4–8% range seen in a healthy bullish environment. In simple terms, traders are not willing to pay up for leverage, which shows hesitation and weak conviction around the \$68K support zone. This cautious positioning has been consistent over the past month, even during the recent push toward \$76K, suggesting that the rally lacked strong follow-through from smart money.

The broader sentiment remains fragile after months of downside pressure, and traders are still pricing in uncertainty. The unresolved triggers behind the October 2025 flash crash and Bitcoin's recent disconnect from traditional markets continue to weigh on confidence. Even with positive geopolitical headlines, the market is treating every pump with skepticism, which is classic behavior in a late-stage corrective phase where liquidity is thin and conviction is low.

On the altcoin side, there are early signs of rotation building. Tom Lee, chairman of Bitmine Immersion Technologies, is calling for an end to the "mini crypto winter" in Ether, and the firm is backing that view with size. They accumulated another \$139 million worth of ETH last week, bringing total holdings above 4.6 million tokens. The bet here is clear that ETH has likely bottomed after months of underperformance. This accumulation comes after a brutal correction where Bitcoin pulled back from above \$126K and Ether dropped sharply from its \$4,946 high. Lee is pointing to

improving regulatory clarity and ETH's relative stability during recent geopolitical stress as early signals that the market is transitioning out of the bearish phase.

At the same time, innovation continues to build under the surface. Stripe's new Machine Payments Protocol (MPP) could be a major unlock for crypto-native use cases, especially micropayments. The key shift here is moving from human-driven transactions to AI-to-AI payments, removing friction at checkout and enabling seamless micro-transactions at scale. This has been a long-standing narrative in crypto that never quite gained traction due to poor user behavior and UX friction. If AI agents start handling payments autonomously, this could finally bring real utility to micropayments and open up new revenue models across digital services, content, and data markets.

On the institutional front, consolidation is picking up pace in Europe. Sweden-listed H100 Group is looking to acquire Norwegian Bitcoin firms Moonshot and Never Say Die in an all-stock deal, effectively stacking more BTC onto its balance sheet. If completed, this would push H100's total holdings to around 3,501 BTC, making it one of the largest listed Bitcoin treasury plays in Europe, just behind Bitcoin Group. The structure of the deal is also telling — no cash involved, just equity — which allows sellers to maintain Bitcoin exposure while moving into a larger, more liquid vehicle. This is a strong signal that institutions are still positioning long-term despite short-term uncertainty.

Adoption narratives are also gaining traction in traditional finance. Australia's major pension fund Hostplus, managing over \$139 billion in assets, is actively exploring crypto investment options for its members. The demand is clearly there, with increasing interest from investors who want exposure to Bitcoin and digital assets within their retirement portfolios. While regulatory approval is still pending, this move highlights how crypto is slowly becoming a standard allocation discussion within large-scale asset management. With self-managed super funds already increasing exposure aggressively, it's only a matter of time before larger funds follow through.

Market Outlook:

The market is currently in a mixed phase where price action is reacting to macro headlines, but underlying sentiment remains cautious. Bitcoin is holding key support levels, but the lack of strong futures premium shows that leverage-driven upside is still limited. Traders should expect choppy conditions in the near term, with quick moves on news but limited follow-through unless volume returns. Altcoins, especially ETH, are starting to show early accumulation signals, which could lead to rotation if Bitcoin stabilizes. Institutional activity remains strong in the background, which is a bullish long-term indicator. Regulatory developments could act as a catalyst, especially if clarity improves in major markets. AI and payment innovations are adding a fresh narrative layer, which could drive the next cycle of adoption. However, the market still needs a clear trigger to shift from cautious to confident. Until then, rallies may continue to face selling pressure. A break above recent highs with strong volume could change sentiment quickly. For now, this is a trader's market not a passive investor's one.

Percentage of Total Market Capitalization (Domnance)

BTC	58.42%
ETH	10.71%
USDT	7.65%
BNB	3.57%
SOL	2.15%
Others	17.51%

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- Designed by UK Financial Ltd.
- Progression-Based Economies.

PRESS RELEASE



UK FINANCIAL LTD'S VENUS THE PREMIUM MEME COIN – NOW AVAILABLE TO EARLY HOLDERS VIA MAYAPRO WALLET



The meme token category has grown rapidly, but structural accountability has rarely kept pace. Most projects in this space launch without corporate oversight, fixed supply controls, or verifiable on-chain transparency. UK Financial Ltd approaches this differently. Through its Maya Meme's division, the company has issued VENUS, a premium digital asset built on a corporate treasury model with a defined scarcity framework from the point of genesis.

VENUS is an ERC-20 token with a fixed total supply of 500,000,000. All tokens were minted at genesis directly to UK Financial Ltd's corporate asset wallet. No additional issuance is possible. The contract address, is publicly verifiable on Ethereum, alongside the Genesis NFT and the corporate treasury wallet.

Early participation is currently available through the MayaPro Wallet platform. The process is straightforward and accessible to both new and experienced digital asset holders.

Create your secure wallet by registering at [MayaPro.pro](https://maya.pro).

Fund your wallet with USDT using the Ethereum (ERC-20) blockchain.

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directly within the MayaPro platform.

Please note that a small amount of ETH should be maintained in your wallet to cover standard Ethereum network transaction fees.

MayaPro Wallet operates on a privacy-first, non-custodial model. Users retain full private key ownership at all times. The platform collects no personal data, tracks no IP addresses, and stores no wallet information on external servers. All data is encrypted locally, the codebase is open source and fully auditable, and licensed banking infrastructure supports its private exchange services. Transaction fees are a fraction of those charged by traditional payment processors. This infrastructure demonstrates a practical commitment to user protection and financial autonomy as core design principles.

The VENUS ecosystem is structured for phased expansion. Its official roadmap outlines planned stages including a liquidity provisioning event, public trading on decentralized exchanges, NFT marketplace activation for a fixed 500-piece NFT collection, and future character and asset releases within the Maya Meme's brand. This structured progression reflects VENUS's unique design as a corporate-issued, asset-aligned digital token with long-term ecosystem goals.

Early holders can begin participation now at mayapro.pro. Full tokenomics and asset details are available at mayamemes.meme.

About UK Financial Ltd

UK Financial Ltd issues asset-aligned digital infrastructure through its Maya Meme's division. Its broader operations include gold-tokenization and private banking-adjacent financial services.

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ADVANCEMENTS IN THE CRYPTOCURRENCY WORLD

BITCOIN TOPS \$71,000 AS TRUMP POSTPONES IRAN POWER PLANT STRIKE PLANS

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The pause followed "productive conversations" regarding a cessation of hostilities in the Middle East, Trump said.

Bitcoin surged to highs above \$71,000 Monday morning, as U.S. President Donald Trump announced the postponement of planned strikes against Iranian power plants.

Bitcoin is currently trading at around \$70,000, up 2.5% on the day, after reaching an intraday high of \$71,224, per CoinGecko data, though it remains down on the week by some 5%.

Per CoinGlass, some \$791 million in leveraged positions have been wiped out across the crypto market, \$425 million of which were longs.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump touted "productive conversations" regarding a cessation of hostilities in the Middle East, announcing that he had instructed the U.S. military to pause planned strikes against Iran's power plants and energy infrastructure for five days, pending further meetings.

The announcement follows a post Sunday in which Trump threatened to "obliterate" Iran's power plants if the Strait of Hormuz was not reopened within 48 hours, though the president's most recent statement was unclear on what the "detailed" conversations had revolved around.

Markets reacted quickly to Trump's announcement, with gold bouncing back from lows of \$4,101/oz Monday morning to its current price of \$4,413/oz.

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Strategy Now Holds \$54 Billion in Bitcoin—These Are Its Biggest Buys

How did Michael Saylor's firm amass a record stash of Bitcoin? Here's a look back at how Strategy made such massive gains.

Software firm turned Bitcoin treasury com-

pany Strategy has been buying BTC for more than five years, pioneering the growing trend of publicly traded firms that are adding cryptocurrencies to their balance sheets.

What started as a way

Bitcoin holds above \$70,000, but future direction hinges on Iran-U.S. 'talks'

Cryptos bounced on Trump's five-day pause announcement, but the next move hinges on whether tensions between the U.S. and Iran ease or spiral, a Wintermute trader said.

Bitcoin climbed above \$70,000 and held most of its gains after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a five-day pause on strikes against Iranian energy infrastructure. Altcoins including ether, solana and dogecoin rose about 5%, while crypto-linked mining stocks rallied alongside broader equity markets, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq each up roughly 1.2%.

Analysts say bitcoin's next move hinges on whether oil prices and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz stabilize, which could support another test of the \$74,000 to \$76,000 range, or worsen, potentially dragging prices back toward the mid-\$60,000s.

Bitcoin BTC \$71,226.66 held onto gains Monday after an early surge above \$70,000, but the rebound's fate now hinges on what's next between the U.S. and Iran.

The move followed U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement of a five-day pause on strikes against Iranian energy infrastructure, citing "productive" diplomatic talks.

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to "maximize long-term value for shareholders" has transformed into an industry-shifting paradigm that has been further fueled by greater entwinement of traditional financial markets and crypto.

Along the way, Strategy has accumulated 761,068 BTC, or about 3.6% of the fixed 21 million total Bitcoin supply—a stash worth nearly \$54 billion at today's Bitcoin price above \$70,000.

Regardless of how high Bitcoin's price goes, though, Strategy co-founder and Executive Chairman Michael Saylor

has committed to "buying the top forever," pulling up the firm's average entry price to about \$75,700 per Bitcoin—over seven times the average cost of the firm's first Bitcoin purchase.

Below, we look back at Strategy's seven largest Bitcoin purchases to date and their immediate impacts on the price of Bitcoin, marked from the time of Saylor's announcements via social media.

Michael Saylor announced Strategy's largest-ever purchase of Bitcoin,

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Fed rate cut chance hits zero, threatening stagflation where Bitcoin thrives as a hedge against long term inflation

After the Fed held rates steady this week, markets abruptly swung from expecting cuts to entertaining hikes later in 2026, a shift that could weigh on Bitcoin and other risk trades.

Wall Street has spent months debating when the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates. Now, traders are considering if the next move could be a hike.

Two days past the Fed's Mar. 18 decision to hold its target range at 3.50%-3.75%, markets moved in the opposite direction. Bloomberg-based pricing climbed above 60% odds of a hike by October, with roughly 15 basis points of tightening priced by then. CME FedWatch put year-end hike odds closer to 40%.

The odds of a rate cut next month have fallen from 17% in February to 0% for April, while odds of a hike have risen to 6%.

Despite the spread that reflects genuine disagreement about timing and conviction, both measures point in the same direction. Hike bets, dormant for months, are back.

The accelerant is oil. Brent crude surged above \$109, and US crude touched \$98 on Mar. 20 as Middle East escalation stoked fears of disruption to the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint that handles nearly 20% of global oil supply.

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Grayscale wants to bring the world's hottest crypto trading frenzy to your brokerage account

The Hyperliquid network has seen significant growth, with weekly derivatives trading volume exceeding \$50 billion and 24-hour fee revenue of \$1.6 million.

Grayscale has filed an S-1 registration statement for the Grayscale HYPE ETF, which would hold HYPE, the native asset of the Hyperliquid network, and seek a Nasdaq listing.



The Hyperliquid network has seen significant growth, with weekly derivatives trading volume exceeding \$50 billion and 24-hour fee revenue of \$1.6 million, making it a dominant player in the market.

The increased activity has led to predictions of a potential price surge for HYPE, with Arthur Hayes suggesting it could rise to \$150, and Grayscale's trust potentially staking some holdings in the future.

Grayscale has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to launch a new exchange-traded fund for the HYPE token, amid the surging popu-

larity of decentralized exchange Hyperliquid.

The Crypto asset manager's proposed fund would hold the HYPE token and be listed on Nasdaq under the ticker GHYP, according to the S-1 registration statement.

Grayscale said it may stake some holdings in the future, though it cannot do so now. The filing doesn't disclose a proposed fee. Other asset managers that have also filed for HYPE ETFs include Bitwise and 21Shares, which already operate a HYPE exchange-traded product in Europe with a 2.5% total expense ratio.

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TOP 10 CRYPTO WALLETS IN 2026

Did you know that nearly one in four adults now hold digital assets in 2026? Choosing the right crypto wallet has never been more important. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we believe self-custody is the foundation of true financial freedom.

This guide covers everything you need to know about crypto wallets. We compare hot wallets, cold wallets, and the best use cases for each. Key trends like MPC security, NFC hardware, and multi-chain superapps are reshaping how people store crypto today.

What Is a Crypto Wallet?

A crypto wallet is a tool that stores your private keys, not your coins. The blockchain holds your assets, but your wallet controls access to them. Think of it like a password manager for your digital wealth.



Without a wallet, you cannot send, receive, or manage your crypto securely. Custodial wallets let exchanges hold your keys on your behalf. Non-custodial wallets put you in full control, which many experts consider the safer approach. As the saying goes in crypto, not your keys, not your coins.

Types of Crypto Wallets

Hot Wallets

Hot wallets stay connected to the internet, making them ideal for active crypto users. They work great for DeFi, token swaps, and everyday transactions. Popular options include MetaMask, Trust Wallet, and Phantom, all free to use.

The trade-off is real, though. Being online means hot wallets are exposed to phishing attacks and malware risks. In 2025, over \$1.1 billion was lost to hot wallet exploits globally. They are best used for smaller amounts you plan to move frequently, not for long-term storage.

Cold Wallets (Hardware Wallets)

Cold wallets store your private keys completely offline, away from internet threats. This makes them highly resistant to hacking, phishing, and remote attacks. Leading options include Ledger, Trezor, and Tangem, all trusted in the industry.

Because they stay offline, cold wallets are the go-to choice for long-term holdings. Many serious investors use them to store large amounts of Bitcoin or Ethereum safely. In 2026, hardware wallets now come with features like NFC pairing and biometric verification. Cold storage is widely considered the gold standard for crypto security.



Mobile Wallets

Mobile wallets are designed for users who manage crypto on the go. They run as apps on your smartphone, offering fast access whenever you need it. Many now support Lightning Network payments for near-instant Bitcoin transactions.

Biometric login, including fingerprint and face ID, adds a strong layer of protection. For everyday users who need both convenience and basic security, mobile wallets strike a solid balance. They are easy to set up and beginner-friendly by design.

Browser Extension Wallets

Browser extension wallets integrate directly with Web3 websites and decentralized applications. You install them like a regular browser plugin and connect to dApps with one click. MetaMask remains the dominant choice, with over 30 million active users globally.

These wallets are essential for anyone using DeFi protocols, NFT platforms, or Web3 games. They make signing transactions and interacting with smart contracts seamless and fast. The risk is that browser-based wallets can be vulnerable to malicious websites and phishing links. Always verify URLs carefully before connecting your wallet to any platform.

MPC Wallets

MPC wallets are one of the most exciting developments in crypto security right now. Multi-party computation removes the need for a traditional seed phrase or single private key. Instead, your security is split across multiple encrypted data points, never stored in one place.

ZenGo is the leading example of this keyless approach, trusted by over a million users. If you lose your device, recovery is far simpler and safer than with old-style wallets. Research suggests that MPC will become a mainstream standard across the industry by late 2026. For beginners especially, this model removes one of the biggest barriers to safe self-custody.

Top 10 Crypto Wallets in 2026

1. Base App

First on the list is Base App, formerly known as Coinbase Wallet. Coinbase rebranded its wallet as an "everything app" that combines social networking, mini-apps, chat, payments, and trading. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we see this as one of the boldest wallet reinventions of 2026. It is no longer just a place to store crypto. It is a full on-chain lifestyle platform.

Upon sign-up, users receive a Base Account, a smart wallet that follows them across apps and chains. Eligible users can also earn up to 4.1% APY simply by holding USDC in their wallet, with funds remaining fully liquid and accessible at all times. Users can also create up to 15 sub-wallets, stake ETH, and earn crypto rewards by completing Quests. For anyone who wants Web3 and everyday finance in one app, Base App delivers exactly that.

Key Features:

- NFC tap-to-pay with Base Pay for instant USDC transfers integrated with Shopify
- Encrypted DMs, group chats, and AI agent integrations built directly into the app via XMTP protocol
- Supports all EVM-compatible networks and all ERC-20 tokens, plus Ledger hardware wallet integration
- Available in over 20 languages and 170+ countries with instant card or bank funding

- Hundreds of embedded mini-apps covering gaming, yield farming, and prediction markets
- Full privacy with no Coinbase account required, keeping user data anonymous and self-controlled

2. MetaMask

Now let's move to the second wallet on our list. MetaMask is one of the most recognized names in all of crypto. With over 140 million downloads and 30 million monthly active users, MetaMask has grown from a simple Ethereum browser extension into a top all-in-one crypto management app. In 2026, it continues to raise the bar for what a self-custody wallet can do.

MetaMask now supports multichain accounts across Bitcoin, Solana, Sei, and Monad, allowing users to manage assets from major ecosystems in one place. In one of the biggest moves of early 2026, MetaMask integrated with Ondo Finance's Global Markets platform, giving eligible users access to over 200 tokenized U.S. stocks, ETFs, and commodities directly inside the wallet. Furthermore, MetaMask has launched its Mastercard-powered card in 49 U.S. states, letting users spend crypto at over 150 million merchant locations worldwide.

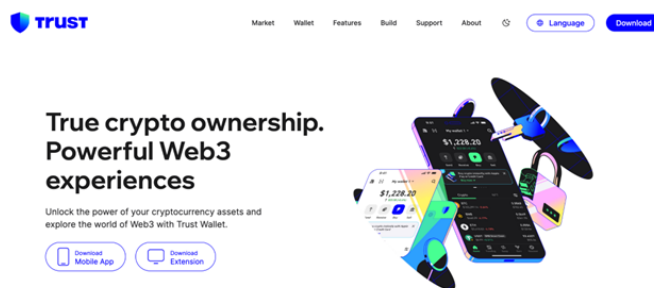
Key Features:

- MetaMask Card available in virtual and metal tiers, with 1% and 3% cashback respectively, paid in mUSD stablecoin
- Built-in perpetual futures, equity perps, and prediction markets without sending assets to a centralized exchange
- MetaMask Snaps ecosystem enabling compatibility with dozens of blockchains, DeFi protocols, and Web3 games
- mUSD stablecoin integration for holding stable value, earning yield, and seamless spending
- MetaMask Rewards program offering points, perks, and token allocations for trading, swapping, and referrals
- Gas fee abstraction allowing users to pay transaction fees with multiple tokens instead of only ETH

3. Trust Wallet

Moving on to number three, Trust Wallet has become

one of the most downloaded self-custody wallets in the world. As of February 2026, Trust Wallet serves over 140 million users globally, remaining a leading self-custody Web3 wallet.



Trust Wallet supports over 100 blockchains and more than 10 million assets, making it one of the most versatile multi-chain wallets available today. In a major February 2026 move, Trust Wallet expanded its ecosystem to include deeper integration with decentralized exchange aggregators and liquid staking providers. This signals a clear push to bring advanced DeFi tools to a broader audience while maintaining a user-friendly interface.

Key Features:

- Built-in DApp browser on mobile and WalletConnect support for DEXs, NFT marketplaces, and lending protocols
- Stablecoin Earn feature allowing users to earn daily rewards on USDT, USDC, DAI, and USDA with full withdrawal flexibility
- Native staking for 25+ assets including SOL, BNB, and ETH directly inside the app
- Expansion of advanced trading features in 2026, including perpetuals with up to 100x leverage via third-party protocols
- Open-source wallet core audited by firms including Halborn and CertiK, with AES-encrypted key storage
- Trust Dust Cleaner feature that converts small leftover token balances into usable assets to reduce portfolio clutter

4. Exodus

Now let's move to number four, and this one is a fan favourite for good reason. In 2026, Exodus has evolved from a simple desktop tool into a comprehensive multi-chain wallet ecosystem, serving as a bridge between traditional finance and the decentralised world.

Exodus Movement, Inc. is now publicly traded on the NYSE American under the ticker EXOD, marking a major milestone for the company. The introduction of Exodus Pay, a service focused on real-world stablecoin spending, marks a new chapter for the brand and targets a younger generation looking to move away from traditional banking. With over 200 product iterations since launch and biweekly software updates, Exodus continues to serve both beginners and experienced investors with a clean, beginner-friendly interface.

Key Features:

- In-wallet swap feature routing through trusted providers like ChangeNOW, Changelly, and SimpleSwap with full fee transparency before confirmation
- Supports integration with both Trezor and Ledger hardware wallets for an added layer of cold storage security
- Trezor Safe 5 support added in early 2026, allowing users to connect and manage crypto directly within Exodus
- Available on Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, Android, and as a browser extension, with seamless cross-device sync
- Supports hundreds of assets across major networks including Bitcoin, Ethereum, BNB Smart Chain, Polygon, Avalanche, and Base
- Built-in staking available for multiple assets with automatic compounding rewards added directly to your balance

5. ZenGo

Moving on to number five, ZenGo is genuinely one of the most innovative wallets in the market today. ZenGo redesigns self-custody around a simple reality: most people lose crypto by losing private keys or seed phrases, not from blockchain failures. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we believe this approach is exactly what the industry has been missing for years.



ZenGo splits signing capability into two independent secret shares, one stored on your device and one on ZenGo's infrastructure, so no single point of failure ever exists. To date, and despite a public \$1,000,000 bounty, not a single ZenGo wallet has been taken over or successfully phished. In 2026, ZenGo is moving toward a fully seedless experience, allowing users to recover assets via a built-in Web3 firewall with no traditional seed phrase risk. For beginners especially, that peace of mind is priceless.

Key Features:

- Wallet recovery takes minutes using email verification and Face ID, without any seed phrase stored anywhere
- ZenGo Pro users can create up to 5 isolated wallets within one account, each secured independently through MPC
- Advanced security options including Theft Protection and Bitcoin Privacy Mode are available for Pro subscribers
- Three-factor recovery system combining biometric login, encrypted cloud backup, and social recovery through trusted contacts
- ZenGo Business offers enterprise-grade MPC security with role-based access, multi-user approval workflows, and compliance audit trails
- 24/7 live customer support available directly inside the app, a rare and valuable feature in the self-custody space

6. Ledger Flex

Next up is number six, and for anyone serious about cold storage, this one is hard to ignore. The Ledger Flex delivers top-tier protection and usability, featuring the same CC EAL6+ Secure Element, secure touchscreen interface, and full support for Ledger Live, including DeFi, staking, NFTs, and dApps. At Platinum Crypto Academy, we see it as the smartest value play in hardware wallets right now.

The standout innovation in the Flex is its secure touchscreen powered directly by the secure element chip, a first in the hardware wallet industry that eliminates any chance of malware being injected between the screen and chip. The Clear Signing feature displays every transaction in human-

readable format, showing the smart contract name, token amount, gas fee, recipient address, and network before you confirm. The Ledger Flex is priced at \$249 USD, sitting comfortably between the Nano X and the premium Stax.

Key Features:

- CC EAL6+ certified ST33K1M5 Secure Element chip, the same standard used in banking hardware and military-grade equipment
- Bluetooth 5.2, USB-C, and NFC connectivity for flexible use across mobile and desktop platforms
- Ledger Recover service now available, allowing users to restore wallet access through identity verification, fully encrypted and sharded
- Supports a wide range of assets including Bitcoin, Ethereum, Solana, and Polygon, plus NFT management through Ledger Live
- Protection Mode automatically locks the device when suspicious activity is detected, adding a passive security layer
- Compatible with more than 50 software wallets and available on iOS, Android, macOS, Windows, and Linux

7. Phantom Wallet

Now let's look at number seven, a wallet that has grown from a niche Solana tool into a true multi-chain powerhouse. Phantom raised \$150 million in Series C funding in 2022, and as of February 2026, it serves as a primary gateway for high-speed networks.

In 2026, Phantom supports Solana, Ethereum, Base, Polygon, Sui, Monad, Bitcoin, and HyperEVM, with users able to turn individual networks on and off from one interface. In one of its biggest 2026 moves, Phantom rolled out its on-chain debit card in the United States, letting users spend stablecoins directly via Apple Pay and Google Pay. Phantom also announced plans for Phantom Chat, a native in-wallet messaging feature launching in 2026, blending social interaction with asset management.

Key Features:

- Built-in perpetual trading with up to 40x leverage on BTC-USD, available directly inside the wallet without leaving the app
- Real-time scam detection that flags malicious transactions instantly before the user can approve them

- Open-source blocklist containing over 2,000 malicious domains, updated continuously to protect users from phishing sites
- SOL staking, NFT management, and cross-chain swaps all available natively within the same interface
- No name, email, or phone number required to create or use the wallet, preserving full user privacy
- Ledger hardware wallet integration available for users who want to add a cold storage security layer to their Phantom account

8. Tangem Wallet

Next on our list is number eight, and Tangem is unlike any other hardware wallet you have seen. Instead of a device with buttons and cables, Tangem is a credit card-style cold wallet that works entirely via NFC tap. It supports over 6,000 cryptocurrencies across over 100 blockchain networks and is rated as the top choice for beginners seeking simple, affordable, and secure cold storage.

What makes Tangem genuinely stand out is how little friction it creates. You tap the card to your phone, and your transaction is signed inside the chip. At its core is a Samsung secure element from an EAL6+ certified family, and during setup, a true random number generator on the chip creates your private key, which then never leaves the card. In November 2025, Tangem launched Tangem Pay, a non-custodial payment account built into the app, letting users spend USDC via a virtual Visa card through Apple Pay and Google Pay, while funds stay fully on-chain and user-controlled.

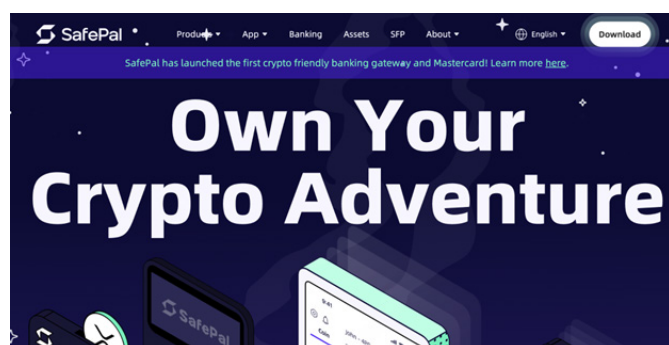
Key Features:

- Tangem Yield Mode lets users earn real-time, on-chain passive income via Aave while keeping assets fully liquid and withdrawable at any time
- Smart Gas feature allows users to pay network fees in stablecoins like USDT without needing native tokens for gas
- Tangem is the only hardware wallet available as a wearable ring, combining EAL6+ chip security with everyday portability
- Firmware is factory-installed, non-updatable, and audited by Kudelski Security and Riscure, removing the risk of malicious firmware injection

- Improved WalletConnect with dApp scam detection, network selection, and transaction simulation before signing
- AI News feed aggregates market updates from 50-plus sources, with a smart algorithm surfacing the most relevant stories in real time

9. SafePal

Moving on to number nine, SafePal is one of the most complete crypto wallet ecosystems available at an affordable price. SafePal supports 100 blockchains and over 30,000 assets, and has maintained a clean record with no major security incidents.



SafePal offers three hardware wallet models. The S1 and S1 Pro use fully air-gapped QR code signing, while the X1 offers Bluetooth connectivity and an open-source design for users who prefer mobile convenience. In early 2026, SafePal added support for the revocation of smart contract approvals directly in its firmware, giving users more control over permissions. If a SafePal S1 or S1 Pro device is physically tampered with, it automatically wipes all private key data, rendering the device useless to an attacker.

Key Features:

- Anti-phishing protection and transaction simulation let users review and confirm all details before any transaction is broadcast to the blockchain
- SafePal Earn offers staking and DeFi liquidity pool access for passive income, available directly through the app and browser extension
- CC EAL5+ secure element chip, firmware anti-tampering safeguards, and optional two-factor authentication across all hardware models
- Available as a mobile app on iOS and Android, plus a browser extension for Chrome, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge

- Updates released every two to three weeks, with security audits conducted regularly to keep the platform current and protected

- SafePal has blocklisted over 2,400 scam dApps, with active on-chain monitoring protecting users from malicious platforms

10. Trezor Safe 3 / Trezor Safe 7

Rounding out our list at number ten is Trezor, offering two strong options to suit very different budgets and needs. The Trezor Safe 3 is the entry-level model in the Safe lineup, combining secure element protection with open-source design and practical backup options for long-term holders. For users who want the most advanced hardware wallet available from Trezor today, the Safe 5 takes things to an entirely new level.

The Trezor Safe 5 is the first fully open-source hardware wallet to feature a haptic touchscreen and the Gorilla Glass 3 protected interface. While quantum resistance is a major research focus for Trezor in 2026, the Safe 5 remains the flagship for its superior build quality, including Qi2 wireless charging capabilities and a redesigned secure element architecture. The Safe 5 is priced at \$169, while the Safe 3 remains an accessible option starting at \$79.

Key Features:

- Dedicated secure element (EAL6+), fully open-source firmware, and a security foundation with no closed NDAs or hidden components
- Trezor Suite updated in early 2026 with Avalanche C-Chain support, ADA staking dashboard, and a redesigned asset swap interface
- All Trezor Safe models support over 9,000 cryptocurrencies and work seamlessly with Trezor Suite across Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, and Android
- Advanced backup options including Multi-share Backup (Shamir Backup) and passphrase protection for an added layer of recovery security
- Trusted by millions of users globally, with no known instance of a Trezor device ever being remotely hacked
- Bitcoin-only firmware edition available for users who want a fully focused, minimal attack-surface environment



Key Crypto Wallet Security Features to Look For in 2026

Security in the crypto world has evolved dramatically, and what was considered safe two years ago may not be enough today. In 2026, threat actors increasingly use AI-assisted methods, which means your wallet's security architecture needs to be smarter than ever.

The most important feature to look for is a certified Secure Element chip. These chips generate your private keys internally and perform every signing operation without ever exposing those keys to a connected device. MPC cryptography is also rapidly becoming a standard, splitting private key authority across multiple encrypted shares so no single point of failure ever exists. Features like biometric authentication, air-gapped signing, and open-source firmware audits all add meaningful layers of protection.

Finally, pay close attention to transaction verification tools. Clear Signing features now display every transaction detail in human-readable format, including the smart contract name, token amount, gas fee, and recipient address before you confirm. Real-time phishing detection, smart contract approval revocation, and regular third-party security audits are no longer optional extras. They are essential in 2026 for anyone serious about protecting their digital assets.

FAQs

What is the safest crypto wallet in 2026?

The safest wallets in 2026 combine certified hardware security with offline key storage. For maximum protection against remote attacks, air-gapped, open-source wallets like the Keystone 3 Pro or Foundation Passport are considered the gold standard. Hardware wallets like the Trezor

Safe 7 and Ledger Flex use EAL6+ certified Secure Element chips—the same high-security standard found in biometric passports and bank cards. For software-based security, Zengo's MPC (Multi-Party Computation) approach remains a premier seedless option, with a track record of zero wallets hacked since its 2018 launch.

Hot Wallet vs. Cold Wallet — Which Do You Need?

The right choice depends on your activity level. Hot wallets (software-based) stay connected to the internet, making them ideal for active trading, DeFi, and daily transactions where speed is essential. Cold wallets (hardware-based) stay fully offline, providing superior security for long-term storage by isolating private keys from remote attackers. Many experienced investors follow a "multi-wallet strategy," using both for different purposes.

Can I use multiple crypto wallets?

Yes, and many serious holders do exactly that to diversify risk. Using a hardware wallet for life savings alongside a hot wallet for daily "spending" is the standard recommended approach in 2026. There is no limit to how many wallets you can own, and distributing assets across different chains and providers adds a layer of redundancy against specific platform vulnerabilities.

What happens if I lose my hardware wallet?

Losing the physical device does not mean losing your funds. Your assets live on the blockchain, not the hardware itself. You can restore access by entering your recovery seed phrase into a new compatible device. Newer models like the Trezor Safe 7 or Ledger Stax also support advanced recovery options, such as Shamir Backup (splitting the seed) or encrypted cloud recovery services.

Are crypto wallets free?

Most software wallets (hot wallets) like MetaMask, Trust Wallet, and Phantom are completely free to download and use. Hardware wallets require a one-time purchase, generally ranging from \$49 for entry-level models (Trezor Model One) to \$399 for premium devices (Ledger Stax). Some MPC wallets like Zengo offer a free basic tier with an optional paid subscription for pro-level security features.

Which crypto wallet supports the most coins?

Trust Wallet remains a leader in asset variety, supporting over 10 million assets across more than 100 blockchains as of 2026. Other multi-chain heavyweights include SafePal (30,000+ assets) and Tangem, which supports over 6,000 cryptocurrencies. For hardware-specific variety, the Trezor Safe 7 and Ledger Nano X support thousands of tokens, though often requiring companion apps for specific niche chains.

Is MetaMask safe in 2026?

MetaMask is generally safe for active Web3 use, provided users follow strict security habits. It is a non-custodial wallet with over 100 million users, featuring built-in scam detection (Blockaid) and human-readable transaction warnings to prevent malicious approvals. However, as a hot wallet, it is susceptible to phishing and malware; therefore, pairing it with a hardware wallet like Ledger or Trezor is strongly recommended for securing significant balances.

Takeaway

At Platinum Crypto Academy, our view is clear: the crypto wallet landscape in 2026 is more capable, more competitive, and more security-focused than at any point in the industry's history. From MPC-powered mobile wallets to quantum-ready hardware devices, users now have real choices that match their skill level, risk appetite, and long-term goals. With regulatory frameworks like the EU's MiCA (Markets in Crypto-Assets) and the UK's Digital Assets Bill reshaping global compliance, and DeFi protocols managing trillions in value, choosing the right wallet is a critical financial decision.

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Fidelity urges SEC to refine rules for broker-dealers handling crypto assets

Fidelity Investments has urged the SEC to develop rules to integrate crypto assets into existing market structures, particularly alternative trading systems.

The firm said more clarity is needed for broker-dealers to offer, custody and trade crypto assets, and to facilitate crypto-security trading pairs.

Fidelity Investments has called on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to accelerate its regulatory development for integrating crypto assets into existing market structures, particularly around alternative trading systems (ATS).

In a letter submitted Friday to the SEC Crypto Task Force, Fidelity said it broadly supports the agency's efforts to adapt legacy frameworks to emerging technologies, while

emphasizing the need to preserve core principles such as investor protection, transparency and market integrity.

The letter was in response to Commissioner Hester Peirce's December request for information on how national securities exchanges and ATS platforms should handle crypto asset trading.

Fidelity outlined four key recommendations, starting with continued regulatory development for broker-dealers engaging with crypto assets. The firm pointed to recent SEC guidance clarifying that broker-dealers may custody both crypto asset securities and non-security digital assets, calling it a "welcome" step but noting that further clarity is still needed for trading and custody practices.

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8,285 Bitcoin, 29 Satellites, One Massive IPO: SpaceX's Big Week

At its peak, SpaceX sat on roughly 28,000 Bitcoin — a position then valued at around \$1.8 billion. Today, that number stands at 8,285 BTC, worth approximately \$574 million. The company shed nearly 70% of its original holdings over a two-year stretch that coincided with one of crypto's worst downturns.

In August 2023, a Wall Street Journal report based on reviewed financial documents revealed that SpaceX wrote down \$373 million in Bitcoin value across 2021 and 2022 and had sold its cryptocurrency holdings, though the extent of the sale was not disclosed.

The disclosure sent Bitcoin briefly below \$25,000 and triggered over \$386 million in futures liquidations.

SpaceX, as a private company, was never required to explain the sell-off publicly. The timing, reports noted, tracked closely with the collapse of major crypto firms including Terraform Labs and FTX.

That reduced stack is now heading into the spotlight. SpaceX is preparing for what could be the largest initial public offering in history — a listing that Bloomberg reported in late February could raise as much as \$50 billion and push the company's valuation to around \$1.75 trillion. For context, Saudi Aramco's 2026 debut raised \$29 billion. A SpaceX listing would blow past that figure.

At a \$1.75 trillion valuation, the \$574 million in Bitcoin on SpaceX's books is a drop in the ocean. But the symbolism carries real weight.



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Coinbase-backed CoinDCX founders questioned in fraud case: Report

Indian crypto exchange CoinDCX says the fraud complaint is part of a wider impersonation scam, citing more than 1,200 fake sites using its brand.

Indian crypto exchange CoinDCX co-founders Sumit Gupta and Neeraj Khandelwal have reportedly been arrested in India following a police complaint alleging their involvement in a crypto investment fraud.

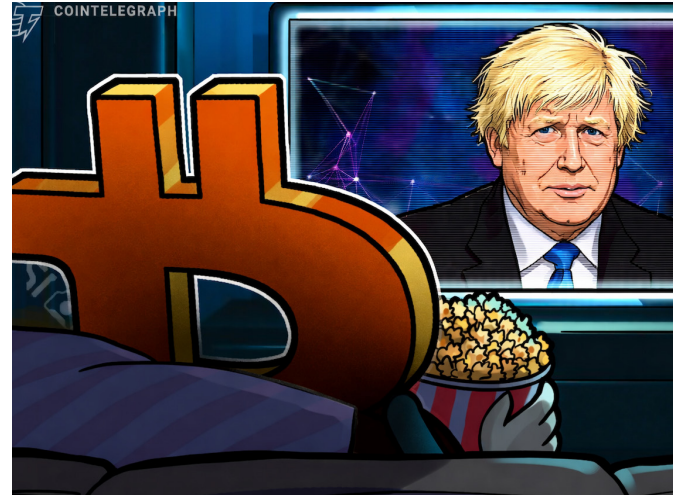
The Economic Times reported Saturday that the pair were arrested by the Thane Police on allegations of criminal breach of trust, citing local officials. Other local media, including Entracker, reported that the founders had been called for questioning rather than arrested.

The case reportedly centers on a website that allegedly posed as the CoinDCX platform and stemmed from a first information report (FIR) filed by a 42-year-old insurance consultant who claimed to have lost about 71 lakh Indian rupees (roughly \$75,000) after being lured to invest via the fake site, according to an earlier report by the Times of India.

In a statement on X, CoinDCX said the FIR was “false and filed as a conspiracy” by impersonators posing as its founders and diverting funds to third-party accounts that it said had no connection to the exchange.

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Former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson calls Bitcoin a ‘Ponzi scheme’



Johnson said that he could understand why gold and Pokémon cards have investment appeal but not Bitcoin, which he characterized as a scam.

Boris Johnson, the former prime minister of the United Kingdom, called Bitcoin BTC \$73,130 a “Ponzi Scheme” that has less value than Pokémon cards, collectibles he said had a wide appeal and a multi-decade history.

Johnson wrote an opinion article published in the Daily Mail on Friday that began with a story about a friend who had given 500 British pounds, or about \$661, to a man who promised to “double his money” by investing it in BTC.

The friend continued to pay additional “fees” to

the scheme’s promoter over the next three and a half years, but was never able to retrieve his funds, despite sinking 20,000 British pounds, or about \$26,474, which led to financial hardship, Johnson said.

“He was struggling to pay his bills. He wasn’t the only one, said my friend. Other people in the neighborhood were going through the same nightmare,” Johnson added. Johnson then argued that collectible Pokémon cards are a more tradable asset than BTC:

“These curious little Japanese cartoon beasts seem to exercise the same fascination over the five-year-old mind as they did 30 years ago. The kids drool over them. They boast and squabble about them.

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Morgan Stanley's 'Monster Bitcoin' Incoming? Strategy CEO Says \$160B Flow Could Triple Blackrock IBIT Scale

A small shift in institutional portfolios could unlock massive bitcoin demand, with Morgan Stanley's framework implying flows that may exceed Blackrock's IBIT by multiples and redefine the upper limits of spot ETF market scale.

A potential expansion of institutional bitcoin access highlights how large asset managers

could reshape market demand. Phong Le, President and CEO of Strategy (Nasdaq: MSTR), posted on X on March 21, outlining how Morgan Stanley Wealth Management's allocation range and ETF filings could translate into significant capital flows.

"Morgan Stanley Wealth Management oversees about \$8 trillion in AUM and recommends 0-4% bitcoin allocation,"



Le wrote, noting that even a partial allocation across client portfolios would carry meaningful scale for bitcoin exposure. The Strategy executive emphasized:

"A 2% allocation would represent \$160 billion, ~3x the size of IBIT. \$MSBT: Monster Bitcoin."

Le has led Strategy since August 2022, with bitcoin bull Michael Saylor serving as executive chairman, as the company maintains a bitcoin treasury strategy at the center of its operations. His comments align with Morgan Stanley's regulatory push to establish the Morgan Stanley Bitcoin Trust.

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Visa is ready for AI agents. So is Coinbase. They're building very different internets

The next trillion-dollar payments network won't have a checkout page. No card number, no CVV, no human at the keyboard. Just machines paying machines, thousands of times a second, for fractions of a cent.

Crypto and AI leaders argue that autonomous AI agents will soon conduct far more online transactions than humans, favoring crypto wallets over bank accounts because they bypass identity checks and compliance hurdles.

Proponents say stablecoins and protocols like Coinbase's x402 make sub-cent, high-frequency machine-to-machine payments economically viable in a way that tra-

ditional card networks, with minimum fees around 30 cents, cannot match. While x402's current volumes are low and include significant artificial activity, traditional card networks like Visa and Mastercard are rolling out their own AI-agent payment tools, setting up a likely split between regulated human commerce on card rails and stablecoin-based payments for AI agents.

Your AI just made several payments while you read that headline. You approved none of them. Visa processed none of them. And if the crypto industry's biggest bulls are right, that's not a bug — it's the entire future of the internet economy.

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Bitcoin mining difficulty falls 7.7% as miner pressure persists



Bitcoin's mining difficulty just logged its second sizeable cut of 2026, easing conditions for remaining miners as competition from artificial intelligence data centers rises.

Bitcoin's mining difficulty fell by around 7.7% at the latest adjustment on March 20 to 133.79 trillion at block 941,472, the sharpest drop since February, according to CoinWarz data.

The latest move takes difficulty down from around 145 trillion in mid-March and roughly 148 trillion at the start of the year. A lower difficulty means it takes less computational work to earn the same block reward, slightly improving revenue per unit of hashrate for firms that stay online.

The adjustment followed slower-than-

target block production over the prior 2,016 blocks. CloverPool data showed average block times at about 12 minutes 36 seconds, well above Bitcoin's 10-minute target, forcing the network to recalibrate lower.

In February, difficulty dropped sharply after weather-related disruptions in the United States temporarily knocked large American mining facilities offline, and it later rebounded by about 15% as hashrate returned to the network once power conditions normalized.

Bitcoin BTC \$71,165 difficulty measures how hard it is for miners to find a valid hash for the next block and is automatically adjusted to keep issuance steady at one block every 10 minutes.

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White House faces Iran war bill that is worth nearly 3 million Bitcoin

The \$200 billion request equates to 8.6 times the US government's Bitcoin holdings, and 2.83 times the remaining Bitcoin left to be mined.

The Pentagon has sent the White House a request for \$200 billion in additional funding for the Iran war, a figure that would equal nearly 3 million Bitcoin at current market prices.

At Bitcoin's current price of about \$68,600, the request converts to 2,915,451 BTC.

That framing does not mean the government is financing the war with crypto or treating Bitcoin as a payment rail for military spending. Instead, it offers a way to translate a large federal war bill into a unit investors can compare against some of

the world's most closely watched stores of value.

Seen that way, the request moves beyond standard Washington budget language and into a scale that is easier to grasp in market terms. It also arrives before any formal submission to Congress, where the proposal is already facing resistance from lawmakers in both parties.

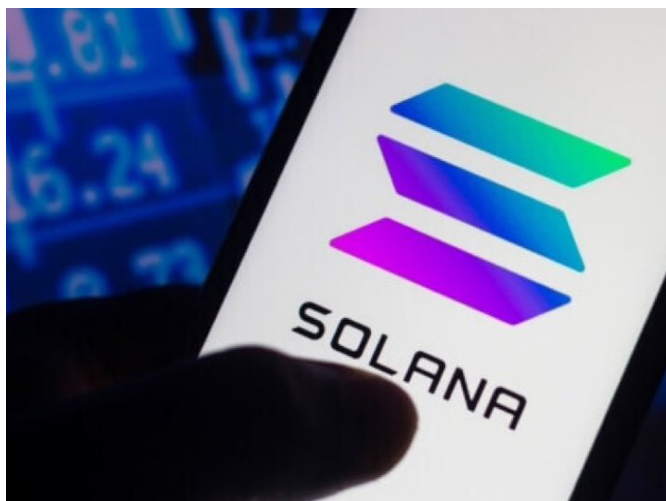
What nearly 3 million Bitcoin looks like The clearest way to understand the size of the request is to compare it with the largest Bitcoin holdings already in existence.

Start with the US government's own position. Data from BitcoinTreasuries show that US government-related entities hold 328,372 BTC.



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Solana DApp Revenue Falls to 18-Month Low as SOL Price Risks \$80 Retest



Solana's on-chain numbers just flashed a major warning sign.

DApp revenue collapsed to \$22 million last month. That is the lowest it has been in 18 months. And for a network that was supposed to be thriving, that is a rough number to ignore.

The bulls still holding their SOL bags might want to pay attention. Because when revenue dries up like this, lower support levels tend to follow.

Solana DApps just had their worst revenue month in over a year. We are talking \$22 million, down from \$36 million two months ago. That is a big drop.

To be fair, the whole market is hurting. BNB Chain revenue fell 52%

in the same stretch. But Solana has a specific problem.

It is losing the perps war.

Spot DEX volume? Still solid. Raydium and Orca hold that down. But perpetual contracts are where the real money flows, and platforms like Hyperliquid, Edgex, and Zklighter now control over 80% of that market.

Hyperliquid even added licensed S&P 500 perps. Traders want broader exposure, and they are going wherever they can get it. That is not Solana right now.

The liquidity is still there. The revenue capture just is not.

Can Solana Price Hold Support or Is an \$80 Retest Coming?

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Gold, Stocks, and Real Estate: How MENA Is Tokenizing the World's Most Coveted Assets

MENA regulators co-build crypto frameworks with industry, unlike reactive Western approaches.

Dubai aims to tokenize 30% of its real estate market within the next decade.

Self-custody of tokenized assets removes reliance on brokers and banks.

In an X space hosted by BelnCrypto, executives from MEXC, OKX Ventures, ChangeNOW, and Zoomex converged on one point: MENA's regulatory philosophy is what separates it from every other major financial hub.

Vugar Usi Zade, COO of MEXC and a 14-year Dubai resident, drew the contrast plainly. European regulators waited for the Cambridge Analytica

scandal before drafting GDPR. They waited years before producing MiCA. Middle Eastern regulators, by contrast, onboard industry leaders into the consultation process from the start.

The practical results are already visible. The UAE allows employers to pay salaries in crypto — legally. The Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC) is building a tokenized gold and silver infrastructure designed for institutional scale. And the Dubai Land Department has publicly committed to tokenizing 30% of the emirate's entire real estate market within the next decade.

"In the Middle East, it's not just building a framework for businesses to operate. Today, in the UAE, you can pay salaries in crypto.



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