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Holiday Notice

The next edition of the Times of Oman will be on Sunday, November 30, due to National Day holidays.

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Al Nahdha Hospital performs rare surgery

1 The Ophthalmology Department at Al Nahdha Hospital achieved a new medical breakthrough by performing the first DMEK cornea transplant >A2



OMAN

New public park to open in Bahla today

2 The Al Ma'mura Public Park development project will open today in the Wilayat of Bahla, Al Dakhiliyah Governorate at a cost exceeding OMR209,000. >A6

MARKET

Treasury bills worth OMR4mn issued

3 Oman's central bank raised OMR4 million by way of allotting Treasury Bills on Monday. The bills are for a maturity period of 91 days. >B1

HH Sayyid Bilarab graces Nama water projects ceremony

MUSCAT: Under the auspices of HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham Al Said, Nama Water Services Company held a celebration ceremony to mark the completion of strategic projects in the water system, with a total cost exceeding OMR408 million. The event took place as part of the Sultanate of Oman's celebrations of the glorious National Day.

The completed projects include the second package of the water transmission line reinforcement project for Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, the water transmission line project between South and North Al Batinah Governorates, the water transmission line project between South and North

Al Sharqiyah Governorates and the first package of the water distribution networks construction project.

Qais bin Saud Al Zakwani, CEO of Nama Water Services Company, stated that these projects aim to raise the efficiency of water supplies to areas with high population density and accelerating industrial growth in the Governorates, meeting the increasing demand until 2040.

He noted that the projects achieved a local added value exceeding OMR112 million through contracting with local companies and suppliers, with over OMR44 million directed to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). >A6



PUBLIC SPENDING REACHES OMR8.9BN

This is attributed to higher development expenditure that rose by OMR263mn by the end of Q3 2025

MUSCAT: Oman's public spending rose by 2 percent to reach OMR8.91 billion by the end of third quarter (Q3) of 2025 from OMR8.72 billion recorded during the same quarter of 2024.

This increase is attributed to higher development expenditure, which rose by OMR263 million, or 31 percent by the end of third quarter of 2025 compared to the same



period in 2024.

However, the quarterly bulletin issued by the Ministry of Finance indicated that public revenue totalled OMR8.48 billion by the end of Q3 2025, reflecting an 8 percent

decrease from OMR9.19 billion recorded during the same quarter of 2024. The decline is largely due to a fall in hydrocarbon revenue.

The quarterly bulletin further said that the net oil revenue

amounted to OMR4.71 billion by the end of Q3 2025, representing a 13 percent decrease from OMR5.43 billion collected during the same quarter of 2024, due to lower average oil prices and production.

Net gas revenue reached OMR1.29 billion as of the end of Q3 2025, indicating a 2 percent decline from OMR1.34 billion recorded in the same quarter of 2024. This decline is attributed to the Integrated Gas Company's methodology for collecting gas revenue.

Current revenue totalled OMR2.44 billion as of the end of Q3 2025, indicating a 2 percent increase, or OMR50 million, from OMR2.39 billion collected during the same quarter in 2024.

The quarterly bulletin issued by the Ministry of Finance further showed that current expenditure fell by one percent to OMR6.22 billion by the end of Q3 2025 from

OMR6.15 billion reported during the same quarter of 2024.

Development expenditure of the ministries and government units reached OMR1.10 billion by the end of Q3 2025, exceeding the allocated spending ceiling by 23% against the total development budget of OMR900 million for 2025, driven by the accelerated execution of ongoing development projects.

Contribution and other expenses totalled OMR1.58 billion by the end of Q3 2025, indicating a 9 percent decrease (OMR148 million) from OMR1.73 billion recorded in the same quarter of 2024.

Subsidy allocations included OMR378 million to the electricity sector, OMR424 million to the social protection system, and OMR55 million for oil products. Furthermore, OMR300 million was transferred to the future debt obligations budget item. >A7

COMMENTARY

H.E. Mohamed Al Zubair: Beyond the official titles



MOHAMED ISSA AL ZADJALI
Chairman
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Last week, His Excellency Mohamed Al Zubair was honoured by the Kuwait International Book Fair 2025 in recognition of the enduring mark he continues to make on Arab culture.

While many know him as His Majesty's Advisor for Economic Planning or as the founder of the acclaimed Bait Al Zubair cultural museum, I knew him long before the titles—long before the accolades—when he was simply the man whose passions, curiosity, and generosity left an impression on everyone around him.

The photographer's red light

My first memory of him dates back to when I was just six years old. I was amazed to discover that he had his own darkroom—a sanctuary bathed in the iconic red light, a concept almost lost in our era of instant digital photography. Even then, the camera was never far from his side.

Over the years, his passion never waned. Despite a demanding schedule, travelling extensively within Oman and around the world, he always made time for photography.



I would often think, "How does such a busy man dedicate so much time to a hobby?"

That balance—between public service at the highest level and personal devotion to a craft—is what truly defines him.

The adventurer and innovator

H.E. Al Zubair is endlessly curious and adventurous. He has been always an early adopter, often acquiring the latest gadgets the moment they were launched. His curiosity extended beyond

technology—he thrives on testing boundaries. I vividly remember him offering me the chance to join a four-week overland journey from Singapore to China, a trip so ambitious it required shipping his car internationally just to begin driving.

Even more remarkable is his generosity. He mentors entrepreneurs and individuals with wisdom that transcends economic policy, sharing insights with a genuine desire to guide and inspire.

A legacy of preservation

His enduring public legacy is perhaps most visible in his commitment to heritage. He founded Bait Al Zubair to preserve and share the rich history of Oman and his family's heritage. For over 70 years, he has devoted his life to this mission—a devotion now rightly celebrated by the Kuwait International Book Fair.

Congratulations, dear Uncle. You have not only earned this honour, but you continue to inspire those of us fortunate enough to witness the man behind the titles.

Your story is far bigger than any accolade—and yet, it is the accolades that now follow a life so richly lived.

PRAYER
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Maghrib.....	5:25pm
Isha.....	6:39pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5:09am

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FOR MORE

ON 30 NOVEMBER

First Arab Women Researchers Forum to be held in Oman

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman will host the first Arab Women Researchers Forum on 30 November 2025.

The two-day forum will see the participation of Arab women researchers specialised in different scientific and academic fields, in addition to representatives of Arab, regional and international organisations, federations and institutions.

The forum is organised by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, in co-operation with the Department of Science and Research at the Arab League's Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO), Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Science and the University of Al Buraimi.

The forum reflects a deep conviction in the basic role of Arab women in supporting the tracks of sustainable development through research and innovation. It affirms Arab women's competence and ability to innovate and provide practical solutions for development issues—making them an essential partner in building a knowledge-based future in the Arab world.

The forum aims to promote the exchange of experiences and expertise among Arab women researchers, showcase inspiring role models and empower women in the fields of research, technology and innovation—in line with the Arab strategy for research, tech-



nology and innovation.

It also seeks to enhance Arab women's presence in research institutions, as well as women's active participation in sound devising policies and programs that serve their respective countries and the Arab world at large.

The forum also underlines national efforts to support Omani women researchers and focuses on their contribution to Arab and international forums in a manner that highlights the progress made by the Sultanate of Oman's system of research and innovation.

The forum includes nine dialogue sessions on research and the visions of women researchers. The sessions cover panel discussions about culture, tourism and the media, sustainable development and the green economy, artificial intelligence and innovation, health and psychological and social care.

The forum also deals with ways to address future challenges posed to higher education, enhance the role of Arab women researchers and develop mechanisms for building networks between Omani women and their counterparts abroad.

The final session will review key recommendations and final outcomes of the forum. — **ONA**

First DMEK cornea transplant performed at Al Nahdha Hospital

This surgery relies on replacing only the inner layer of the cornea with similar tissue from a donor, without the need for a full cornea transplant



Vision Correction at Al Nahdha Hospital, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that the operation took about one and a half hours.

He explained that this surgery relies on replacing only the inner layer of the cornea with similar tissue from a donor, without the need for a full cornea transplant.

He added that the thickness of the transplanted tissue does not exceed 15 microns, making the procedure closer to a precise cell replacement that offers the patient a better chance for rapid and efficient vision recovery.

He explained that the steps of the operation include local anesthesia of the eye, removal of the damaged endothelial membrane, and then insertion of the donor tissue through a minute incision



of no more than three millimeters. The tissue is then fixed inside the eye using an air or gas bubble, requiring the patient to lie flat for a period after the operation to ensure successful adhesion.

He stressed that this type of surgery offers several advantages, most notably rapid and clear improvement in visual acuity, low rates of immunological rejection due to the small amount of transplanted tissue, usually no need for surgical sutures and the cornea retains its natural surface without changes in visual aberrations.

He noted that this type of transplant requires high skill due to the thinness of the transplanted tissue. The patient may face the possibility of the transplanted membrane detaching in some cases,

which necessitates re-injection of an air bubble. Furthermore, it is not the optimal choice for patients suffering from deep corneal scars or opacities.

He pointed out that the success rates for this type of transplant exceed 90-95 percent, and most patients can return to their daily lives within a few weeks. He affirmed that performing this operation at Al Nahdha Hospital represents a qualitative addition to the advanced surgical services in the field of ophthalmology.

Dr. Haitham bin Hilal Al Mahrouqi mentioned that over 180 cornea transplant operations have been performed at Al Nahdha Hospital in cooperation with the National Organ Transplant Programme since the cornea transplant program began operation in September 2023. This reflects the development of specialised services at the hospital and its ability to manage various cases and achieve excellent therapeutic outcomes. — **ONA**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Oman, UK sign MoU on joint studies regarding Omani flora

LONDON: The Sultanate of Oman on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The MoU deals with the implementation of joint scientific studies to research Omani flora, document its diversity, and publish specialized research and training programs. These programs aim to

enhance national expertise in environmental education and plant conservation.

The MoU was signed by Azzan Qasim Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism for Tourism, and Richard Deverell, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

This memorandum represents a renewal and expansion of the ongoing cooperation between the Oman Botanic Garden and

the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, which has spanned over a decade in the fields of scientific research, plant conservation, and biodiversity documentation. It also affirms the commitment of both parties to enhancing the exchange of knowledge, training, and capacity-building, particularly in the areas of seed collection and preservation in accordance with international standards.



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IN ALGERIA

Oman to participate in International Cultural Festival of Desert Theatre

ALGIERS: The Sultanate of Oman will participate in the International Cultural Festival of Desert Theatre in Adrar, southern Algeria, to be held during 1-7 December.

The Omani participation features the play "The Ship is Sinking" by writer and director Osama Zayed Al Shaqsi, competing in the official competition alongside performances

from China, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Syria and Tunisia.

A special seminar
This edition of the festival is held under the slogan "Theatre is Resistance," with South Africa as the guest of honour, participating with a theatrical performance and a special seminar. Other countries, including Mauritania, Tunisia, North

Macedonia, Spain, Egypt, Iraq, Germany, Lebanon, Denmark, Brazil, and Algeria will be also participating with theatrical performances.

Several theatrical personalities will be facilitated during the festival, including Talib Al Balushi from the Sultanate of Oman and Dr. Jabbar Juda from Iraq, in addition to a group of artists from Algeria and Romania. — **ONA**

OMANI PROFESSOR

InSEA names Al Ameri as Ambassador

PARIS: The International Society for Education through Art (InSEA) has selected Professor Mohammed bin Hamoud Al Ameri, Professor in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at Sultan Qaboos University, to be InSEA's Ambassador and Representative for the Africa and Middle East region for a three-year period, from 2025 to 2027.

Professor Mohammed Al Ameri previously served as Head of the Curriculum and Instruction Department, Head of the Field Experience and Student Teaching Unit, and Assistant Head of the Department at the College of Education. He has research contributions in both Arabic and English and a number of books and book chapters. Professor Mohammed Al Ameri has also received a number of local and international awards.

InSEA is a non-governmental organisation and an official partner of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). — **ONA**

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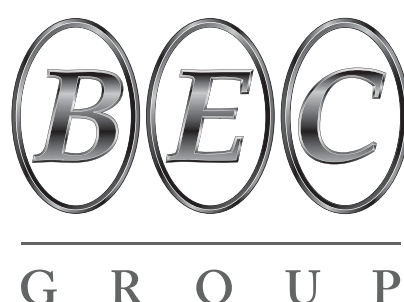
The Management and Staff Members of
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and all the family members on the sad demise of
our founder

Sheikh Suhail Salim Abdullah Bahwan Al Mukhaini

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IAS BUSINESS	IAS CHEMISTRY	IAS ECONOMICS	IAS MATHEMATICS	IAS MATHEMATICS	IGCSE SINHALA

“Their accomplishments include attaining 6 Highest Marks in the World awards and 27 Highest Mark in Oman awards in the International GCSE, GCSE, IAS, and IAL examination session.”

The students of Sri Lankan School Muscat (SLSM) have distinguished themselves with exemplary academic performance in the Pearson Edexcel Examination of May/June 2025. Their accomplishments include attaining 6 Highest Mark in the World awards and 27 Highest Mark in Oman awards in the International GCSE, GCSE, IAS, and IAL examination session.

Farzan Ahmad Khan achieved the **Highest Mark in the World** for IAS Business, while Visal Fernando excelled in the IAS Chemistry exam by securing the **Highest Mark in the World**. Shavikshara Shorubi made history by securing the **Highest Mark in the World** for IAS Economics. Similarly, Dulara Janani Kuruppu and Manitha Bandara achieved the **Highest Mark in the World** for IAS Mathematics. At IGCSE, Chethumi Wellappili made a remarkable achievement by securing the **Highest Mark in the World** for IGCSE Sinhala.

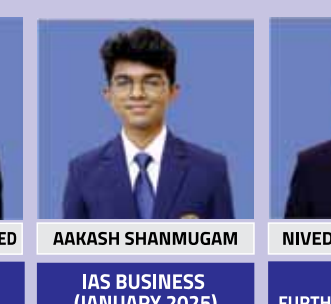
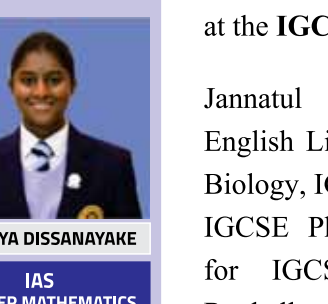
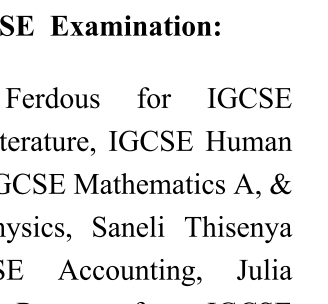
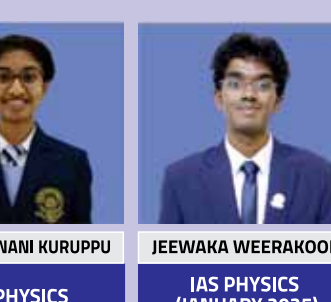
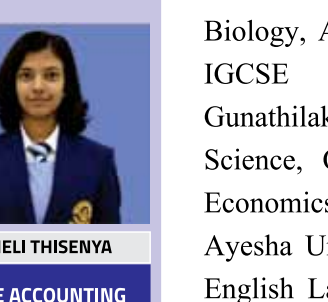
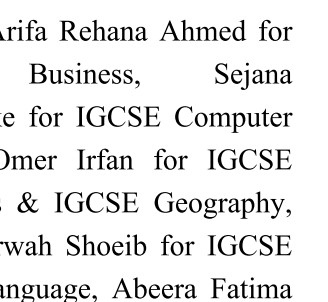
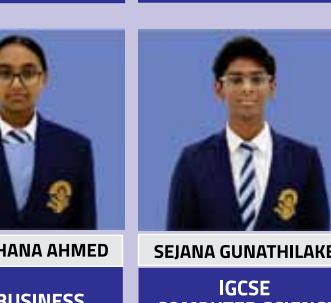
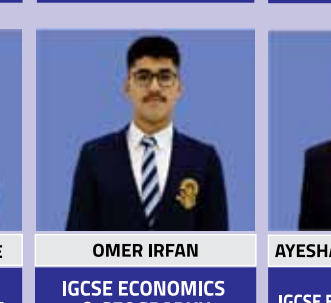
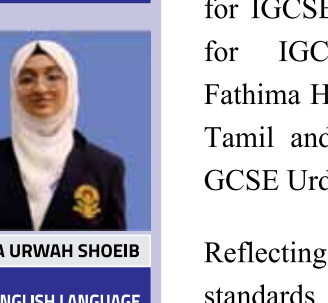
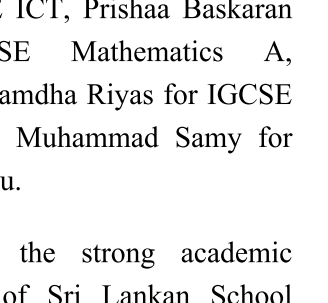
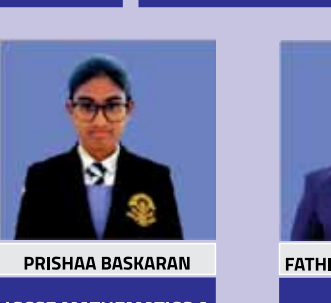
These students have obtained the **Highest Mark in Oman** for the following subjects at the **International Advanced Level Examination**:

Yathurshan Manoharan for IAL Chemistry, IAL Mathematics, IAL Physics, and IAL Further Mathematics, Fathima Amna Mohammed for IAL Biology, and Fathima Hudha for IAL Business.

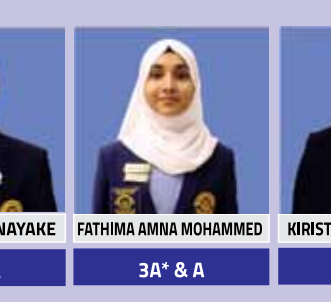
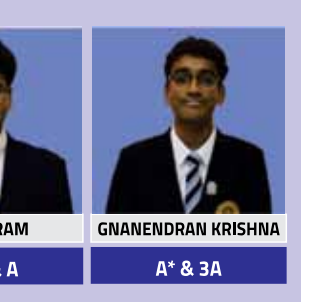
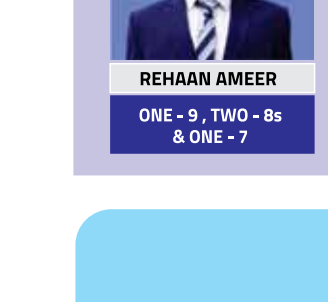
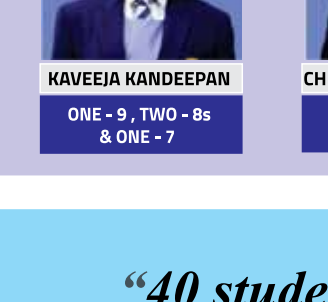
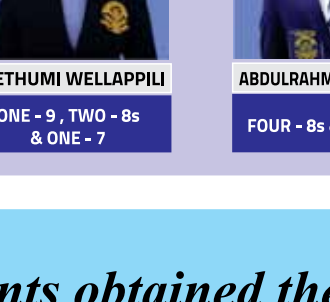
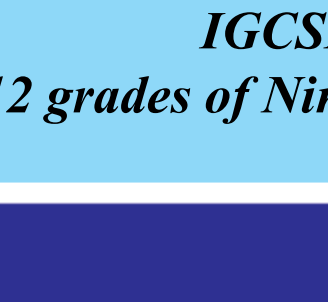
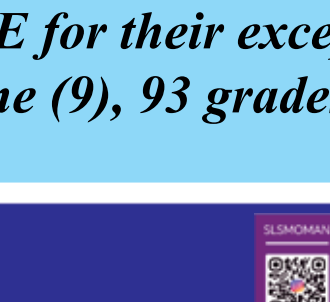
The following students have secured the **Highest Mark in Oman** for the respective subjects at the **International Advanced Subsidiary Level Examination**:

Fathima Amna Mohammed for IAS Business (January 2025), Nivedya Dissanayake for IAS Further Mathematics, Amaan Hussain Jamal for IAS IT, Dulara Janani Kuruppu for IAS Physics, and Jeevaka Weerakoon for IAS Physics (January 2025).

HIGHEST MARK IN OMAN

				
YATHURSHAN MANOHARAN	FATHIMA AMNA MOHAMMED	FATHIMA HUDHA MOHAMED	AAKASH SHANMUGAM	NIVEDYA DISSANAYAKE
IAL CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS PHYSICS, & FURTHER MATHEMATICS	IAL BIOLOGY & IAS BIOLOGY	IAL BUSINESS	IAS BUSINESS (JANUARY 2025)	IAS FURTHER MATHEMATICS
				
AMAAH HUSSAIN JAMAL	DULARA JANANI KURUPPU	JEEVAKA WEERAKOON	JANNATUL FERDOUS	SANELI THISENYA
IAS IT	IAS PHYSICS	IAS PHYSICS (JANUARY 2025)	IGCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE, HUMAN BIOLOGY, MATHEMATICS A, & PHYSICS	IGCSE ACCOUNTING
				
JULIA ROCHELLE PERERA	ARIFA REHANA AHMED	SEJANA GUNATHILAKE	OMER IRFAN	AYESHA URWAH SHOEIB
IGCSE BIOLOGY	IGCSE BUSINESS	IGCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE	IGCSE ECONOMICS & GEOGRAPHY	IGCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
				
AREEBA FATIMA	PRISHAA BASKARAN	FATHIMA HAMDHA RIYAS	MUHAMMAD SAMY	
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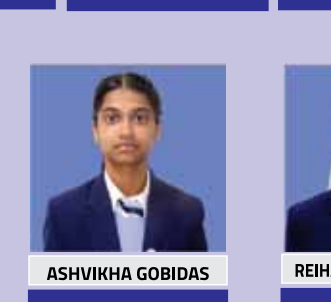
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4A*	3A* & A	3A* & A	2A* & 2A	2A* & 2A	2A* & 2A	2A* & A	A* & 3A
							
HUMAIID MOHAMED SALMAN	AAKASH SHANMUGAM	JEEVAKA WEERAKOON	INAD MOHAMMED SHIFAN	MARYAM TARIQ SAEED	FATHIMA HANNAN MOHAMED	RAMITHU RUPASINGHE	FATHIMA HADYA MOHAMED
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Further, 40 students obtained the Edexcel High Achiever awards at IGCSE for their exceptional performance, attaining 112 grades of Nine (9), 93 grades of Eight (8), and 35 grades of Seven (7).

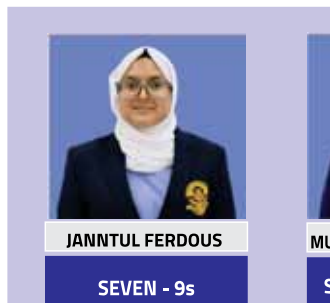
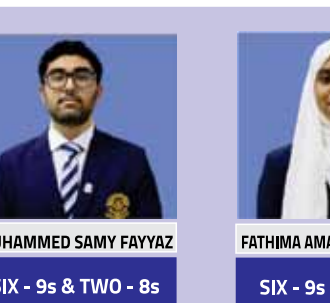
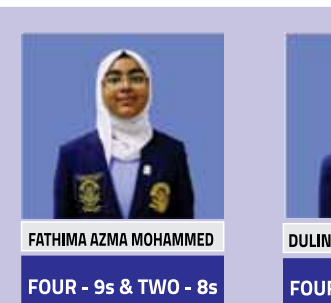
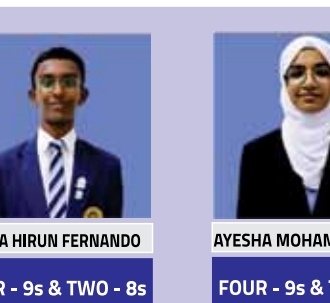
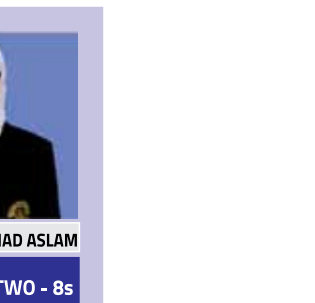
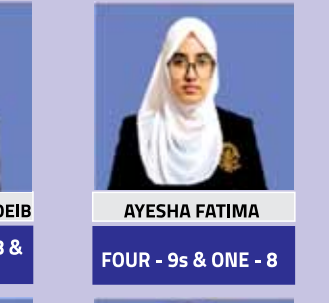
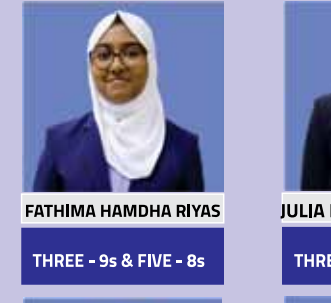
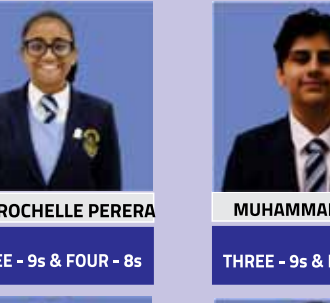
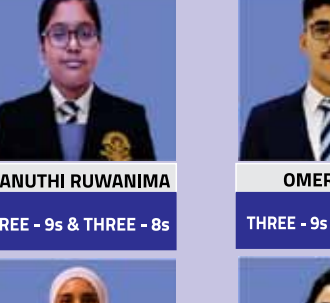
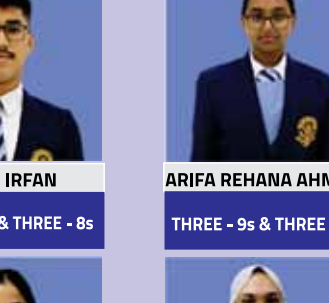
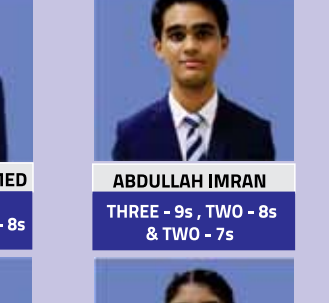
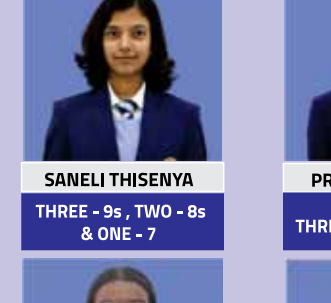
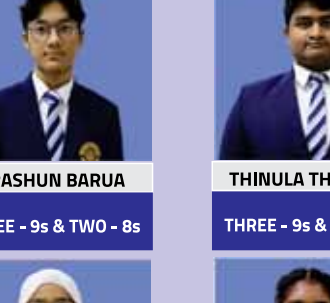
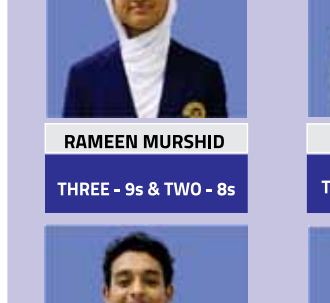
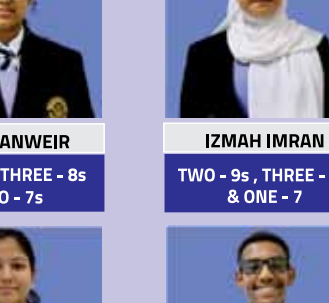
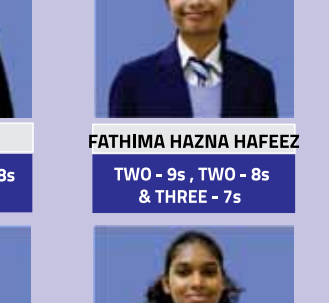
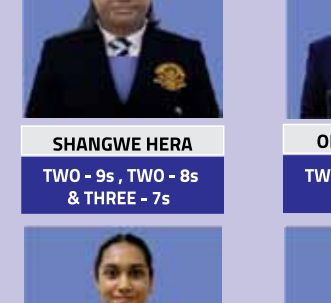
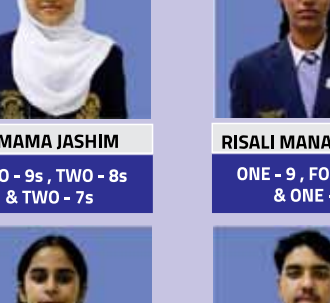
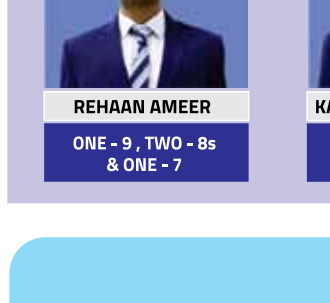
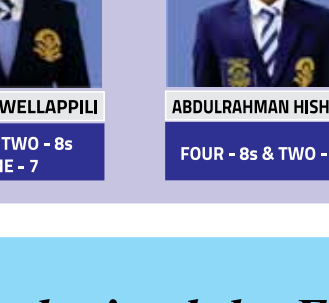
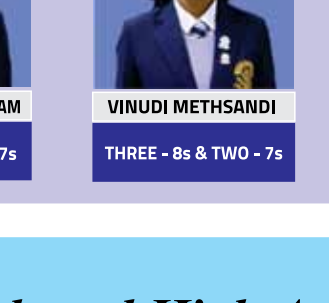
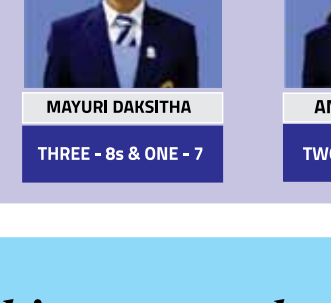
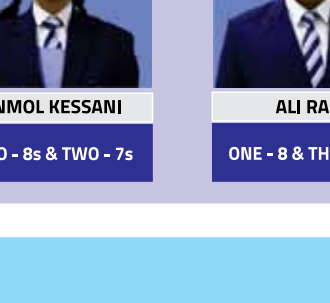
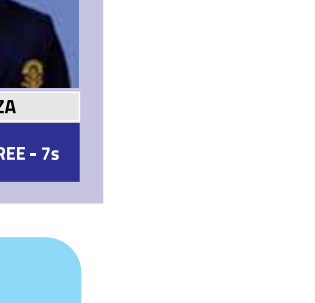
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“40 students obtained the Edexcel High Achiever awards at IGCSE for their exceptional performance, attaining 112 grades of Nine (9), 93 grades of Eight (8), and 35 grades of Seven (7).”



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NAMA WATER SERVICES

FROM A1 HH Sayyid Bilarab graces Nama water projects ceremony

In his speech, he indicated that through these projects, main water transmission pipelines extending over 620 kilometres were laid, and 27 strategic reservoirs were constructed with a total storage capacity exceeding 615 thousand cubic metres.

He added that the company implemented advanced operational and digital programmes that contributed to reducing water loss by 15 percent, in addition to digital transformation through monitoring and control systems and smart meters, which enhances service quality and reinforces operational efficiency. He noted that over 1,700 Omanis were employed in supporting companies under the supervision of Nama Water Services during the past period.

The water transmission line reinforcement project for A'Dakhiliyah Governorate aims to enhance the existing water transmission system to meet the increasing domestic, industrial (Madayn areas), and tourism/government demand. The project cost stands at over OMR126 million. The scope of the project included new water transmission pipes spanning 174 kilometres, the design and execution of a strategic reservoir with a capacity of 350 thousand cubic metres in the Wilayat of Samail, 5 parallel reservoirs at pumping stations, and the design and execution of 5 new pumping stations with varying capacities.

Furthermore, the water transmission system reinforcement project between South and North A'Sharqiyah Governorates starts at the Al Ashkhara Desalination Plant in South A'Sharqiyah Governorate, with a total cost of OMR129 million. It utilises large-capacity pipes with diameters ranging from 300 to 1300 millimetres.

The project's scope includes laying pipes totaling approximately 312 kilometres, constructing 4 new pumping stations, reinforcing 3 existing stations, and constructing 17 water reservoirs along the line with a total storage capacity of up to 265 thousand cubic metres. The project also includes all civil, mechanical, electrical works, and the necessary



systems for monitoring and controlling the project facilities and their operation.

Meanwhile, the strategic water transmission system reinforcement project between the governorates of South Al Batinah (Wilayat of Barka) and North Al Batinah (Wilayat of Sohar) has a total cost of OMR88 million. The project will supply all Wilayats of South and North Al Batinah Governorates, and enhance the reciprocal interconnection between the desalination plants in Qurayyat, Al Ghubrah, Barka, and Sohar. It will reinforce the existing water transmission lines from the desalination plants in Barka and Sohar.

It includes laying pipes totaling approximately 140 kilometres, constructing 5 reservoirs in different project locations with a total storage capacity of 88 thousand cubic metres, and establishing 5 water pumping stations. This, specifically, includes a pumping station with 4 pumps in Barka, in addition to a new reservoir of 50 thousand cubic metres capacity;

It also includes a pumping station with 4 pumps for pumping water towards A'Suwaig, Al Musannah, and Al Hazm reservoirs in A'Rustaq, in addition to 3 pumps for pumping water towards the existing new Barka reservoir supplying the Wilayats of Wadi Al Ma'awil and Nakhal; a reservoir of 5 thousand cubic metres capacity in the Wilayat of Al Musannah, and a pumping station with 3 pumps, plus a new reservoir of 8 thousand cubic metres capacity in the Al Muladda area; a reservoir of 15 thousand cubic metres capacity and a pumping station with 3 pumps in the Wilayat of A'Suwaig and a new reservoir of 10 thousand cubic metres capacity and a new pumping station with 4 pumps in the Wilayat of Saham.

The water distribution networks construction project in the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi (First Package) aims to cover the scattered villages and population centers in the Wilayat, including Al Rawdha, Al Akhdhar, Samad Al Shan, Khadhra Bani Difa', and the center of the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi. It will benefit over 130,000 people in 2025, expected to reach over 154,000 residents by 2040. The project cost stands at OMR65 million. Total number of household connections reached 11,750. It includes distribution networks exceeding 820 kilometres in length, some network booster pumps, and all related household connection works. -ONA

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AL MA'MURA PUBLIC PARK

New park to open in Wilayat of Bahla today



BAHLA: The Al Ma'mura Public Park development project will be inaugurated today in the Wilayat of Bahla, Al Dakhiliyah Governorate. This is one of the development projects aimed at enhancing green spaces and providing integrated recreational facilities to meet family needs, with a cost exceeding OMR209,000.

The project comes within the framework of the Governorate's efforts to develop public spaces and improve the quality of life in communities. It represents a qualitative addition to the urban infrastructure in the Wilayat. It includes the creation of vast green areas, paved walking paths, and the planting of diverse trees and shrubs that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the park, along with the installation of shades, benches, and multiple service, allowing visitors to enjoy a safe facilities and suitable space for family recreation. The project also involves allocating an investment land plot of 10,000 square metres adjacent to the park. This is intended to promote the tourism and recreational aspect in the Wilayat and attract

qualitative investment projects that serve visitors and support commercial and service activities related to the park and its surroundings, in line with the tourism development directions in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate.

Eng. Sulaiman Hamad Al Sunaidi, Director General of A'Dakhiliyah Municipality, stated that the Al Ma'mura Park development project is part of a package of municipal projects being implemented by the Governorate to improve the urban environment and provide service facilities with modern standards that suit the needs of the community.

He noted that the park will serve as an important recreational spot for families and a suitable location for social and recreational events. He explained that the project is consistent with the Governorate's aim to support sustainable urban development, by observing environmental standards in the park's design, in addition to providing pedestrian-friendly paths and spaces that allow visitors to engage in sports and various activities in a safe environment. -ONA

Staycations take centrestage

Oman citizens and residents embrace staycations as the National Day holiday kicks off on Wednesday

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The National Day festivities kicked off last week with spectacular parades and fireworks, but the celebration is far from over — with citizens and residents now looking to make the most of the upcoming long weekend.

From Wednesday, November 26, to Saturday, November 29, 2025, people are expected to head out for short getaways, with staycations emerging as the holiday trend of choice.

Travel agents and hoteliers reported a surge in bookings, with residents drawn to Oman's mountains, deserts, and city retreats, while international arrivals continue to maintain steady interest.

Blessed with crisp weather and clear skies, the timing could not be better for outdoor escapes, picnics, family adventures, and even urban getaways in Muscat.

Mountain escapes

Leading the way is dusitD2 Naseem Resort in Jabal Akhdar, offering a high-altitude National Day experience. The resort's National Day Mountain Escape runs November 26–29 from OMR 105++ per night, including breakfast and unlimited access to the Adventure Park, featuring climbing, a three-level ropes course, a 107m zipline, padel sessions, and a mini cinema for kids.



“Oman National Day brings together families and communities across the country. Our curated experiences highlight connection, celebration, and togetherness, all set against the beauty of Jabal Akhdar's mountain landscape,” said Jagdeep Thakral, General Manager of dusitD2 Naseem Resort.

The View Oman offers a separate luxury retreat near Al Hamra. Perched 1,400 metres above sea level, the eco-resort overlooks dramatic valleys and promises tranquility, starlit dining, a mountainside infinity pool, and easy

access to Jabal Shams, Al Hoota Cave, and Nizwa Fort. Guests can trek, bike, or hike through pristine landscapes, or relax with spa therapies and panoramic sunset dinners. National Day packages start from OMR 125, inclusive of dinner and breakfast for two. “Once you arrive, the scenery takes your breath away. The View combines spectacular natural beauty with excellent amenities and genuine hospitality,” said Akbar Abbas, Resort Manager.

Desert adventures

Families drawn to the sands can

head to Desert Nights Resort Hotel in Sharqiyah Sands, which is offering early check-in (subject to availability), complimentary extra beds for children under six, and 15% off F&B, activities, and spa services.

From starlit desert walks to dune adventures, the resort promises an unforgettable holiday under Oman's golden skies.

City retreats

Back in Muscat, Sheraton Oman has a one-night National Day package from November 26–27 at OMR



look forward to relishing the cool mountain climate and trying out some of the activities there along with my teenage children, who just love spending time out there. Staycations are perfect for families to spend quality time together.”

Dining highlights

For those staying in Muscat, Jungle Restaurant Complex and Bahja Hall in Qurum has relaunched with a fresh menu and new mocktails just in time for National Day.

“We have recently relaunched Jungle Restaurant with a redesigned menu featuring diverse flavours and newly added dishes,” said Aizat Duishekeeva, Head of Jungle Restaurant Complex and Bahja Hall, Qurum.

Besides dining, school children visiting the venue can participate in rainforest planting activities, while adjacent Bahja Hall offers a dedicated space for family events and celebrations.

From mountains to deserts, and from city retreats to coastal resorts, Omanis and residents are embracing the National Day long weekend with a renewed appreciation for local travel — celebrating the nation they share, reconnecting with family, and making the most of a short but meaningful break.

69 net, allowing two children under 12 to stay free, with buffet breakfast and dinner at Courtyard. November 27 will feature a special Gaucho night dinner to coincide with Thanksgiving Day.

“Our occupancy is almost full and we have special National Day theme celebrations,” said Rejin Thomas, Sheraton Hotel Manager.

Ranju Singh, a long-time resident and mother of two, said, “The Adventure Park at dusitD2 Naseem Resort is exceptional for both children and adults. I

STATE COUNCIL

Draft State General Budget for 2026 reviewed

MUSCAT: The State Council yesterday reviewed the Draft State General Budget for 2026 and the 11th Five-Year Development Plan (2026-2030). This took place during its hosting of Sultan Salim Al Habsi, Minister of Finance, and Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy.

The Council discussed the latest developments in the global and local economies during 2025 and reviewed the performance indicators in the various economic diversification sectors and the growth achieved during the current year across a number of priority development pathways.

Dr. Nasser Rashid Al Maawali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, presented a visual presentation covering the strategic objectives of the 11th Five-Year Development Plan. These objectives focus on building a diversified and sustainable economy, enhancing economic decentralisation for the Governorates, raising the efficiency of social development, and developing the system of governance and institutional performance.

He also reviewed the plan's main themes and their im-



portance, highlighting the assessment of macroeconomic performance and economic diversification sectors, and the ex- tent of the plan's integration with Oman Vision 2040. He addressed the economic priority sectors and the criteria for their selection, which include converting indus- tries, the digital economy, and the tourism sector. He affirmed that the plan aims to achieve balanced, competitive, inclusive, and sus- tainable economic growth. Abdul- lah Salim Al Harthy, Undersec- retary of the Ministry of Finance, presented a review that included the most anticipated results of the State General Budget for the fis- cal year 2026 and the social and

economic priorities on which the budget focuses. These priorities include education, health, social security and welfare, employ- ment opportunities, stimulating the private sector, in addition to housing and roads.

The presentation also covered the global and local economic outlook, the financial framework of the 11th Five-Year Develop- ment Plan (2026-2030), and the estimates of the Draft General Budget for 2026, including its fi- nancial alternatives and options, in addition to showcasing the most prominent investment pro- jects expected to be implemented within that year's budget, and the adopted financing and borrow- ing strategy. Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, affirmed that what was presented, proposed, and discussed during this meet- ing constitutes an important tribu- tary for enhancing legislative principles and strengthening in- stitutional communication chan- nels between the Council and the Government. — **ONA**

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Spending on social sectors

< FROM A1 The quarterly bulletin is- sued by the Ministry of Finance further stated that by the end of Q3 2025, spending on social sectors and basic services totalled OMR3.81 billion, distributed across education sector by 37 percent, health sector by 26 percent, securi- ty and social welfare by 26 percent and housing sector by 11 percent.

By the end of Q3 2025, the Min- istry of Finance had paid over OMR1.22 billion to the private sec- tor, received through the financial system with complete documen- tation. This reflects the Minis- try's commitment to settling fully documented private sector dues within an average of five working days. — **ONA**

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Tender Notice for the sale of used materials
Tender No. AW/T/PH1/01/2025

Al Watanyiah United Engineering and Contracting Co. LLC hereby announce a Tender for the sale of used materials, as described in the table below, on an "as is, where is" basis. Those wishing to submit a Bid must obtain the Tender documents from the Company's Head Office (HO) in Ghala Industrial Area after paying the specified Tender Fee in the Company's Bank Dhofar account 01040605344006 (IBAN NO: OM080250001040605344006).

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2	Aluminum Profiles (Random Lengths)	Ghala.				

The last date for submission of offers is on Wednesday, 5 PM, detailed date on the above table, accompanied by an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) issued by any local bank in Oman (equivalent to 10%) of the total offered value.

The EMD must be valid for 60 days from the last date of submission of offer and the original EMD along with the offer must be submitted in the tender box at the reception of our HO Ghala, Muscat, Oman on or before the last date & time indicated above.

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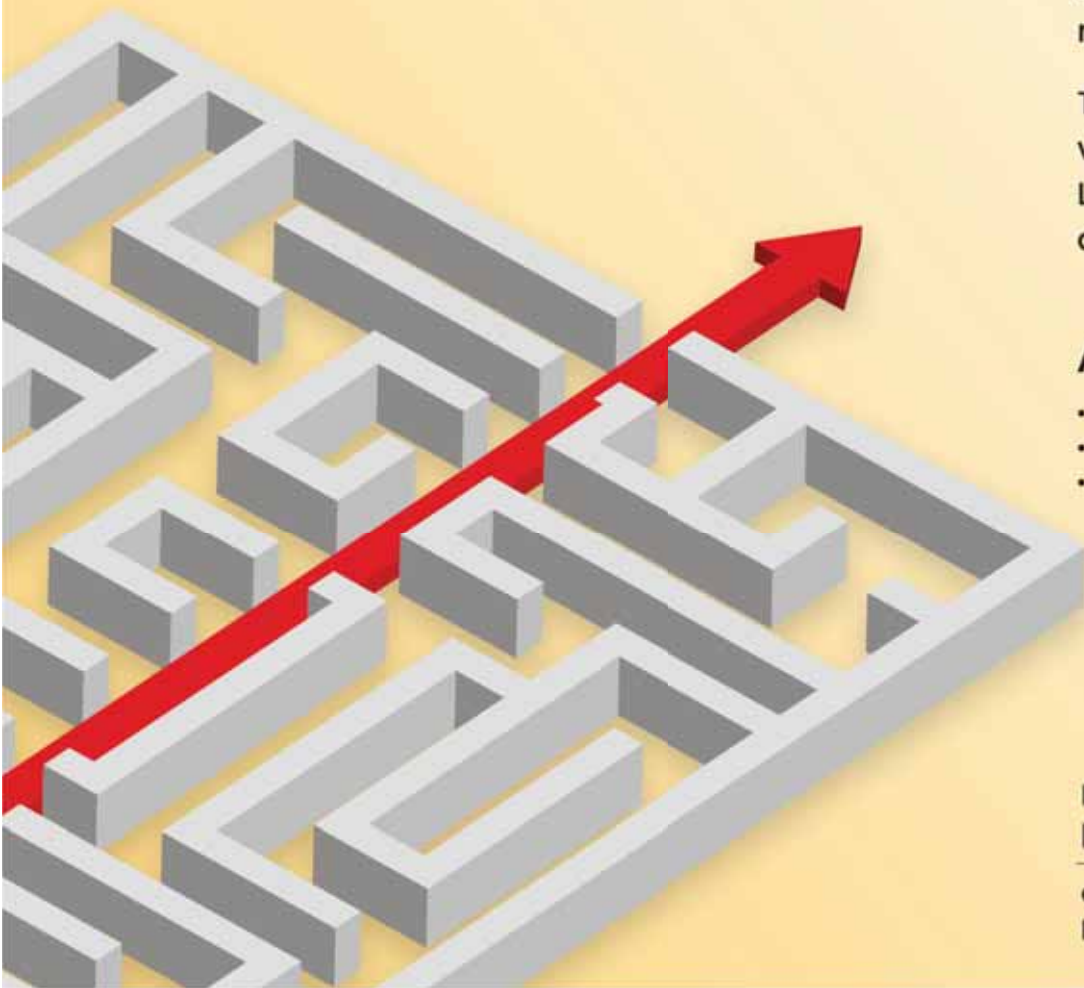
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We Belong to Allah and to Him We Shall Return

With hearts full of faith in Allah's decree,
The Management and all the employees of
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on the passing of

Sheikh Suhail Salim Abdullah Bahwan Al Mukhaini
Chairman of Suhail Bahwan Group
and the **Founder Chairman of DHL Global Forwarding & CO. LLC Oman**

His visionary leadership, remarkable contributions to the nation,
and his pioneering role in establishing DHL in Oman
will forever be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.



We offer our heartfelt condolences to
Sheikha Amal Suhail Bahwan, Our Chairperson,
and to all members of the bereaved family.

We pray that Allah, the Most Merciful,
grants the departed soul His infinite mercy,
admits him to the highest ranks of Paradise,
and blesses his family with patience and solace
during this time of profound grief.

Truly, to Allah we belong and truly, to Him
we shall return.



OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by January 2026 reaching \$62.68, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 1 cent from the price of Friday, which was \$62.67. - **ONA**

MARKET
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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 5,636.77 points, up by 0.68% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by -0.10% at 492.67 points. Salah Port Services, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while, Al Omaniya Financial Services, down 3.70%, was the top loser.

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR4mn

The average accepted price reached OMR99.055 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99 055 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.79038% and 3.82655%, respectively



MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR4 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Monday. The bills are for a maturity period of 91 days.

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Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The

Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 4.50 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is

5.00 per cent.

Furthermore, Treasury Bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the Government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

REPORT



India's auto sector to see demand recovery over next 2-3 years

NEW DELHI: The domestic auto sector may witness a demand cycle recovery over the next two to three years, supported by strong macroeconomic stimulus measures such as the upcoming Pay Commission salary revision, income-tax rate reduction, and interest rate cuts, highlighted a report by Incired Research.

The report stated that after a sharp rally in the Nifty Auto Index, which rose 9 per cent following the GST rate cut in August-September 2025, the index has taken a breather and underperformed in recent months. However, analysts expect a positive turnaround ahead.

"We feel macroeconomic stimulus measures like income-tax rate reduction, interest rate cut, and Pay Commission salary revision will drive a two-to-three year demand cycle recovery and therefore we reiterate our Overweight rating for the sector, as forward P/E valuation is just above the 10-year mean level," the report said.

In the second quarter of FY26, the sector posted strong double-digit year-on-year net sales growth for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), aided by an early festive season and increased customer footfalls following the GST rate cut.

Although rising raw material costs impacted gross margins during the period, operating leverage helped support EBITDA margins.

Industry management com-

mentary highlighted that two-wheeler retail volume sales saw mid-teen growth during the festive period from August to mid-November 2025, while the passenger car segment lagged behind, recording only mid-single digit growth.

The policy environment is also expected to support purchasing power and consumer sentiment. In October, the Union Cabinet approved the Terms of Reference for the 8th Central Pay Commission, which will recommend revisions in salaries and benefits for central government employees.

Such revisions typically enhance disposable income and support consumer spending on high-value items, including automobiles.

Additionally, in September, the government implemented the second generation of Goods and Services Tax reforms, lowering tax slabs to benefit consumers.

The government reduced tax slabs on several categories of automobiles, primarily small cars, two-wheelers (up to 350cc), and commercial vehicles, by changing the rate from 28 per cent (plus applicable cess) to a uniform 18 per cent.

The revised GST structure came into effect on September 22 following the 56th GST Council meeting.

According to the report, these combined measures could provide sustained support to demand and strengthen growth prospects for the auto industry over the medium term. - **ANI**

SURVEY

70.8% of UAE investors trust AI to manage investments

ABU DHABI: Almost three-quarters (73%) of UAE investors said that they would embrace AI as an alternative to human advisors, while 70.8% would trust AI to manage their portfolios, according to a survey commissioned by Alpheya.

The survey - conducted between May and July 2025 - covered 509 UAE-based investors, spanning a diverse mix of age groups, investment experience levels, and income brackets, including high-net worth individuals (HNWIs) and

retail investors.

Barely half (52%) of high-net-worth-individuals reported satisfaction, the highest percentage of the segments surveyed, compared to just 37% of retail investors.

The findings highlight both the opportunity and challenge facing digital wealth management providers in the UAE.

While investor appetite for smarter, more holistic digital wealth management solutions is rising, existing platforms are failing to meet expectations.

A considerable number of investors (40%) also reported unmet needs in product offerings, signalling that while investors are ready for digital wealth solutions, the market has yet to deliver the seamless, personalised experience they expect.

Meanwhile, as AI-driven solutions gain traction, the findings reaffirm that technology alone cannot replace the human dimension of trust and guidance.

Nearly 50% of investors turn to family members for investment decisions, underscoring that personal relationships, reassurance, and contextual nuance remain core to trust in wealth management.

Commenting on the findings, Roger Rouhana, CEO of Alpheya, said, "The UAE has consistently positioned itself at the forefront of technological innovation, and these findings confirm that investor sentiment is aligned with the country's forward-looking vision."

The survey results point to a market on the brink of transformation. - **WAM**

BRIEFS

Oil prices extend losses on Russia-Ukraine peace hopes



SINGAPORE: Oil prices slipped yesterday, extending last week's decline, on progress in Russia-Ukraine peace talks and a stronger US dollar. Brent crude futures declined 14 cents, or 0.22%, to \$62.42 per barrel. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures slipped 15 cents, or 0.26%, to \$57.91 per barrel. Both benchmarks dropped around 3% last week, their lowest levels since 21 October 2025, amid concerns that a potential peace agreement could pave the way for lifting sanctions on Moscow and returning previously sanctioned crude to global markets..

Gold falls on firm Dollar, fading Fed cut bets



SINGAPORE: Gold prices declined yesterday as the US dollar held near a six-month high and expectations for a Federal Reserve interest rate cut in December receded. Spot gold fell 0.3% to \$4,051.48 per ounce, while December futures edged up 0.7% to \$4,049.50 per ounce. Among other precious metals, spot silver slipped 0.3% to \$49.86 per ounce. Platinum rose 1.1% to \$1,527.25, and palladium increased 0.7% to \$1,384.18 per ounce. - **ONA**

UNITED NATIONS' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

CIOB sustainability ambassador urges Gulf construction leaders to follow UN SDGs

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Aaron Hennessy, CIOB Sustainability Ambassador and Group Managing Director of Douglas OHI, delivered a powerful talk at the Big 5 Global event in Dubai.

Hennessy, an ultramarathon enthusiast, used his experience in the Saharan Desert to simplify the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Douglas OHI officially becomes a Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Chartered Company, with Hennessy encouraging others across the region to follow suit.

An ultramarathon enthusiast and passionate environmentalist has used his experience of a gruelling race through the Saharan Desert to encourage construction leaders across the Gulf region to place greater emphasis on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Aaron Hennessy, CIOB Sustainability Ambassador for MENA and Group Managing Director of Douglas OHI, delivered an impactful and engaging presentation at the Big 5 Global event at the Dubai World Trade Centre on 24 November.

Addressing an international audience of construction professionals, Hennessy underscored the critical role the MENA construction sector must play in advancing the SDGs, with particular emphasis on water preservation and partnership.

A Chartered Environmentalist, Hennessy drew on stories from his ultramarathon experiences



to bring the SDGs to life. He reflected on a vivid memory from his first ultramarathon in Morocco, describing the sense of unity among competitors at the starting line.

"Even though everyone was technically racing against each other, we all shared one goal - to reach the finish line," he said.

"I believe the same philosophy applies to the construction industry. We are not here to compete when it comes to sustainability; we are here to complete the journey together. Everyone needs to play their part to create a more sustainable built environment."

Hennessy also emphasised the importance of water preservation across the MENA region, drawing a parallel between desert

racing and the daily realities of construction.

"During that race, navigating through the desert heat, the only thought I had on my mind was water," he said.

"It really made me realise how easily we take this precious resource for granted. In construction, especially in the MENA region, we must treat water as the scarce and invaluable resource it is."

A significant milestone

The event also marked a significant milestone for Douglas OHI, which was formally presented with Chartered Membership status by the CIOB. Hennessy encouraged other companies across the region to consider applying for

chartership.

He added: "Becoming a Chartered Company is a statement of intent. It shows clients, partners, and employees that you are committed to best practice, professional excellence, and continuous development. Chartered membership with the CIOB provides companies with access to training, networking opportunities, and resources which support organisational and individual growth."

In July 2025, CIOB launched a report demonstrating how the built environment sector can align sustainability targets with the UN SDGs. Featuring industry-led case studies, the report serves as a practical resource for construction professionals at all stages of their sustainability journey.

MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Salalah Port Services, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while, Al Omaniya Financial Services, down 3.70%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 5,636.77 points, up by 0.68% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by -0.10% at 492.67 points. Salalah Port Services, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while, Al Omaniya Financial Services, down 3.70%, was the top loser. Shares of Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 4037 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 28.17 million, with more than 111.57 million shares changing hands. Out of 66 traded securities, 25 advanced, 11 declined, and 30 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net sellers for RO 1276K while foreign investors were net buyers for RO 1198K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 79K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 9,097.09 points, up 0.56%. Prices of Oman United Insurance, Ominvest, Oman & Emirates Investment, Sohar International Bank,

and Bank Nizwa were up by 5.41%, 4.95%, 2.27%, 1.32%, and 0.96% respectively. Prices of Al Omaniya Financial Services, Al Sharqia Investment, Bank Dhofar, and Al Madina Takaful were down by 3.70%, 2.27%, 1.91%, and 1.14% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 7,297.40 points, up 1.23%. Prices of Oman Flour Mills, Construction Materials, Voltamp Energy, Muscat Thread Mill, and Al Anwar Ceramics were up by 7.61%, 5.00%, 2.70%, 2.56%, and 1.19% respectively. Prices of Oman Cement and Oman Cables Industry were down by 1.25% and 0.46% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.35% before closing at 2,318.12 points. Prices of Salalah Port Services, Muscat Desalination, Al Batinah Power, SMN Power Holding, and National Gas were up by 10.00%, 3.95%, 3.05%, 2.75%, and 2.44% respectively. Prices of Oman National Engineering, Ooredoo, and Oman Telecom were down by 0.75%, 0.36%, and 0.10% respectively. — **United Securities**

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	5,636.77	5,595.44	5,636.77	5,598.45	38.32	0.68
FINANCIAL INDEX	9,097.09	9,029.19	9,097.09	9,046.74	50.36	0.56
Industry Index	7,309.22	7,204.74	7,297.40	7,208.65	88.75	1.23
Services Index	2,333.15	2,309.38	2,318.12	2,309.97	8.15	0.35
MSX Shariah Index	494.81	492.67	492.67	493.16	-0.48	-0.10
MSX TR INDEX	8,466.09	8,404.02	8,466.09	8,408.53	57.56	0.68
FINANCIAL TR IDX	10,807.66	10,726.99	10,807.66	10,747.84	59.83	0.56
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	9,011.63	8,882.83	8,997.06	8,887.64	109.42	1.23
SERVICES TR IDX	3,031.53	3,000.65	3,012.00	3,001.41	10.59	0.35
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
111,576,373	28,169,493	4,037	31,386,980,411	25	11	30	66

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF RPT	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAV VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000001887	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	1,304,633	354,572	38	0.262	0.273	0.262	0.273	0.259	0.014	5.405	0.273	0.262	0.273	0.100	27,300,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	448,780	138,059	26	0.304	0.318	0.304	0.318	0.303	0.015	4.950	0.318	0.300	0.317	0.100	29,756,288
OM0000004925	ALBATHNAI POWER	101,582	7,064	18	0.170	0.170	0.167	0.169	0.164	0.005	3.049	0.169	0.167	0.169	0.100	11,405,576
OM0000003691	VOLTAMP ENERGY	101,879	98,961	17	0.929	0.950	0.929	0.950	0.929	0.021	2.262	0.950	0.929	0.944	0.100	58,952,504
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	51,792	15,663	17	0.301	0.304	0.301	0.304	0.300	0.004	1.333	0.304	0.303	0.304	0.100	11,886,640
OM0000003386	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	17,892,287	2,729,254	482	0.193	0.194	0.192	0.194	0.192	0.002	1.316	0.194	0.187	0.194	0.100	1,019,555,958
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	156,484	25,894	23	0.165	0.169	0.165	0.167	0.165	0.002	1.212	0.167	0.164	0.168	0.100	11,935,859
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	609,040	103,542	18	0.171	0.171	0.170	0.170	0.168	0.002	1.190	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.100	37,400,000
OM0000004450	BANK NIZWA	846,826	87,912	24	0.105	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0.982	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.100	29,480,088
OM0000006072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	15,050,199	2,764,623	514	0.183	0.185	0.182	0.184	0.183	0.001	0.546	0.184	0.184	0.201	0.100	796,834,501
OM0000002226	AL AZERA SERVICES	17,880	3,238	5	0.185	0.183	0.181	0.181	0.183	0.000	0.000	0.181	0.181	0.183	0.100	775,581
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	22,000	1,408	3	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.063	0.066	0.100	22,792,147
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	31,382,675	10,442,563	663	0.334	0.334	0.332	0.334	0.334	0.000	0.000	0.334	0.367	0.334	0.100	2,507,136,619
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO	101,753	16,797	8	0.185	0.186	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.000	0.000	0.186	0.186	0.181	0.100	53,000,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	648,366	667,337	78	0.016	0.016	0.012	0.014	0.015	-0.001	-0.099	0.014	0.011	0.014	0.100	760,500,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	1,091,765	307,740	22	0.281	0.284	0.281	0.281	0.282	-0.001	-0.355	0.281	0.291	0.282	0.100	182,915,328
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	910	1,944	4	2.189	2.189	2.110	2.180	2.190	-0.010	-0.457	2.110	2.110	2.189	0.100	195,546,000
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	96,786	8,480	21	0.088	0.088	0.087	0.087	0.088	-0.001	-1.136	0.087	0.087	0.088	0.100	15,225,000
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	1,518,528	475,575	561	0.316	0.317	0.309	0.309	0.315	-0.006	-1.805	0.311	0.309	0.311	0.100	237,991,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO	8173	703	2	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.088	-0.002	-2.273	0.086	0.085	0.086	0.100	774,000
Total		71,162,592	18,228,982	2,544												
Parallel Market																
OM0000002333	SALALAH PORT SERVICES	134	44	1	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.330	0.300	0.030	10.000	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.100	59,346,342
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	2,075	1,012	4	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.460	0.025	7.609	0.485	0.475	0.488	0.100	81,860,625
OM0000001385	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	1,100	69	2	0.060	0.063	0.060	0.063	0.060	0.003	5.000	0.063	0.060	0.063	0.100	1,857,500
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	21,000	1,611	3	0.076	0.079	0.076	0.079	0.076	0.003	3.947	0.079	0.076	0.079	0.100	12,288,482
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	9,000	2,016	1	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.218	0.006	2.752	0.224	0.219	0.224	0.100	44,718,374
OM0000002336	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	250	50	1	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.185	0.015	2.564	0.200	0.185	0.200	0.100	3,524,733
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	18,302	1,534	5	0.083	0.084	0.083	0.084	0.082	0.002	2.439	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.100	714,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	69,044	5,871	15	0.088	0.090	0.088	0.090	0.088	0.002	2.273	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.100	10,988,750
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	5,170	905	1	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.172	0.003	1.744	0.175	0.172	0.185	0.100	28,000,000
OM0000009608	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SF2)	18,578,897	3,233,014	463	0.173	0.175	0.172	0.174	0.172	0.002	1.163	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.040	601,951,408
OM0000009709	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	11,934,274	4,518,966	392	0.376	0.380	0.376	0.380	0.377	0.003	0.796	0.380	0.379	0.380	0.010	3,040,000,000
OM0000009710	BANK DESALINATION	11,100	1,592	3	0.143	0.144	0.143	0.144	0.143	0.001	0.699	0.144	0.139	0.146	0.100	10,785,168
OM0000001020	ASYAD SHIPPING	7,874,093	1,337,823	528	0.171	0.171	0.169	0.170	0.169	0.001	0.592	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.000	885,486,528
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHEROM PRODUCTS	1,000	287	1	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.286	0.001	0.350	0.287	0.287	0.000	0.100	13,134,784
OM0000001509	DHOFAR INTERNATIONAL DEV & INV	4,509	1,127	3	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.250	0.250	0.245	0.253	0.100	12,401,035
OM0000001580	MUSCAT FINANCE	54,719	2,736	5	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.100	15,357,316
OM0000001608	OMAN PACKAGING	1,209	186	2	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.150	0.155	0.100	1,525,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	59,490	59,540	24	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.100	29,855,293
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	5,000	615	1	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.000	0.000	0.123	0.121	0.120	0.100	11,070,000
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	1,500	58	2	0.040	0.040	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.038	0.038	0.040	0.100	3,230,000
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	1,625	113	2	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.065	0.069	0.100	1,440,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	150,000	21,900	2	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.000	0.000	0.146	0.146	0.000	0.100	396,192,947
OM0000002848	NATIONAL FINANCE	81,000	11,664	9	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.000	0.000	0.144	0.142	0.144	0.100	87,570,221
OM0000004735	SEMBOURP SALALAH	4,000	716	3	0.179	0.179	0.179	0.179	0.179	0.000	0.000	0.179	0.177	0.185	0.100	17,068,379
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	10,000	479	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.053	0.051	0.053	0.100	13,250,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	5,290	145	3	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.000	0.000	0.275	0.280	0.280	0.100	15,125,000
OM0000003590	OMAN ARAB BANK	170,000	17,890	6	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.000	0.000	0.146	0.148	0.150	0.100	298,460,015
OM0000003983	PHOENIX POWER	16,290	2,405	7	0.153	0.153	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.147	0.148	0.152	0.100	215,006,415
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	2,200	178	1	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.081	0.089	0.100	197,790
OM0000007010	OMAN REAL ESTATE	5,000	309	2	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.079	0.080	0.100	11,070,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	18,073	106	2	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.100	27,542,338
OM0000001142	GULF PEARL RICHES	11,113	1,631	1	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.000	0.000	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.100	1,440,000
OM0000000852	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV	20,000	2,690	2	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.134	-0.001	-0.746	0.133	0.131	0.134	0.100	19,950,000
OM0000003659	JABAL REIF	1,000	101	1	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.102	-0.001	-0.980	0.101	0.101	0.000	0.100	17,574,000
OM0000000746	OMAN CEMENT	2,240	2,479	2	0.479	0.479	0.479	0.479	0.479	0.000	0.000	0.479	0.479	0.479	0.100	298,460,015
OM0000002049	OMAN DHOFAR	85,000	13,065	4	0.154	0.154	0.153	0.154	0.157	-0.003	-1.911	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.100	468,129,874
OM0000002077	AL OMANTIA FINANCIAL SERVICES	30,000	6,402	3	0.133	0.133	0.130	0.130	0.135	-0.005	-3.704	0.130	0.131	0.148	0.100	41,004,210
Total		31,879,309	9,251,356	1,497												



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MEDICAL OBSERVATION

Former Bangladesh PM Khaleda hospitalised with chest infection

DHAKA: Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Khaleda Zia, has been admitted to Evercare Hospital in Bashundhara after being diagnosed with a chest infection, Bangladesh News 24 reported, citing her doctors' statement.

She is currently under intensive medical observation in a private cabin.

According to Bangladesh News 24, Khaleda Zia was brought to the hospital on Sunday night for health examinations, and following preliminary tests, she was admitted for urgent treatment. Dr FM Siddiqui, a member of the medical board assigned to her care, said, "Her condition over the next 12 hours is crucial. Over the past few months, she has been falling ill



very frequently. The reason we admitted her here to Evercare Hospital today [Sunday] is that multiple health issues have coincided." Dr Siddiqui noted that pre-

existing heart conditions have complicated her situation. "She has a permanent pacemaker and previously underwent heart stenting. Both her heart and lungs are

affected simultaneously, causing significant respiratory distress. That is why we brought her here urgently," he explained.

"After her arrival, we conducted all necessary tests immediately. Based on the preliminary reports, the medical board collectively decided to start her on antibiotics and administer urgent, rapid care. Upon arrival, Khaleda underwent all necessary tests, after which the medical board collectively decided to start her on antibiotics and provide rapid, intensive care. "We expect additional reports within the next 24 hours. She remains under continuous observation," Dr Siddiqui added.

Khaleda was admitted at 8 pm and is under the supervision of

Evercare Hospital's specialist Prof Shahabuddin Talukder.

Following initial examinations, the medical board convened, including doctors Siddiqui, Zafar Iqbal, Dr Ziaul Haq, Dr Mamun Ahmed, retired brigadier general Saiful Islam, and virtually from abroad, Dr Zubaida Rahman and specialists from Johns Hopkins Hospital, United States.

Professor AZM Zahid Hossain, her personal physician and BNP Standing Committee member, said: "We confirm that her [Khaleda] care is being managed with utmost precision and vigilance.

"We are not currently concerned about any critical developments. Praise be to God, with the treatment initiated now, the

medical board will reconvene in 12 hours to assess her condition and adjust care if necessary."

He added that since early Saturday morning, Tarique Rahman and Khaleda's spouse Zubaida in London have maintained constant communication, alongside the presence of Syeda Shamila Rahman, widow of the late Arafat Rahman Coco, at the hospital. Family members are closely involved in monitoring her treatment.

The 79-year-old Khaleda has long suffered from arthritis, diabetes, kidney and lung issues, and vision problems. She travelled to London on January 7 for advanced medical care and returned to Bangladesh on May 6 after 117 days, as per Bangladesh News 24. -ANI

US-Ukraine peace talks make headway: Rubio

The US proposal has drawn bipartisan criticism at home for offering concessions to Russia, including asking Ukraine to cede territory



NEW YORK: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio voiced confidence after what he described as a constructive first round of talks between American and Ukrainian officials in Geneva aimed at ending the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

Rubio said the discussions were "probably the most productive and meaningful" so far, noting that the 28-point peace plan proposed by President Donald Trump is still being refined as negotiators look for terms acceptable to both Kyiv and Moscow.

He stressed that "This is a living, breathing document. Every day, with input, it changes," while adding that remaining gaps "are not insurmountable" but require more time.

The US proposal has drawn bipartisan criticism at home for offering concessions to Russia, including asking Ukraine to cede territory, limit its armed forces and forgo NATO membership, the long-standing Russian demand. A State Department spokesperson reiterated that the plan was "authored by the United States, with input from both the Russians and Ukrainians."

According to the White House,

"revisions and clarifications" were introduced after consultations in Geneva with senior American, Ukrainian and European officials, and Kyiv believes the updated text "reflects their national security interests." A statement said the Ukrainian side confirmed that concerns on security guarantees, economic development, infrastructure protection, navigation and sovereignty were thoroughly addressed.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky echoed the optimism, describing the talks as delivering "substantive" progress. "Much is changing: we are working very carefully on the steps needed to end the war," he said in a video address. His chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, called the meeting "very productive" and thanked Trump for his efforts "to bring this peace."

The cautious progress came shortly after Trump criticised Ukraine for what he characterised as "zero gratitude" for US attempts to secure a settlement.

A joint statement issued by the White House and Zelensky's office described the Geneva dialogue as "highly productive," highlighting "meaningful progress toward

aligning positions and identifying clear next steps" and an "updated and refined peace framework." Ukraine also expressed its appreciation toward the US and Trump "for their tireless efforts aimed at ending the war and the loss of life."

Zelensky added that "there are signs that President Trump's team is listening" to Ukraine's concerns. The US President has given Kyiv until Thursday to respond to the Washington-backed plan, though he told reporters the proposal was not his "final offer."

Rubio indicated that any timeline remains fluid, noting that Russia also "gets a vote here," adding, "Our goal is to end this war as soon as possible, but we need a little more time."

Rubio met the Ukrainian team alongside special envoy Steve Witkoff, Army Secretary Dan Driscoll and other US officials. Jared Kushner was also part of the American delegation.

CNN reported that Western and European leaders on the G20 sidelines in South Africa welcomed renewed diplomatic activity but raised concerns over the US draft, describing it as an "initial draft

that needs substantial work. Several governments warned that restrictions on Ukraine's armed forces risked leaving the country exposed to future aggression.

Ahead of the Geneva meeting, Yermak told CNN they were "preparing for a constructive conversation." The Ukrainian team also held talks with the UK, Germany and France earlier on Sunday, and Zelensky spoke with leaders from France, Germany, Canada, Croatia and Luxembourg.

CNN, citing European officials and diplomatic sources, reported that the European counter-proposal softened language on NATO restrictions and removed references to recognising Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk as Russian territory.

The document insists on a ceasefire first, uses the current front line as the basis for further negotiation and drops a fixed deadline for elections, instead stating they would be held as soon as possible after peace is signed.

European diplomats told CNN that any future agreement "cannot entail recognition of occupation" and must not impose limits on Ukraine's alignment choices or its military capabilities. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said he was "skeptical" that a deal would be ready by Trump's deadline given the divisions that remain.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said leaders were prepared to engage but wanted clarity on the origins of the US plan, writing that "it would be good to know for sure who is the author of the plan and where was it created."

A separate US-Russia meeting discussing the proposal is also being planned, though not in Geneva. Russian President Vladimir Putin has previously remarked that the US proposal "could form the basis of a final peace settlement." -DW

FRONTIER CONSTABULARY

Pakistan police headquarters blasts kill three people



ISLAMABAD: Suicide bombers struck the headquarters of Pakistan's civilian paramilitary force, formerly called the Frontier Constabulary, in Peshawar, killing at least three officers and wounding at least two others, police said.

The complex is located on Saddar Road, which is one of the bustling city's busiest routes.

Peshawar is the capital of the northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa region, which borders Afghanistan.

What do we know about the deadly attack in Peshawar?

The attack occurred at 8:10 a.m. local time (0310 UTC).

One of the bombers carried out an attack at the entrance to the complex, Peshawar police chief Mian Saeed Ahmad was cited by Dawn newspaper as saying.

The other two attackers attempted to enter the headquarters and were gunned down in its

parking area, he said.

According to Ahmad, three officers were killed in the attack and two other officers were injured.

Three other people were injured in the incident besides the two officers, according to Reuters news agency.

Dozens of security personnel were on open ground inside the headquarters for morning parade drills when the attack took place.

"The terrorists involved in today's attack were on foot and failed to reach the parade area and a timely response by our forces prevented a much larger tragedy."

Police had completed the clearance operation and authorities had collected samples of the body parts of the attackers for DNA tests, Ahmad added. -DNA/DW

GOODWILL, GLOBAL MOMENTUM

South Africans shower praise on PM Modi at end of his visit

JOHANNESBURG: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day visit to South Africa for the G20 Leaders' Summit and the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) meeting drew widespread appreciation from South African users on social media, who praised his active engagement, strong outreach and energetic presence throughout the multilateral gatherings.

A wave of posts on social media platform X highlighted the positive sentiment during the summit, with users noting they were "so impressed with how supportive and gracious India has been towards South Africa and the continent throughout the G20. So much love for India!"

Others described Prime Minister Modi as "the official influencer of the #G20SouthAfrica Summit," observing that "he has been feeding the timeline with proper content throughout his stay here" and that "he's also been striking deals with countries, he's on a mission."

Users also commented on how the Prime Minister's updates offered a clear window into the proceedings. One post read, "I enjoy the highlights of PM Modi, excellent PR of G20," while another noted, "Getting G20 snippets from this page, sana they mean business



with the updates."

Several people welcomed India's role at the summit, including one saying, "The biggest democracy in the world will be attending the G20 representing the interests of more than 1.4 billion people. South Africa welcomes India and welcomes your constructive engagement with the rest of the world."

The appreciation continued with remarks such as "Mr Modi is the MVP of this summit," and "Modi wins the social influencer award for this gathering, by miles."

Another user summed up his social media presence by saying it was "The G20 summed up in one X account."

Another wrote, "Malume Modi, we want to thank you and your media/social media team. You kept all

of us updated on #G20SouthAfrica and the people of India must appreciate you. We are witnesses that you definitely put in the work for the entire population. Thank you for supporting."

Several posts reflected warmth towards India, including one that said, "You are home when you are here, the 2nd biggest Indian population outside India is in #SA. Your support for #SA is a support for #INDIA."

Another user added, "I've fallen for Modi. Big time. His energy is just so energising. He takes us seriously."

Together, these reactions showcased strong goodwill from South Africans who closely followed India's participation in the summit. -ANI

DECISION ANNOUNCED

Israel fires senior officers over October 7 'failure'

TEL AVIV: Israel's military chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir said he had dismissed several senior officers and reprimanded others over their failure to prevent the October 2023 attacks by Hamas.

The decision was announced late Sunday following an internal investigation.

What reason was given for the firing of military chiefs?

Zamir said he had fired and reprimanded senior commanders due to the military's failure "to protect the civilians of the State of Israel."

In a statement, the military confirmed that the officers were told they would be released from reserve duty and would no longer serve.

"The IDF failed in its primary mission on October 7th — to protect the civilians of the State of Israel," Zamir said, referring to the Israel Defence Forces (IDF).

"This is a severe, resounding, systemic failure, relating to decisions and conduct on the eve of the event and during it," he said.

"The lessons of that day are numerous and significant, and they



must serve as our compass for the future toward which I intend to lead the IDF."

Others received formal reprimands, while one officer was informed that their service would be ended. Another submitted his resignation.

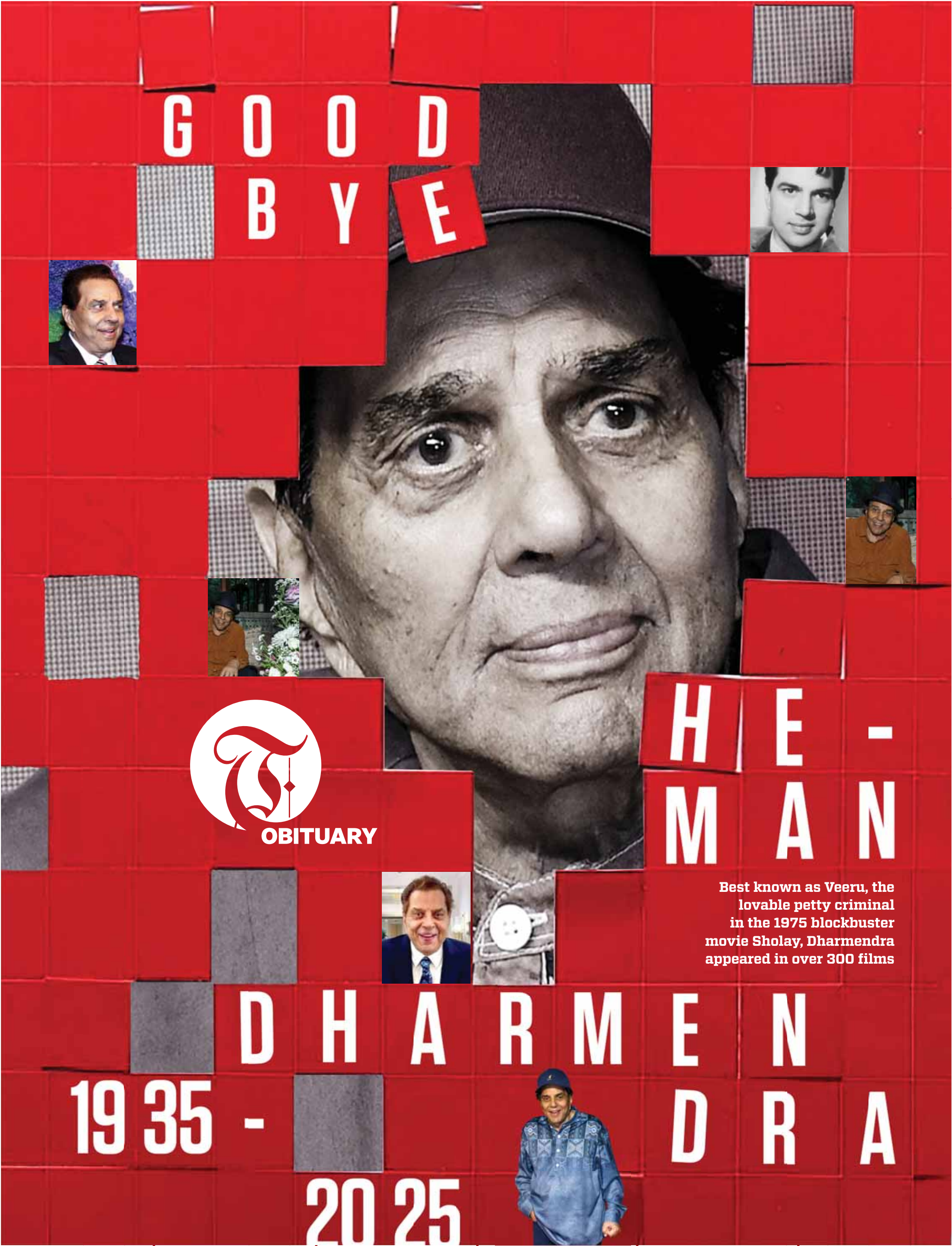
Those released from reserve duty include the former heads of the intelligence directorate, operations directorate and southern command — all of whom had previously resigned from active service but were still in reserve roles. The southern command oversees security around Gaza.

The disciplinary steps come amid mounting political and public pressure for accountability. Prime Minister Benjamin Netan-

yahu's government has so far not opened a national inquiry into the October 7 attack. Thousands of protesters, joined by opposition leaders, rallied in Tel Aviv on Saturday demanding a state commission of inquiry.

According to Israeli tallies, the October 7 assault by Hamas and allied groups killed around 1,200 people, around 800 of them civilians, and saw some 250 taken hostage.

Israel's military response — a ground and air campaign in Gaza — has since devastated large parts of the territory and killed more than 70,000 people, according to health officials in Gaza, while other estimates put the death toll much higher. -DW



OBITUARY

Best known as Veeru, the lovable petty criminal in the 1975 blockbuster movie Sholay, Dharmendra appeared in over 300 films

MUSCAT: The Indian film industry lost one of its most loved stars on Monday.

The legendary Bollywood actor Dharmendra, the man who made his fans smile, cry, and fall in love for more than six decades, passed away at the age of 89 on November 24.

Best known as Veeru, the lovable petty criminal in the 1975 blockbuster Sholay, he appeared in over 300 films, many hits, captivating audiences for decades.

The actor may have left a deep silence in Indian cinema, but his films and songs will forever remind us of the man he was.

For years, Dharmendra was more than just a hero on screen. He was the guy next door, the dependable friend, and the kind of lover who made everything feel larger than life. His songs stayed long even after the film ended.

They became a part of people's stories, played on radios, at family gatherings, or during long drives.

Here's a look at some of his songs that continue to hold a special place in hearts across generations.

Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas (Blackmail)

Sung by Kishore Kumar, this song has a way of taking you back

in time. There's something very real about Dharmendra's expression that feels like he's lost in his own thoughts. Even today, "Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas" plays at weddings or when people just want to sit quietly with their feelings. It's one of those songs that never loses its place.

Yeh Dosti Hum Nahin Todenge (Sholay)

What's the first song that comes to mind when you think of friendship? For most people, it's 'Yeh Dosti Hum Nahin Todenge.' Sung by Kishore Kumar and Manna Dey, this track from 'Sholay' is more than just music; it's also a reminder of what real friendship looks like. Watching Dharmendra and Amitabh Bachchan as "Veeru" and "Jai," you could tell it wasn't just acting. Their bond felt easy, natural, and honest.

Dream Girl (Dream Girl)

"Kisi shayar ki ghazal... Dream Girl!" That one line says it all. Watching Dharmendra and Hema Malini together in this song, you understand why they were everyone's favourite pair. Kishore Kumar's voice and their natural connection made this song feel honest, full of life and just straight from the heart.

Aaj Mausam Bada Beimaan Hai (Loafer)

There's a kind of sadness in this song that stays with you. Sung by Mohammed Rafi, it paired Dharmendra with Mumtaz, and together, they made it feel honest. The pain in the music, the look in their eyes, it all connects. This song is one of those that says a lot without needing too many words.

Koi Haseena Jab Rooth Jaati (Sholay)

Ever tried to cheer someone up after a fight? Then you already understand this song. Watching Veeru trying to make Basanti smile again still makes people laugh. Dharmendra brought the fun and affection to the song that felt close to real life. It's light-hearted but full of feeling, and maybe that's why it still works even today.

Hum Bewafaa (Shalimar)

This song showed a different side of Dharmendra: calm, quiet, and thoughtful. Kishore Kumar's voice added emotion, but it's the way Dharmendra carried himself that makes it powerful. You can almost see what he's feeling, even without dialogue. It's a simple song, but it cuts deep.

Dharmendra may not be with us

anymore, but his songs will keep finding their way back into our lives. They'll play on radios, at weddings, and in quiet moments because they hold pieces of who he was. For fans, his music is more than just nostalgia. And maybe that's what makes him truly timeless.

Actor's iconic dialogues

Popularly known as the He-Man of Bollywood, megastar Dharmendra, ruled over the silver screens through the 60s, 70s and 80s with his effortless charm and rugged masculinity.

Whether playing a romantic role in 'Dillagi', 'Shola Shabnam' or an action hero with a golden heart in movies like 'Dharam Veer' and 'Sholay', Dharmendra essayed every role with sincerity, charm and style.

Along the way, the actor delivered some of Hindi cinema's most unforgettable dialogues that still resonate with his fans and keep his legacy alive.

As he bid farewell to the world, let's remember him through the iconic dialogues that will continue to echo through Indian cinema forever.

"Basanti, in kutton ke samne mat naachna"

This dialogue from Dharmen-

dra for Hema Malini in Sholay is one of the most popular dialogues in Indian cinema. It emerged in a scene from Sholay when Dharmendra was captured by Gabbar Singh (Amjad Khan) and Hema Malini was asked to dance for them to save the life of the actor.

To stop Basanti from humiliating herself before the goons, Dharmendra shouts at Basanti saying 'Basanti, in kutton ke samne mat naachna', showcasing his romantic, protective and heroic side.

"Uma Ji! Shayad aapne khud ko kabhi hastey huey nahi dekha, Kabhi chupke se aaine ke saamne jaakar dekhiye aur dekhiye ye hasi kitni khoobsurat hai"

This heartfelt dialogue was delivered by Dharmendra in the movie 'Anupama' for Sharmila Tagore, who plays the role of Uma in the film. This dialogue was delivered in an effort by Dharmendra's character, Ashok, to help the shy and withdrawn Uma come out of her shell and find her confidence. The movie was directed by Hrishikesh Mukherjee.

"Kabhi zameen se baat ki hai Thakur, ye zameen humari maa hai"

This hard-hitting dialogue is from movie 'Ghulam!' directed by JP Dutta in 1985. The role of a

revolutionary who fights for the rights of oppressed peasants in feudal Rajasthan. This dialogue emphasised the importance of farmers in India.

"Kutte Kamino, mai tera khoon pee jaunga"

This dialogue perfectly captures the action hero image of Dharmendra in Bollywood. It was delivered in the film 'Yaadon Ki Baraat', which was directed by Nasir Hussain. The film is considered one of the earliest commercial entertainers, which comprised action, romance, drama, thriller, and musical genre.

* "When I dead, police coming ... police coming, budiya going jail ... in jail budiya chakki peeing, and peeing, and peeing, and peeing"

This iconic dialogue of Dharmendra in Sholay is packed with laughter. He delivers this dialogue while being drunk in the movie as he claims that an old woman is trying to create rifts between him and Basanti (Hema Malini).

From his powerful one-liners to his tender romantic confessions, visuals of megastar Dharmendra elevating films with the magic of his voice have been imprinted in the minds and hearts of audiences forever. -ANI

SPORTS

Jansen picks six as South Africa close on historic Test series win

Jaiswal's 58 and Sundar's 48 the only bright spots for India on day three of the second Test

GUWAHATI: Towering pace spearhead Marco Jansen took six wickets to put South Africa in sight of a first Test series win in India in 25 years after bundling out the hosts for 201 on day three of the second Test on Monday. Replying to South Africa's 489, India were 288 behind in their first innings but the tourists did not enforce the follow-on and decided to bat again on day three in Guwahati.

After winning the first Test in the two-match series in Kolkata, South Africa are closing on a first series win in India since Hansie Cronje's team triumphed in 2000. India are under massive pressure once more, having suffered their fourth defeat in six Tests at home in the first match. A dominant South Africa reached 26-0 at stumps to extend their lead to 314 in the second innings. Left-handed Ryan Rickelton, on 13, and Aiden Markram, on 12, were batting when bad light ended



the day's play in the northeastern city, where the sun sets early. Jansen, a left-arm quick, claimed his fourth five-wicket Test haul before wrapping up the Indian innings with his sixth strike of the day in the final session to return figures of 6-48. "Obviously a good day for the chaps and for myself in particular," said Jansen. "I feel the spinners did a really good job when the ball wasn't moving as much and there was a dead period at some stage. I really feel the spinners did a brilliant

job and I'm just lucky to be the one who cashed in." India slumped to 122-7 despite Yashasvi Jaiswal's 58 as wickets kept tumbling on what still seems like a good pitch to bat on. **Shell-shocked India** Washington Sundar, who made 48, and fellow left-hander Kuldeep Yadav resisted in a partnership of 72 off 208 balls before off-spinner Simon Harmer struck to end Sundar's defiance. Jansen then dismissed Kuldeep for 19 off 134 balls and Jasprit

Bumrah for five to pack a shell-shocked India off in under three sessions. "There are quite a few ways you can play the game and it's up to the individuals on what their plans are," said Sundar. "We just back our plans but at times it doesn't go our way." On the pitch, Sundar said, "It's a true wicket and not many days you get to bat on such tracks, especially in India. If you spend time there, runs are for the taking." Earlier, the left-handed Jaiswal lost overnight partner KL Ra-

hul for 22 in the first hour of play before reaching his 13th Test half-century. Jaiswal used the sweep to good effect and took on the bowlers, hitting seven fours and one six until his departure off Harmer. Harmer had Sai Sudharsan caught at mid-wicket for 15 and Jansen removed Dhruv Jurel for a duck to further put India on the back foot at the first break. The 6ft 8ins (2.03 metres) tall Jansen, who made 93 in South Africa's imposing first-innings total, used the bouncer to snare the In-

dian batters with Jurel falling to the pull off a short ball. Skipper Rishabh Pant fell caught behind for seven to Jansen soon after in the second session and the batting fell apart like ninepins. Aiden Markram took a stunning catch as he ran from second slip to take a one-handed diving catch to his right to dismiss Nitish Kumar Reddy off Jansen. Reddy made 10. **Brief scores:** South Africa 489 and 26/0 (Rickelton 13*, Markram 12*) lead India 201 (Jaiswal 58, Washington 48; Jansen 6-48, Harmer 3-64) by 314 runs. -Agencies

ASIA CUP RISING STARS

Pakistan A edge Bangladesh A in a Super Over thriller for title



DOHA: Pakistan A (Shaheens) clinched the Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars 2025 title on Sunday after a dramatic T20 final in which Bangladesh matched their total, forcing a Super Over that swung sharply before Pakistan sealed the trophy in four balls. Bangladesh opted to field first at the West End Park International Cricket Stadium, Doha, and immediately struck, reducing Pakistan to 2/2. Yasir Khan was run out first ball, and Mohammad Faiz fell soon after. Maaz Sadaqat (23 off 18) and Ghazi Ghori (9 off 9) steadied briefly, but wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. Arafat Minhas (25 off 23) kept the middle overs moving, yet it was Saad Masood's explosive 38 off 26, with three fours and three sixes, that lifted Pakistan to a defendable 125. Ripon Mondol (3/25) and Rakibul Hasan (2/16) were central to Bangladesh's disciplined effort. Chasing 126, Bangladesh col-

lapsed from 36/1 to 48/5, undone by sharp spells from Arafat Minhas (2/5), Sufiyan Muqeem (3/11), and Ahmed Daniyal (2/11). Habibur Rahman gave the innings its early momentum with 26 off 17, but the middle order disintegrated. At 53/7 in the 11th over, the chase looked finished before Rakibul Hasan (24 off 21) and Abdul Gaffar Saqlain (16 off 12)* rebuilt with a 29-run stand. Ripon Mondol's 11* in the final overs dragged Bangladesh to 125/9, forcing a Super Over. Bangladesh batted first in the tie-breaker but produced only one run from the bat as Pakistan picked up two wickets while conceding a five wides under pressure. Set a target of seven, Pakistan sealed the chase clinically. Saad Masood, finished the job, striking the winning run in four balls. The Shaheens' composure in the Super Over capped a low-scoring contest defined by disciplined

bowling, clutch lower-order resistance, and decisive death-over execution. It is Pakistan's third title in the Asian Cricket Council's development event for 'A' teams, as Muhammad Irfan Khan joined Saud Shakeel and Mohammad Harris in the list of victorious skippers. Shaheens also remained unbeaten in the tournament beating Oman, India 'A', UAE and Sri Lanka 'A' on their way to the final. Pakistan's Ahmed Daniyal was named Player of the Match. Teammate Maaz Sadaqat was given the Player of the Tournament award for his 258 runs and seven wickets. **Brief scores:** Pakistan A 125 all out (Saad Masood 38, Arafat Minhas 25, Maaz Sadaqat 23; Ripon Mondol 3-25, Rakibul Hasan 2-16) beat Bangladesh A 125-9 (Habibur Rahman 26, Rakibul Hasan 24; Sufyan Moqim 3-11, Arafat Minhas 2-5, Ahmed Daniyal 2-11) in a Super Over. -Agencies

IN FRONT OF HOME CROWD

Italy down Spain to claim third consecutive Davis Cup crown

BOLOGNA: Matteo Berrettini and Flavio Cobolli guided Italy to a historic third consecutive Davis Cup title on Sunday when they earned victories in front of a raucous crowd in Bologna against Spain. In the opening match of the tie, Berrettini produced a flawless display to down Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3, 6-4 and give his country the perfect start. Cobolli then recovered from dropping seven of the first eight games in his match against Jaume Munar to earn a 1-6, 7-6(5), 7-5 win and send the Italian bench and the packed crowd into wild celebration. Italy also triumphed at the Davis Cup Finals in 2023 and 2024 in Malaga and is now the first country since the United States (1968-1972) to win three consecutive titles. Berrettini ensured Italy made the perfect start in Sunday's final by delivering an impressive performance on serve. The 29-year-old fired 13 aces and did not face a breakpoint en route to his 79-minute win. The No. 56 player in the PIF ATP Rankings has won his past 11 Davis Cup matches, dating back to 2022. With the hopes of Italy then on Cobolli, the 23-year-old demonstrated an abundance of grit to rally after a slow start against Munar. After losing the first set and dropping his serve immediately



at the start of the second, Cobolli crucially broke back to level at 1-1. He then converted on his seventh set point of the second set to force a decider and found the key breakthrough in the 11th game of the third set. Cobolli enjoyed a memorable week on home soil, having saved seven match points in his win against Belgium's Zizou Bergs in the semi-finals. "It's impossible to describe this feeling. I dreamed a lot for this night," Cobolli said. "We cannot lose for our country. Sometimes you learn, but you never lose. I don't know what I did today. I don't know where I am. The only thing I know is that I am a world champion."

Spain were competing in the Davis Cup Finals title match for the first time since triumphing in 2019. The former champion defeated Czech Republic and Germany en route to the final. Italy have become the first non-Grand Slam nation to win the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup titles in the same season on multiple occasions, following the United States and Australia. Both Italy and Spain reached the final despite missing key players. Spain were without the injured world No.1 Carlos Alcaraz, while second-ranked Jannik Sinner and 10th-ranked Lorenzo Musetti were missing for Italy. -Agencies

REGATTA IN LANGKAWI

Al Qasmi wins bronze as Oman sailors deliver strong results in Malaysia

MUSCAT: Oman celebrated a podium finish at the 39th MSA-NSC-MILO National Open Championship 2025 in Langkawi, Malaysia recently, after Abdulatif Al Qasmi clinched the bronze medal in the ILCA 4 class, leading a series of promising performances by Oman Sail's Performance Team. Hosted at the National Sailing Centre in Langkawi, the championship was organised by the Kedah Sailing Association under the Malaysian Sailing Association (MSA) and National Sport Council (NSC). The week-long regatta, featuring 12 races across the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 and 29er classes, attracted strong national and international fleets and provided demanding conditions for the sailors. Al Qasmi rose to the challenge with a consistent and confident



series to secure third place overall, delivering Oman's standout result of the event. Oman's ILCA 4 squad showed encouraging depth, with Hassan Al Wahaibi finishing 13th and Aws Al Busaidi 14th, both gaining cru-

cial experience in tactical fleet racing and shifting wind conditions. There were further positives in the 29er class, where Oman's teams made their international debut. Despite competing abroad for the first time, Tamim Al Bal-



ushi and Saleh Al Balushi finished an impressive 4th overall, followed closely by Soud Al Shaqsi and Firas Al Nabhani in 5th, showcasing rapid development in high-speed skiff racing. In the ILCA 6 Women's fleet,

Ibtisam Al Salmi continued her steady improvement to finish 8th overall, including several top-three race finishes. Meanwhile, Hussain Al Jabri held his own in a highly competitive ILCA 7 fleet featuring Asian-

level sailors from Malaysia and Chinese Taipei, securing 8th place overall after a week of consistent top-10 results. Hashim Al Rashdi, Oman Sail's Head Coach Performance, said the championship was an important benchmark on the team's pathway toward the 2026 Asian Games. "Securing a podium in ILCA 4 and strong top-five results in the 29er class—especially in their first international outing—are very encouraging signs," he said. "The experience gained in fleet management, decision-making, and adapting to varied conditions will be invaluable as we prepare for upcoming international events." Oman Sail now turns its focus to the next major target: the second Arab Sailing Championship for Women, taking place in Kuwait from 2-5 December 2025.

Pakistan are world champions

Asif and Iqbal fired twin centuries in a 3-2 comeback over Hong Kong China-2 in the final of Oman Snooker World Cup 2025; historic night for Oman after OBSC secures deal to host next two editions

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Pakistan produced a stirring comeback to lift the Oman Snooker World Cup 2025 title, edging Hong Kong China-2 with a 3-2 scoreline in a dramatic final at Active Oman on Sunday.

The night also cemented Muscat's future as a global snooker hub following the signing of a landmark agreement between the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) and the Oman Billiards & Snooker Committee (OBSC) to host the 2026 and 2028 editions.

The Pakistani duo of Muhammad Asif and Asjad Iqbal overcame multiple momentum swings before sealing the title with back-to-back century breaks in the decisive phase.

Hong Kong's Chau Hon Man and Nansen Wan had looked poised for victory after moving 2-1 ahead, but Pakistan's experience and composure under pressure ultimately proved decisive.

Hong Kong struck first, with Chau overpowering Iqbal 94-0 on the back of an 85 break to take a 1-0 lead. Asif restored parity with a fluent 82 to level at 1-1, but Hong Kong regained control by taking



the doubles frame 84-41, pushing Pakistan to the brink.

Showing their championship pedigree, Pakistan launched a remarkable turnaround. Asif delivered a superb 100 break to force the decider, before Iqbal produced a majestic 104 clearance — the final's highest — to complete a memorable 3-2 victory and secure gold for Pakistan.

The win also adds to Asif's glittering résumé, marking his seventh world title across team, singles, and Masters events.

The awards ceremony, held under the patronage of Basil bin Ahmed Al Rawas, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth for Sports and Youth, also saw India and Hong Kong China-1, receive bronze medals.

Hong Kong's Lim Kok Leong claimed the tournament's highest break with a superb 139.

Also in attendance were Abdulwahab Al Murshidi, CEO of Sohar International Bank; Mubarak Al Khayarin, President of the IBSF; and Khalid Al Subhi, Chairman of the Oman Billiards and Snooker Committee, alongside representatives of all participating teams.

The event featured 23 national teams, competing from 15 to 23 November at the Oman Automobile Association.

In his address, OBSC's Al Subhi praised the "technical and organisational success" of the Muscat edition, highlighting the professional environment at Active Oman and the strong co-operation between government bodies, private sector partners, sponsors, media, and volunteers. He said the tournament further strengthened Muscat's reputation as a world-class snooker destination.

Undersecretary Basil Al Rawas commended the championship's impact, noting that the Snooker World Cup showcased the sport's global reach and reinforced Oman's rising status as a leading host nation.

IBSF President Mubarak Al Khayarin hailed the 2025 edition as "outstanding by all standards," pointing to more than 30 century breaks as evidence of the tournament's exceptional quality. He announced the new agreement that will see Muscat host the next two World Cup editions, citing the "remarkable success" achieved this year as the foundation for an extended partnership.

SPANISH LA LIGA

Real Madrid's lead cut to one point after Elche draw

MADRID: Real Madrid's lead at the top of La Liga was cut to one point after a 2-2 draw in a chaotic game away to Elche on Sunday.

The point lifted Xabi Alonso's team back above Barcelona, who beat Athletic Club 4-0 on Saturday in their first game back at Spotify Camp Nou, while Elche are in 11th place.

All of the goals came in the second half, with Aleix Febas putting Elche ahead after getting in behind Trent Alexander-Arnold eight minutes into the second half.

Dean Huijsen headed Real Madrid level in the 78th minute, but Elche was back ahead again six minutes later when Alvaro Rodriguez cut inside to beat goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois with a low shot.

Jude Bellingham saved a point for Real Madrid with an 87th-minute tap-in after good work from Kylian Mbappe and Huijsen, with Elche asking for a foul from Vinicius Jr on goalkeeper Inaki Pena which the VAR did not give.

The home side ended the game with 10 men as Victor Chust was sent off in the 96th minute.

Athletic Madrid won 1-0 away to Getafe, whose defender Domingos Duarte deflected Giacomo Raspadori's cross into his own net.



Mauro Arambarri hit the bar for Getafe in injury time as Athletic rode its luck to claim a fifth consecutive league win.

Real Betis unveiled a massive tifo in the stand ahead of its 1-1 draw at home to Girona to announce that attacking midfielder Isco had agreed a new contract with the club, although the game was a disappointment for home fans as Girona battled to a point.

Vladislav Vanat put Girona ahead in the 20th minute and although Valentin Gomez saved a

point for Betis, the game ended in frustration when Antony saw a direct red card after kicking Girona defender Joel Roca in the head while trying an overhead kick - a card that means he will miss next weekend's derby against Sevilla.

Oviedo remains bottom of the table after a 0-0 home draw against Rayo Vallecano.

Both sides ended with 10 men after Ilyas Chaira was sent off early in the second half, while Rayo's Pathe Ciss was given his marching orders in injury time. - Agencies

PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal rout Tottenham to move six points clear

LONDON: Arsenal opened up a six-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 4-1 win over Tottenham Hotspur in the north London derby on Sunday as Eberechi Eze scored his first senior hat-trick.

Leandro Trossard opened the scoring for an utterly dominant Arsenal in the 36th minute, finishing well after a lovely through ball from Mikel Merino.

Then Eze, who almost joined Spurs in the summer from Crystal Palace before a late swoop by Arsenal, doubled the hosts' advantage before the break - beating two players on the edge of the box before drilling a strike past Guglielmo Vicario.

Hotspur manager Thomas Frank scrapped his back-five plan at half-time and brought on Xavi Simons as he looked to inject some more attacking intent into his lacklustre side.

But Arsenal extended their advantage just 35 seconds into the second half, when Eze curled a left-footed strike into the bottom corner from the edge of the area.

Tottenham were pinned back for large parts of the match, but Richarlison did pull a goal back for the visitors by lifting the ball over the stranded David Raya



from about 40 yards out.

However, Eze added gloss to the scoreline - and completed a brilliant hat-trick - with another expert finish past Vicario in the 76th minute.

Arsenal's six-point lead over Chelsea at the top of the table is their biggest advantage at this stage of any Premier League campaign. The Gunners are looking to win their first title since 2004

- and after three second-placed finishes in succession.

Also on Sunday, Leeds United slipped into the bottom three after letting a one-goal lead slip in a 2-1 defeat away to Aston Villa.

Lukas Nmecha had given Leeds the lead in the eighth minute, but two second-half goals from England midfielder Morgan Rodgers turned the match around. - Agencies

ARGENTINE STAR

Messi leads Inter Miami into MLS Eastern Conference final

WASHINGTON: Argentine star Lionel Messi scored one goal and provided three assists as Inter Miami advanced to the MLS Eastern Conference final with a 4-0 rout of FC Cincinnati on Sunday.

Miami will face New York City next weekend, with the winner earning a place in the MLS Cup decider. Messi now has 43 goals and 23 assists across all competitions in 46 games for Inter Miami this season.

"It's an honour and a privilege not only to manage Leo but this group of players," Inter Miami

manager Javier Mascherano told a post-match news conference.

"We know what Leo is capable of; he proves it every weekend. Today, he did another incredible job off the ball, because we already know what he's capable of with it."

Mascherano said Miami deserved to be among the last four teams in the title race as it bids for its first MLS crown.

"I'm proud of how the team played on a very difficult pitch against a very difficult opponent," the former Argentina captain said. "The players showed incredible



character and played a practically perfect match."

Messi put the Florida outfit ahead by heading in from close range after Mateo Silvetti's cross from the left.

World Cup champion and eight-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi then returned the favor by laying off a pass for Silvetti, who opened up his body and side-footed a first-time shot into the far corner.

Tadeo Allende made it 3-0 just after the hour with a clinical finish on the counterattack after

Messi's through ball. Allende, who is on loan from Celta Vigo, again combined with Messi in the 74th minute before bumping off a challenge and slotting a low shot past goalkeeper Roman Celentano.

Cincinnati had five shots on target but rarely threatened after halftime as Inter Miami pulled away with authority.

Miami qualified for the playoffs as the third-placed side in the Eastern Conference, finishing one point behind Philadelphia Union and level with Cincinnati. - Xinhua

ROUND-UP

Mitsubishi Motors Oman celebrates National Day with special campaign for customers

As part of the celebrations, Mitsubishi Motors Oman is introducing a series of exclusive customer benefits across selected models

MUSCAT: Mitsubishi Motors Oman, represented by General Automotive Company (GAC), has announced its National Day campaign to mark this important occasion for the Sultanate of Oman.

The initiative reflects Mitsubishi's appreciation for the people of Oman and reinforces the brand's commitment to delivering reliable vehicles supported by trusted service and long-term value.

As part of the celebrations, Mitsubishi Motors Oman is introducing a series of exclusive customer benefits across selected models. The campaign includes complimentary service up to 55,000 km, free insurance and registration, a fuel card, Llumar window tint, and a range of instant gifts through scratch-and-win vouchers.

Customers will also receive six years of unlimited kilometre warranty, offering long-term reassurance and a more rewarding ownership journey. These additions



are designed to provide extra convenience, value, and confidence for new buyers, whether they are families, daily commuters, or business owners.

A spokesperson from General Automotive Company commented on the occasion: "National Day is a time when everyone in Oman comes together to appreciate the country's achievements and look forward to the future. We are proud to celebrate this moment with our customers by offering a range of meaningful benefits. Mitsubishi vehicles have always stood for durability, capability, and confidence on the road, and this campaign is our way of thanking customers for their continued trust."

This National Day initiative highlights Mitsubishi's long-standing presence in the Sultanate and its ongoing efforts to support customers with dependable vehicles and strong after-sales care. The campaign is available for a limited time across Mitsubishi Motors showrooms in Oman. Customers are encouraged to visit their nearest location or reach out to the customer care team for full details on eligible models and the benefits included in the offer.

General Automotive Company remains dedicated to serving customers across Oman with quality, transparency, and a continued focus on improving the ownership experience for every Mitsubishi driver.

SPECIAL OCCASION

MEMORABLE DAY

Al Injaz International School celebrates National Day with grand and colourful event

MUSCAT: Al Injaz International School celebrated National Day with a grand and colourful event that brought together students, teachers, parents, and distinguished guests. The celebration began with the national anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and patriotism. Everyone present graced the occasion and commended the students for their spirited performances.

The program featured a variety of engaging presentations, including traditional dances, patriotic songs, and speeches that reflected the nation's rich history, unity, and progress. Dressed in vibrant national colours, our students showcased their creativity and love for their country through artistic displays and cultural performances. As usual, our Section for Special Needs students acted as the cherry on the cake with their astonishing dedication.

The Parents' Committee expressed their joy and admiration for the effort and enthusiasm of the young performers. The celebration not only strengthened the bond be-



tween the school and its community, but also served as an educational experience, helping students understand the values of loyalty, pride, and national identity.

The event concluded with words of inspiration and appreciation for the country's 2040 vision, encouraging the audience to uphold the nation's values of unity, respect, and service. It was truly a memorable occasion that filled our hearts with gratitude and pride for the homeland.

JW Marriott Hotel hosts JW Garden Party

MUSCAT: JW Marriott Hotel Muscat recently hosted a memorable JW Garden Party for its special guests. Inspired by the brand's values of taking better care of others, JW Marriott Hotel Muscat welcomed guests with warmth that conveyed a deep sense of "all is well."

The JW Garden is a signature element of the JW Marriott experience, focused on creating sensory connections with the natural world and reinforcing the brand pillars: Be Mindful & Present, Nourish the Soul, and Come Together.

The JW Garden Party highlighted J. Willard Marriott and his wife Alice's deep love for the outdoors, reflecting their belief that a connection to nature is essential for nourishing the soul. Inspired by the couple, the JW Garden Party program was designed to evoke Alice's love of flowers and gardening and J. Willard's love of nature.

J. Willard Marriott believed in the importance of caring for others and fostering connections with the natural world. Guests enjoyed a unique culinary experience featuring fresh, locally sourced ingredients from the JW Garden, beautifully presented at a long table that symbolized unity and togetherness.

The following are the highlights of the event.

Long Table: A long table evokes the true spirit of gathering and underpins the band pillar of "Come Together."

Ingredient: A key ingredient to the meal that is derived fresh from the JW Garden and sourced locally.

Butter Candle: The simple flickering flame of a butter candle — candlelight brings ambient warmth to any garden space and provides interactivity to the dining experience.

Bread: The act of "breaking bread" remains tied to hospitality, unity, gratitude, and the forging of relationships.

Toast: Tied to our founder's belief in the importance of rituals, the toasts were given by General Manager Samir Messaoudi to begin and end the meal. The first toast is a salute to good health and the second is a moment of gratitude.

Seed paper: Inspired by Alice Marriott's love of flowers, the menu is featured on seed paper.

Waste reduction: Efforts to reduce food waste are at the heart of our culinary program and dedication to environmental well-being.

The party was a tremendous success, leaving guests with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for the connection between nature and hospitality.



NATIONAL PAYMENT CARD

'Maal' rolls out as BankDhofar, CBO begin nationwide campaign



MUSCAT: BankDhofar, in partnership with the Central Bank of Oman (CBO), has soft launched a nationwide campaign to support the rollout of 'Maal', Oman's first exclusive national payment card.

The strategic initiative reflects Oman's ongoing digital transformation agenda and the vision to build a secure, efficient, and self-reliant national payment infrastructure.

Spearheaded by the CBO, Maal will be issued by local banks, including BankDhofar to serve as the foundation for domestic electronic transactions. Integrated with the OmanNet payment gateway, the card will enable payments across ATMs, cash deposit machines (CDMs), point-of-sale (POS) terminals, e-commerce platforms, and online government services.

Soft launch

Iman Musallam Al Amri, Acting AGM Wealth Management, Cards & Bancassurance at BankDhofar, commented: "The soft launch of Maal represents a defining moment for Oman's payments landscape. It not only empowers our customers with a secure and cost-effective way to transact locally but also reinforces national self-reliance in the digital payments ecosystem. Moreover, this transformative initiative brings the convenience of modern banking closer to every community across the Sultanate."

By establishing a unified and locally managed payment channel, the new card reduces reliance on international networks for domestic transactions, thereby lowering costs for banks, merchants, and consumers. At the same time, it enhances financial inclusion by making digital payments more accessible across the Sultanate of Oman, particularly for communities in remote areas.

Advanced features

With advanced features introduced under the supervision of the CBO, Maal ensures robust security, data localization, and compliance with international best practices. Customers will benefit from safer and more convenient domestic payments, faster processing, and potentially lower fees.

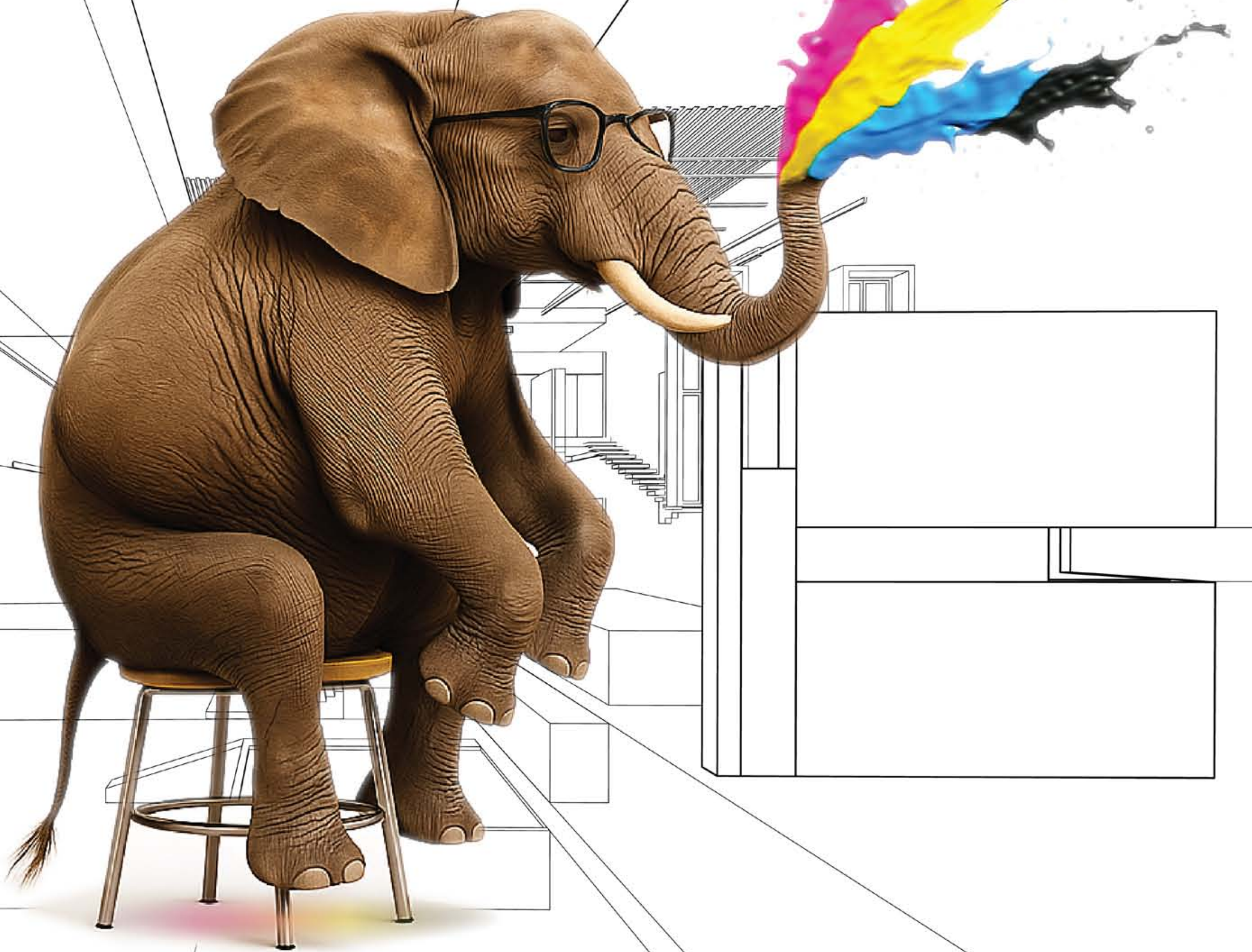
The soft launch of Maal is a key milestone in the nation's transition toward a cashless society, aligning with the digital economy goals of Oman Vision 2040. By strengthening the domestic payments system, enhancing resilience, and fostering fintech innovation, the initiative supports the Sultanate's broader objectives of economic diversification, financial sustainability, and technological leadership.

As one of Oman's leading banks, BankDhofar is playing an active role in driving adoption of the new card. The bank has launched a comprehensive awareness campaign across all customer touchpoints — including ATMs, CDMs, and POS terminals — featuring CBO-approved branding and messaging. BankDhofar customers will soon be able to access the new card for their daily financial needs, with the assurance of reliability and security.

As the nation's first payment card to market, Maal marks a turning point in Oman's financial ecosystem by empowering individuals with seamless access to digital payments, while also reinforcing Oman's financial independence and resilience.

With Maal, Oman takes a significant step toward establishing a secure, and inclusive national payments infrastructure—one that places innovation, accessibility, and customer confidence at its core.

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- Event conceptualisation
- Event management

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- Vinyl stickers
- Back drops with metal frames
- Wooden standalones
- Backlit flex banners