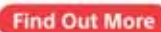


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National Digital Mailbox Service launched in Oman

This platform will serve as the official and secure channel for communication between government entities, the private sector, and individuals



NEW SERVICE: The service aims to enable individuals and institutions in Oman to obtain a digital mailbox with full reliability and legal recognition. -ONA

MUSCAT: Oman Post has signed a strategic partnership agreement with Denmark's e-Boks company to establish and operate the National Digital Mailbox in the Sultanate of Oman.

This platform will serve as the official and secure channel for communication between government entities, the private sector, and individuals.

This step supports ongoing digital transformation efforts in Oman, enhances governance and data protection, and contributes to building a more efficient digital economy in line with the objectives outlined in "Oman Vision

2040."

The service aims to enable individuals and institutions in Oman to obtain a digital mailbox with full reliability and legal recognition, forming a secure platform that adheres to the highest standards of national data protection.

The mailbox will streamline the delivery of official correspondence and documents, including bills, contracts, statements, and notifications, replacing multiple channels with a single trusted source through a 24/7 digital channel.

This platform will accelerate the use of government e-services, reduce administrative costs, shorten transaction completion times, and decrease paper consumption, reinforcing Oman's commitment to

sustainability.

The collaboration includes knowledge and expertise exchange, as well as building local capacities to enhance the resilience of the digital mailbox, ensure compliance with standards, and prepare it to meet the future demands of Oman's digital economy.

This strategic agreement between Oman Post and e-Boks sets new regional standards for secure, user-focused digital mail solutions.

It represents a significant step forward in advancing digital transformation efforts in Oman, serving both individual and corporate users, enhancing national resilience, and supporting economic diversification initiatives. -ONA

Oman to host fifth annual meeting of prosecutors

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Supreme Judicial Council – Public Prosecution, will host the fifth annual meeting of the Arab Association for Prosecutors on Tuesday, in Dhofar Governorate.

The event will see participation from several Gulf and Arab countries, in line with efforts to enhance Arab cooperation and integration on issues of mutual interest.

The meeting will be accompanied by a specialized workshop



focusing on criminal investigations into digital currency-related crimes and the collection of associated evidence. -ONA

‘Scale’ award for tech startups launched

MUSCAT: The "Scale" Award for tech startups has launched its second edition, aimed at supporting and empowering emerging enterprises while fostering an environment of innovation and entrepreneurship in the Sultanate of Oman.

The second edition of the award is organised in collaboration with strategic partners from both the public and private sectors, underscoring the importance of partnerships between the "ITHCA" Group and various governmental and private institutions.

This initiative reinforces the award's national role in stimulat-



ing promising economic sectors and opening new horizons for entrepreneurs.

The award provides a comprehensive platform for tech startups, including technical and

advisory support, funding opportunities, and networking with investors and experts in local and regional markets.

The programme features multiple phases, beginning with open registration for all interested entrepreneurs according to available tracks or direct nomination by relevant entities.

This is followed by the selection of the best projects to present before the judging committee during the exhibition days, culminating in the recognition of winners and the provision of support and guidance to accelerate their growth in the market. -ONA

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IN WILAYAT OF SALALAH

Symposium to highlight Dhofar's rich history and civilisation

MUSCAT: The National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA) will organise a symposium titled "Dhofar in the Memory of Omani History" on 14 September 2025 in the Wilayat of Salalah.

The event will be held under the auspices of HH Sayyid Marwan Turki Al Said, Governor of Dhofar.

The symposium is a key milestone in the Authority's series of academic events, which have previously highlighted the history of Musandam, Al Buraimi, A'Dhahirah, South Al Sharqiyah, and North Al Batinah.

The Dhofar installment will focus on its rich civilisational and human heritage, which spans thousands of years.

The symposium will feature 33 working papers presented by researchers and academics from



Oman and abroad. The topics are divided into five main themes: historical and political, economic and social, cultural and scientific, and documents, manuscripts, and oral history.

These papers aim to highlight Dhofar's historical significance and its role in shaping Omani and

human identity. They will also explore the implications of its strategic geographical location and the openness it fostered with civilisations of the East and West.

The symposium will also focus on ancient caravan routes and trade journeys that originated from its plains and mountains,

making the land of frankincense an uninterrupted civilisational bridge.

Over three days, seven academic sessions will discuss various topics, including political events, historical treaties, influential figures, economic and social activities, aflaj and water resources, the role of women in society, the scientific and intellectual output of Dhofar's scholars and writers, defensive fortifications, archaeological sites, and the documents, manuscripts, and oral histories that preserve the collective memory of the region.

The symposium aims to reinterpret the history of the governorate within a broader civilizational context and educate future generations about its pioneering role in human history. -ONA

GOVERN IT SMARTLY

Hackathon aims to boost digital governance

SALALAH: The "Govern It Smartly" Hackathon, organised by the State Audit Institution in cooperation with Dhofar Municipality, was launched yesterday day at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Compound for Culture and Entertainment in Salalah.

The two-day event has at-

tracted broad participation from Omani youth and professionals interested in developing digital solutions to enhance governance and transparency.

The hackathon aims to support decentralized governance in line with the priorities of Oman Vision 2040 by promoting a culture

of integrity and accountability. Winning initiatives will be transformed into practical projects contributing to local development and reinforcing Oman's global standing in governance, local administration, and community participation.



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Symposium on security of vital facilities kicks off in Salalah

The symposium seeks to highlight the multiple aspects of security and safety by offering comprehensive insights and innovative solutions to address various risks

SALALAH: The 4th symposium on the security and safety of vital facilities opened on Monday at Sultan Qaboos Youth Compound for Culture and Entertainment in the Wilayat of Salalah, Dhofar Governorate. The three-day symposium is organized by the Security and Safety Services Corporation.

The symposium seeks to highlight the multiple aspects of security and safety by offering comprehensive insights and innovative

solutions to address various risks. It also aims to devise partnerships between security and safety organisations and specialists in the field of protecting vital infrastructure facilities, enhancing professional culture and establishing preventative measures for a safe work environment.

The symposium will deal with four main topics: Security measures for protecting facilities and industrial engineering; Occupa-



tional safety and health measures; Psychological factors and modern technologies in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and information security; and Protecting lives and assets against common risks.

The first day of the symposium included working papers in which experts and specialists from the Sultanate of Oman abroad discussed a strategy for the security of vital facilities; the goals of development seen from an international perspective; the management of manpower; intelligent predictions of occupational accidents; and readiness and response to emergencies. The symposium will focus on different topics, including the role of artificial intelligence in the security and safety of facilities; the challenges of mental health and safety in the workplace; health, safety, and the environment in oil and gas facilities; crisis management between proactive measures and flexibility of response; the best practices for ensuring the security of major facilities; and specific risks of cybersecurity posed to industrial systems. -ONA

WILAYAT OF IBRI



Oman celebrates Prophet's birth anniversary

IBRI: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs, on Monday celebrated the anniversary of the Blessed Prophet's Birthday for the year 1447 AH in the Wilayat of Ibri, Al Dhahirah Governorate.

The ceremony, held at Al Muhallab bin Abi Sufrah Hall at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Ibri, was patronised by Al Rowas, Governor of Al Dhahirah.

The event featured celebratory

segments highlighting the life of Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him.

This celebration is part of the activities organized by the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs to commemorate the life of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and promote values of love and brotherhood among Muslims.

Through cultural and religious programs, the ministry aims to instill the lessons and wisdom from his blessed biography in the hearts of Muslims. -ONA

ALECSO

Forum seeks to strengthen cultural identity and promote coexistence

SALALAH: The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) is holding its first regional forum on education, culture and science in the Wilayat of Salalah, Governorate of Dhofar.

The 3-day forum is organised by the Ministry of Education, represented by Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Sciences.

The event is taking place at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Compound for Culture and Entertainment, with the participation of experts and specialists from GCC states.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Ahmed Mohsen Al Ghassani, Chairman of Dhofar Municipality.

Dr. Humaid Saif Al Nofali, ALECSO's Director of Culture, gave a speech in which he said that the forum embodies the directives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

He added that the forum highlights the organisation's role in integrating culture and arts into the system of education, deemed a fundamental pillar for developing



societies, consolidating identity and promoting the values of understanding and coexistence.

For his part, Badr Suleiman Al Harthy, Assistant Secretary of Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, said in a speech that the forum seeks to strengthen the frameworks for "cultural and arts education" within the educational systems of GCC states, besides encouraging the development of innovation and talents and supporting the values of cooperation and belonging.

The first day of the forum included an introduction to the "UNESCO Framework for Education in Culture and Arts", in addition to ALECSO Framework for Education in Culture and the Arts.

The sessions also dealt with the governance of cultural policies, the role of technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in this field, mechanisms for integrating cultural and artistic education into educational programmes the role of museums in expanding the scopes of education. The first day of the forum concluded with a dialogue session titled "Guides for activating the role of education in promoting culture and the arts".

The session provided a review of reference guides for school theatre, music education and visual arts education. -ONA

RECEIVED APPROVAL

Bangladesh Social Club Oman launches Engineers Wing

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Bangladesh Social Club Oman (BSC Oman) has launched a new Engineers Wing, bringing together Bangladeshi engineering professionals in the Sultanate under a single roof.

The wing, which received approval earlier this year from the Ministry of Social Development, officially began operations last week with the announcement of a 20-member executive committee.

The body is led by Convenor

Engr. Saiful Islam Mozumder, General Secretary Engr. Abul Kalam Sazzad, Joint Convenor Engr Nickson Barua and Eng Riajul Islam Chowdhury.

Speaking at the inauguration, the convenor said that the Engineers Wing aims to unite Bangladeshi engineers in Oman and strengthen their role in both the government and private sectors.

"Our commitment is to work for the betterment of society, to respect the law of the land, and to create value both for Oman and for our homeland, Bangladesh," Eng.



Saiful said.

Joint Convenor Nickson Barua added that the initiative would also encourage professional collaboration and knowledge-sharing among members of the community.

The approval of the Engineers Wing follows months of effort by the BSC Oman central committee, headed by Chairman Sirajul Hoque, Chief Patron Ifthekar ul Hasan Chowdhury, and General Secretary M. N. Amin. Committee members said the establishment of the new wing reflects the growing contribution of Bangladeshi professionals to Oman's development. BSC Oman currently oversees seven active wings, with two more awaiting ministry approval. Officials said the Engineers Wing is expected to play an important role in expanding the club's professional and community service activities.

Members of the new committee expressed gratitude to the Omani authorities for their support and pledged to work in line with the Sultanate's laws while continuing to promote a positive image of Bangladesh abroad.



IN SALALAH

‘Transport Middle East 2025’ conference begins

SALALAH: The 22nd edition of “Transport Middle East 2025” conference began yesterday in the Wilayat of Salalah, Governorate of Dhofar.

As many as 300 international executives, experts, and specialists are taking part in the conference, which is hosted by the Port of Salalah.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Eng. Said Hamoud Al Maawali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

Mohammed Oufait Al Maashani, CEO of Salalah Port Services Company (Port of Salalah), said that the conference aims to develop the transport and logistics in the Middle East.

Digital transformation

He pointed out that digital transformation, automation and sustainability provide the sector with exceptional opportunities that make it a pioneer in the traffic of goods and services.

He added that the conference



seeks to exchange visions, explore partnerships and showcase the latest technologies for consolidating flexibility, efficiency and sustainability in transport systems—thereby backing economic growth and better serving future generations.

The conference will discuss more than 30 working papers and lectures about addressing major issues and challenges posed to the transport and logistics infrastructure sector in the Middle East and Africa.

The conference will also deal with the future of smart ports, digitization in supply chains and the application of the latest maritime safety and maintenance technologies.

The conference offers an important platform for exhibition companies and other firms, enabling them to showcase their latest technologies and services. It also helps consolidate direct communication channels among decision-makers in the region’s maritime transport and logistics sector. -ONA

Engineering Forum underscores innovative logistics solutions

SALALAH: The 4th edition of Salalah Engineering Forum, which concluded yesterday, recommended the establishment of an integrated national platform to monitor the performance of engineering and logistics sectors.

Organised by Oman Society of Engineers in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, the two-day conference brought together experts, engineers and specialists in engineering, logistics and supply chains.

The forum also recommended the establishment of a unified digital platform that links projects to competencies and supply chains through accurate data to enhance efficiency and diminish bottlenecks.

The forum called for launching a national engineering empowerment programme for Omani youth, in addition to adopting value engineering as a mandatory standard in major projects to ensure optimal value for money and



cut down the rate of change orders.

The conference also recommended investing in artificial intelligence (AI) to improve efficiency, cut costs and integrate digital risk management into supply chains—notably by using AI and the Internet of Things technologies to predict risks and mitigate the effects of crises.

The forum underlined the significance of developing a roadmap for green aviation and sustainable transport. It is envisaged to cover sustainable aviation fuel, green

hydrogen, the operation of solar-powered airports and ports, the adoption of supporting legislation and the acceleration of renewable energy projects that are integrated into the sectors of transport and logistics.

The forum’s recommendations highlighted the importance of expanding the connectivity of regional logistics with specific markets—including China, India, East Africa, Korea, the United States and Yemen—through multimodal shipping solutions. -ONA

A season of powerful stories, iconic music, and unforgettable moments

The Royal Opera House Muscat unveiled its 2025–2026 Season, a radiant expression of its cultural project, which remains the essential scope and guiding purpose of the institution. This season is not only a celebration of performance, but also a living commitment to creativity, dialogue, and the power of culture to inspire and unite.

With more than fifty exceptional events — spanning opera, Arab music, orchestral concerts, ballet, jazz, family productions, and treasured global traditions — the program creates a vibrant meeting point of worlds, where East and West engage in harmony, and heritage flourishes alongside innovation.

Running from October 2025 to May 2026, the season invites audiences of all generations to embark on a journey of sound, beauty, and emotion — reaffirming culture as a shared treasure and the very heartbeat of the Royal Opera House Muscat’s mission.

SINDBAD: THE OMANI SAILOR - A LANDMARK WORLD PREMIERE GRAND OPERA ROOTED IN OMANI HERITAGE

Opening the season is Sindbad: The Omani Sailor, a world premiere opera that places Omani culture centre stage and marks a landmark in Arab grand opera.

This Royal Opera House Muscat production - in collaboration with MÚPA Budapest - features music by Egyptian composer Hisham Gabr, libretto by Nader Salah El Din and direction by Csaba Káel.

Sindbad: The Omani Sailor is a long-envisioned project now realized, it showcases the highest participation of Arab artists—from composer and librettist to performers—making it a truly authentic Arab production. With sets and costumes inspired by Oman, the opera places Omani heritage on the international stage, blending myth, music, and cultural identity in a historic debut. (3rd & 5th October).

ICONIC OPERAS: FROM GRAND DRAMA TO COMEDIC GEM

Opera lovers can look forward to powerful productions of enduring masterpieces. Giacomo Puccini’s Tosca, performed by the Azerbaijan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre directed by Davide Livermore, and conducted by the brilliant Fabio Mastrangelo, brings sweeping passion and high-stakes drama to the stage (29th & 31st January).

Later in the season, Giuseppe Donizetti’s beloved Don Pasquale offers a refreshing counterpoint, an effervescent comic opera brought to life with flair by the Oviedo Filarmónica Orchestra and the Choir 1685 of the “Giuseppe Verdi” Conservatory of Ravenna, under the acclaimed director Andrea de Rosa and conducted by the talented baton of Francesco Lanzillotta (9th & 11th April).



ARAB MUSIC: HERITAGE, LEGENDS, AND NEW VOICES

This year’s Arab music programme is a tribute to both tradition and evolution. The season begins with a celebration of Omani Women’s Day featuring performances by Diana Haddad, the Ayoub Sisters, and the Royal Omani Symphony Orchestra Ladies’ Ensemble (17th October), followed by Diana Haddad’s solo concert the next evening (18th October).

In a tribute to national talent, Omani Night showcases the music of Sayyid Khalid Al Busaidi in an evening that reflects the depth of the Sultanate’s musical legacy (12th December).

Major names in Gulf music also take the stage, as Rabeh Saqer performs under the stars in an open-air concert (13th November).

Later in the spring, Khalid El Sheikh and Ahmed El Jumairy come together for A Night with the Masters of Gulf Music, a unique collaboration that captures the poetic essence of the Khaleej (23rd April).

The season’s Arab music offering concludes with a performance by Abeer Nehme, whose remarkable range and deep expressiveness promise an unforgettable experience (14th & 15th May).



MOMENTS OF REFLECTION AND SPIRITUAL RESONANCE

During Ramadan, ROHM offers a serene programme of Evenings of Sufi and Inshaad, bringing sacred poetry and spiritual music from across the Arab world to the fore. These contemplative evenings offer moments of calm and connection (26th February, 5th & 9th March).

ORCHESTRAL EXCELLENCE AND CROSS-CULTURAL DIALOGUES

This season also highlights the power of musical dialogue between traditions and geographies. A striking example comes early, when the Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Domonkos Héja joins forces with the Oman Traditional Music Ensemble to explore intersections between Hungarian and Arab music (4th October).

Making its ROHM debut, the Ossipov National Academic Folk Instrument Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Andropov brings the sounds of Russian folklore to life in a concert full of colour and energy (17th November).

A dazzling New Year’s Eve gala

sees the Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Sergey Smbatyan, perform alongside pianist Behzod Abduraimov and violinist Elli Choi in an evening of technical brilliance and artistic elegance (31st December).

In Beethoven/Liszt’s Ninth Symphony, pianists Hélène Mercier and Louis Lortie present the rarely performed two-piano arrangement, accompanied by the Chorus of the Azerbaijan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre, offering a fresh and intimate perspective on a towering classic (30th January).

Adding cinematic wonder to the mix, Disney’s The Lion King Live in Concert will be screened with orchestral accompaniment by the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra, an immersive journey into the savannah and a feast for the senses (13th & 14th February).

Additional orchestral highlights include Castanets’ Duel, a playful and virtuosic showcase by Raul Amaya and Gabriela Castillo with The Oviedo Filarmónica (10th April) and a majestic Pipe Organ Concert with the Royal Omani Symphony Orchestra accompanied for the first time by ROHM’s Children’s Choir (30th April).



FAMILY MAGIC AND THEATRE FOR ALL AGES

“Lumen Créations” brings Symphony of Lights to the stage, to join a staggering line up of family friendly shows, a dazzling combination of acrobatics and a dramatic light show that will put the opera house in the spotlight in the holiday season (18th & 19th December).

Delighting younger audiences and the young at heart, ROHM presents a series of enchanting family productions. Cinderella on Ice dazzles with graceful choreography, glittering costumes, and storytelling on skates (1st, 2nd & 3rd January).

February brings The Underwater Bubble Show, a fantastic production full of light, illusion, and joyful spectacle (6th & 7th February).

A SEASON BEYOND THE STAGE

Beyond its rich performance calendar, the 2025–2026 season reaffirms ROHM’s role as a centre for learning, accessibility, and cultural dialogue. From artist-led masterclasses to family-friendly “Open House” days, and from educational outreach programmes to performances with sign language integration, the season is designed to engage and include. Initiatives like school performances and the “Open Doors” programme ensure that music and culture remain accessible to all.

This season also features a special exhibition: Rhythm of Life - Richness and Diversity in Omani Arts, a music exhibition presented at the Royal Opera House of Musical Arts. Through rare instruments, immersive displays, and musical stories from across the Sultanate, the exhibition celebrates Oman’s vibrant heritage and the sounds that connect its people.

Season 2025–2026 is more than a season, it’s a celebration of connection: between people, between cultures, and between stories told through music.

Tickets available from September 1st at 11:00 am. Early bird ticket sales until September 6th receive a 15% discount across all shows using the promocode EARLY15, in addition to other special rates for multiple-show bookings, of 3 shows and above.

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BALLET, FLAMENCO, AND THE ART OF MOVEMENT

February brings The Underwater Bubble Show, a fantastic production full of light, illusion, and joyful spectacle (6th & 7th February).

JAZZ, FOLK, AND GLOBAL SOUNDS

The Janoska Ensemble, a family of four incredible artists, perform their unique arrangements of classical music alongside the Vienna Chamber Orchestra over two nights on the 30th and 31st October.

From smoky jazz to open-air folk festivals, the season brings together diverse musical worlds. Jazz aficionados can enjoy performances by rising star Emmaline with the participation of Anthony Strong, who together deliver a sophisticated mix of standards, soul, and swing (27th & 28th November).

The ever-popular Military Music Festival remains a stalwart date in the calendar of the season, this year presenting visiting bands alongside Omani military and police bands in what will certainly be an outstanding display of music, marching and brilliant costumes (6th, 7th & 8th November). Following this, the Folk Music Festival returns with artists from Kazakhstan, Mexico, and Hungary sharing the stage with Omani musicians in a vibrant celebration of cultural rhythm and identity (8th & 9th January).

IN KUWAIT

Sayyid Badr participates in ministerial meeting of GCC-Japan strategic dialogue

KUWAIT: The Sultanate of Oman participated in the second joint ministerial meeting of the strategic dialogue between the GCC foreign ministers and Take-shi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Af-fairs of Japan, held on Monday in the State of Kuwait.

The Sultanate of Oman was represented at the meeting by Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busai-di, Foreign Minister.

Friendship and cooperation

The meeting discussed means to enhance friendship and cooper-ation between the GCC states and Japan in various fields, par-ticularly economic, trade, and investment domains. This aims to achieve common interests and support sustainable development efforts, in line with the imple-mentation of the joint action plan signed between Japan and the GCC for the period from 2024 to 2028.

The ministers emphasised the importance of expanding hori-



zons of cooperation in new and promising areas, such as renew-able energy, petrochemical in-dustries, technology, and the lo-gistics sector, and leveraging the advanced supply chains of Japan and the Gulf states to enrich long-term economic partnerships.

Regarding regional and inter-national developments, the two

sides addressed the latest updates and exchanged views on key is-sues, foremost among them the Palestinian cause and the cata-strophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip resulting from the brutal Israeli aggression and refusal to withdraw from Pales-tinian territories, which hinders the establishment of an independ-ent Palestinian state.

The GCC member states ex-pressed appreciation for Japan's stance in support of resolving the Palestinian issue in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions, contributing to the consolidation of security and sta-bility in the region and reflecting Japan's commitment to support-ing just causes on the internation-al stage.

The meeting was chaired by Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait and current president of the Ministerial Council session, in the presence of the GCC Secre-tary-General. — **ONA**

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRANSPORT

Cutting carbon emissions

<FROM A1 Eng. Said Hamoud Al Maawali, Minister of Transport, Commu-nications and Information Technology, emphasised that these national partnerships represent a fundamental pillar for launch-ing the project, which embodies Oman's commitment to building a modern and environmentally friendly transportation system.

He clarified that the project is not merely an initiative for electric mobility but a national platform supporting industrial innovation, creating career opportunities, and enhancing Oman's position as a re-gional hub for clean technologies.

Hilal Ali Al Khoroushi, Found-ing Partner of the National Green Transport Company and CEO of HK Ventures, explained that the system is designed to achieve high financial and operational readi-ness.

He noted that these agreements form a solid foundation to accel-erate the project's pace and deliver tangible impacts on individuals' lives and the national economy by reducing carbon emissions, generating job opportunities for Omanis, and paving the way for the future local manufacturing of electric vehicle components.

The company aims to distribute 500 electric vehicles in Muscat and several other governorates by 2026, establish a national research and innovation center by 2027, and operate over 10,000 electric vehi-cles and 200 fast-charging stations by 2032, ultimately achieving in-dustrial localisation by 2035. —**ONA**

SECOND JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING

Oman, Japan discuss ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields

KUWAIT: Sayyid Badr bin Ham-ad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister held a bilateral meeting on Mon-day with Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the second joint min-isterial meeting of the strategic dialogue between the GCC For-eign Ministers and the Japanese Foreign Minister.



ticularly in economic, trade, and investment sectors, in a manner that strengthens the existing part-nership and serves the common interests of both nations.

The two sides affirmed their shared stance on the importance of finding a permanent and just

solution to the Palestinian issue, ending the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, and supporting the two-state solution in accordance with relevant international reso-lutions. They underlined the ne-cessity of respecting international law and ensuring the protection of civilians.

The two ministers also ex-changed views on a number of regional and international issues of mutual interest and reiterated their commitment to sustaining coordination and baking all ef-forts toward enhancing regional security and stability. The meet-ing was attended by some officials from both sides. — **ONA**



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PRE/25/133	Parking & Lighting Works at Al Hisn in A' Seeb	20/09/2025	12/10/2025
PRE/25/134	Landscaping Works & Irrigation System at Al Wadi Al Kabir	20/09/2025	12/10/2025
PRE/25/135	Rehabilitation Works at Al Khoudh Village	20/09/2025	12/10/2025
PRE/25/136	Landscaping & Planting at Airport Road	20/09/2025	12/10/2025
PRE/25/137	RFP for Application Support for "Etamid" & E- Business Data Cleansing	09/09/2025	17/09/2025

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BILATERAL RELATIONS



Oman, Sweden hold third round of political consultations in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM: The third round of political consultations between the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Sweden was held on Monday in the Swedish capital, Stockholm.

The Omani side was headed by

Ambassador Munthir Mahfoudh Al Manthri, Head of the Europe Department at the Foreign Ministry, while the Swedish side was led by Michael Lindvall, Director-General and Head of the Global Affairs Department at the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden.

Two friendly countries

The session reviewed bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and discussed ways to

enhance and develop them across various fields. The two sides also exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues of mutual interest. The meeting was attended by some officials from both sides. — **ONA**



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AL BURAIMI GOVERNORATE



Several farm investment opportunities launched

AL BURAIMI: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, in cooperation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, has launched 12 investment opportunities in Al Buraimi Governorate through the “Tatweer” platform, with a total area of 287.9 acres.

The opportunities range from cultivating and producing various crops using modern technologies, livestock breeding, and fish farming projects, to the utilisation of model farms.

Agricultural opportunities include the cultivation of vegetables in both open fields and greenhouses, date palm farming, garlic cultivation, and yellow corn production, in addition to camel breeding and fodder cultivation in the wilayats of Al Buraimi, Mahda, and Al Sunainah. The areas for these projects range from 0.7 to 74.3 acres per

project.

Livestock sector opportunities include the establishment of a veterinary clinic and a project for red meat production from local and imported breeds (goats and sheep) using modern technologies, alongside cattle and poultry farming projects. The opportunities also include specialised projects such as water bottling and the establishment of a modern agricultural nursery.

These initiatives aim to enhance food security, encourage agricultural investment, and create added value that contributes to diversifying income sources and improving the efficiency of agricultural land use in Al Buraimi Governorate.

The total number of investment opportunities launched this year in the agricultural and water sectors across the governorate has reached 54. — **ONA**

NCSI DATA

Real estate trading value in Oman surpasses OMR1.5bn by June end

MUSCAT: The total value of real estate traded in the Sultanate of Oman reached approximately OMR1.593 billion by the end of July 2025. This marks a 7.9 percent decrease compared to the same period in 2024, when the value was OMR1.7302 billion.

Data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) showed that fees collected from all legal transactions increased by 24.1 percent, reaching OMR474 million compared to OMR38.2 million during the corresponding period last year.

Indicators revealed that the traded value of sales contracts rose by 15.4 percent by the end of July 2025, reaching OMR728.5 million, compared to OMR631.3 million in the same period of 2024.



However, the number of sales contracts slightly decreased by 1 percent to 38,226 contracts, down from 38,627 contracts during the same period last year.

The traded value of mortgage

contracts saw a significant decrease of 21.3 percent, registering OMR858.4 million through 12,621 contracts. This is a decline from OMR1.0907 billion for 11,799 contracts in the same period of 2024.

Swap contracts and property ownership

The traded value of swap contracts also fell by 25.7 percent, reaching OMR6.1 million for 704 contracts by the end of July 2025, compared to OMR8.2 million for 793 contracts during the same period in 2024.

In terms of property ownership, the number of real estate titles issued by the end of July 2025 increased by 2.7 percent, reaching 134,206 titles, compared to 130,647 titles during the same period in 2024.

However, the number of titles issued to GCC nationals decreased by 10 percent, registering 771 titles compared to 857 titles by the end of July 2024.

— **ONA**

SCO bears greater responsibilities for peace, development, says Xi

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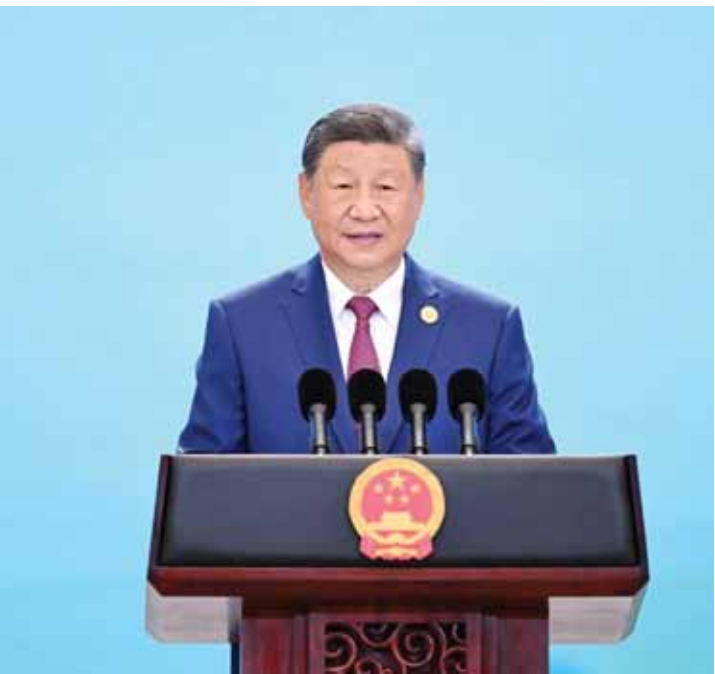
TIANJIN: Chinese President Xi Jinping said the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is shouldering greater responsibilities for safeguarding regional peace and stability, and for boosting development of various countries in a world of increasing uncertainties and accelerated changes.

Xi made the remarks at a banquet to welcome international guests who are in China's port city of Tianjin to attend the SCO Summit 2025 from Sunday to Monday.

Before the banquet, Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan welcomed the guests when they arrived.

Addressing the banquet, Xi expressed confidence that with concerted efforts of all parties, the summit will be a complete success, and that the SCO is certain to play an even bigger role and achieve more progress, making greater contribution to boosting the unity and cooperation among member states, pooling the strength of the Global South and pushing for more progress of human civilization.

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from six founding members into a 26-nation family of 10 members, two observers and 14 dialogue partners spanning Asia, Europe and Africa. With major emerging markets and developing countries such as China, Russia and India among its members, the SCO represents nearly half of the world's population and a quarter of the global economy.

The Tianjin summit is the largest-ever annual summit of the group. Member states are expected to adopt key documents, including the organization's development strategy for the next decade.

It is also President Xi's second time hosting the event, with the participation of leaders from more than 20 countries and 10 international organizations. Prior to the

summit, Xi held more than a dozen bilateral meetings with arriving leaders in Tianjin.

Xi told the guests at the banquet that as an open and inclusive city, Tianjin serves as a pioneering zone for China's reform and opening-up, and hosting the summit here will undoubtedly inject new vitality into the sustainable development of the SCO.

The SCO has become an important force in building a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for humanity, he added.

The summit includes the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO as well as the “SCO Plus” Meeting, both of which will be held on Monday.

Participants at the meetings will discuss plans for cooperation and development, and work to improve global governance, Xi said.

He expressed the hope that the SCO will, under the guidance of Shanghai Spirit, set sail once again from Tianjin toward an even brighter future.

After the banquet, Xi and Peng joined the guests in watching an art performance.

Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi, Wang Yi, Chen Min'er, and Wang Xiaohong were present at the event. — **Xinhua**

SCO provides a platform to unite the countries of the Global South, East: Putin

TIANJIN: During his bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation provides a platform to unite the Global South and East. Putin also noted that this year marks the 15th anniversary of the India-Russia ‘Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership’.

“I am feeling very happy after meeting you...SCO provides a platform to unite the countries of the Global South and East...December 21, 2025, marks the 15th anniversary of the elevation of India-Russia ties to a ‘Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership’... We enjoy a multi-faceted relationship...Today's meeting is expected to provide a signifi-

cant boost to the India-Russia relationship. Russia and India enjoy very good relations,” he said.

Earlier in the day, Putin appreciated India and China's efforts to resolve the Russia-Ukraine war, countering the White House Trade Advisor Peter Navarro's narrative of New Delhi funding the war.

Addressing the 25th SCO Heads of State Council summit, Putin slammed Ukraine's western allies, which he claimed supported the “coup d’etat in Kyiv”, which ultimately resulted in the crisis in Ukraine.

“Crisis in Ukraine did not arise as a result of an ‘invasion’ but as a result of a coup d’etat in Kyiv, supported by Ukraine's western allies,” Putin slammed. — **ANI**

Over 800 dead and nearly 2,800 injured as powerful earthquake strikes Afghanistan

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KABUL: Over 800 people have been confirmed dead and nearly 2,800 injured after a strong earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, according to media report, quoting Taliban-run authorities.

The tremor hit Kunar province, a mountainous region bordering Pakistan, around midnight on Sunday, flattening multiple villages, according to officials.

Khaama Press, citing Taliban-run authorities, reported that the districts of Nur Gul, Soki, Watpur, Manogi, and Chapa Dara of Kunar province were the worst hit areas. In Nangarhar province, at least nine people were killed and several others were injured.

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Monday expressed grief over the loss of lives in Afghanistan, where hundreds of people were killed and injured. He affirmed that India stands ready to provide all possible aid and relief to the affected people.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, “Deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to the earthquake in Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families in this difficult hour, and we wish a speedy recovery to the injured. India stands ready to provide all possible humanitarian aid and relief to those affected.”

Officials confirmed the scale of casualties and called for urgent international aid. Rescue workers and helicopters were dispatched, but operations have been hindered by rough terrain and widespread infrastructure damage, Khaama Press reported.

The disaster underscores Afghanistan's persistent vulnerability to earthquakes, particularly in mountainous and remote areas. It comes less than two years after another deadly quake, highlighting the recurring threat.

Tremors were felt across several parts of Pakistan after the strong earthquake of magnitude 6.0 struck Afghanistan.

Afghanistan aid budget cuts impact earthquake response — Danish Refugee Council

Meanwhile, sweeping cuts to international aid budgets and the forced return of refugees from Pakistan are hampering rescue efforts following a series of deadly earthquakes in remote areas of eastern Afghanistan which are already hard to access, according to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in Kabul.

“The most impacted areas are in Kunar and Nangarhar,” DRC spokeswoman Dania Al-Sharif told DW as the death toll from the 6.1 magnitude earthquake and subsequent aftershocks passed 800, with another 2,500 people injured.

“As a humanitarian organization, our work is to provide humanitarian assistance to the most impacted areas and families,” she said.

But she stressed that the organization has “been impacted by budget cuts,” pointing to recent US cuts to international aid as well as an “overall” reduction in funding.

“Our capacity to respond has been weakened since the beginning of this year,” she said.

She said that many people were still trapped as local authorities continued difficult rescue efforts.

“Many families remain under rubble,” said Al-Sharif.



“Many of these locations are really hard to access at the moment,” she said, adding that “authorities... are trying to clear the roads” to improve access.

India’s Jaishankar speaks to Afghan FM, announces quake relief

Meanwhile, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said he spoke with Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi and conveyed condolences over the loss of lives in the earthquake that struck Afghanistan.

“Spoke with Afghan Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi today. Expressed our condolences at the loss of lives in the earthquake,” Jaishankar posted on X.

He informed that India has already dispatched relief material to Afghanistan. “Conveyed that India has delivered 1000 family tents today in Kabul. 15 tonnes of food material is also being immediately moved by Indian Mission from Kabul to Kunar,” he said.

Jaishankar added that more assistance will follow from India. “Further relief material will be

sent from India starting tomorrow. Wish early recovery of those injured. India stands by Afghanistan at this difficult time,” he stated.

His remarks came as over 800 people have been confirmed dead and nearly 2,800 injured after a strong earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, The Washington Post reported, quoting Taliban-run authorities.

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FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR

Bangladesh Army Chief meets Chief Adviser amid unrest ahead of elections

DHAKA: Chief of Bangladesh Army Staff General Wakar-Uz-Zaman called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on Monday amid unrest ahead of general elections scheduled for February next year.

During the meeting, the Chief Adviser discussed the army's role in assisting the civil administration under the present circumstances. He thanked the military for their continued contribution to maintaining law and order, the Chief Adviser's Press Wing said in a statement.

The Chief Adviser emphasised the need to streamline this role, including a clearly defined command structure and close coordination among all forces in the months leading up to the polls. “I have made a solemn commitment to the nation to deliver an election that would stand out in terms of voter turnout, participation of new and women voters, global confidence in safety and security, and its atmosphere as a celebration of democracy and rule of law,” Yunus said.

General Wakar-Uz-Zaman, in turn, assured the Chief Adviser of the army's full cooperation with the Interim Government. He also



urged Yunus not to be distracted by rumours. “The entire army is committed to making the government successful in all its initiatives and programmes,” he added.

A day earlier, Yunus had said there was no alternative to an election, warning that it would be very dangerous for Bangladesh if anyone thought otherwise. He reiterated that elections would be held in February 2026, as planned, according to the Dhaka Tribune.

Yunus has also held separate discussions with leaders of major political parties, including the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, and the National Citizens Party (NCP). The meetings focused on the current political climate and preparations for the upcoming national polls, Dhaka Tribune reported. — ANI

ACROSS THE WEST BANK

46,000 Palestinian refugee children begin school year amid ongoing Israeli restrictions

GAZA: On Monday approximately 46,000 Palestine refugee children began their new school year in schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) across the West Bank, including 5,000 students who entered first grade for the first time.

UNRWA noted that thousands of children were deprived of their right to education due to the policies of the Israeli occupation. In East Jerusalem, the agency was unable to open its schools at the beginning of the school year for the first time in its history, after the occupation authorities forcibly closed six of its schools last May. This affected approximately 800 children, only a portion of whom were able to enroll in alternative schools.

Ten schools in the northern West Bank, in the Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nur Shams refugee camps, remain closed as a result of Operation Iron Wall, preventing more than 4,000 children from returning to school. Instead, these children continue to learn remotely and self-study in temporary spaces.

UNRWA stressed that the past two years have witnessed unprecedented levels of educational disruption in the West Bank, with its schools subjected to repeated raids and vandalism, in addition to children's suffering from displacement and ongoing violence.



Of the more than 30,000 displaced persons in the northern West Bank, children constitute more than a third.

UNRWA affirmed that safeguarding the right to education has become a top priority under these circumstances, reiterating its commitment to preserving the future of Palestine refugee boys and girls, as it has done throughout its more than 75 years of educational and service work.

The agency affirmed its hope that all children, including those in East Jerusalem, will be able to continue their education in a safe environment that preserves their dignity and gives them hope for a better future.

Israeli offensive on Jenin enters seventh month amid widespread destruction, mass displacement

The Israeli occupation's aggression on the city of Jenin and its camp has entered its seventh

month, amid widespread destruction of infrastructure and homes, and the displacement of thousands of Palestinians from their homes.

Bashir Matahin, the director of public relations at the Jenin Municipality, told WAFA that the occupation has completely destroyed more than 600 homes since the start of its raid on the camp, and partially demolished nearly 1,000 housing units, displacing approximately 22,000 residents.

He added that the occupation army, which is permanently present in the Jenin camp, prevents any entry or exit, making it difficult for the municipality and its crews to accurately assess the damage.

He added, “From our observations of the camp, we realize that the occupation has completely changed the map of the camp, as several landmarks have been removed, in addition to the con-

struction of numerous roads and streets within it.”

He emphasised that the ongoing aggression is exacerbating the crisis of the displaced, in addition to the worsening of the capacity of students from Jenin camp to accommodate the displaced in schools close to their displacement sites.

He said, “We will witness overcrowding among students in several schools close to the locations where the displaced are located, especially since the occupation has closed eight schools in and around the camp.”

Jenin Municipality estimates its direct losses at approximately \$400 million, and indirect losses are worsening and increasing daily due to the ongoing economic crisis in the city, which began three years ago with the continued occupation incursions.

The number of incursions reached 62 before the latest aggression, which directly impacted commercial activity, causing the closure of several shops and the failure of many projects in Jenin.

According to the mills, a deep recession has hit the city's markets due to the closure of the Jalameh crossing and the presence of the occupation army. On a daily basis, in addition to the destruction of the city's main streets, which connect the commercial district to the villages to the west and south. — WAFA

US EMBASSY IN INDIA

‘India-US partnership a defining relationship of 21st century’

NEW DELHI: The US Embassy in India shared an optimistic post on Monday on the enduring friendship between Washington and New Delhi and called it a defining relationship of the 21st century.

In a post on X, the embassy said, “The partnership between the United States and India continues to reach new heights -- a defining relationship of the 21st century. This month, we're spotlighting the people, progress, and possibilities driving us forward. From innovation and entrepreneurship to defense and bilateral ties, it's the enduring friendship between our two peoples that fuels this journey. Follow the hashtag and be a part of #USIndiaFWDforOurPeople.”

It shared a quote by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio who called the friendship between the peoples of India and the US to be the bedrock of cooperation.

Enduring friendship

“The enduring friendship between our two peoples is the bedrock of our cooperation and propels us forward as we realise the tremendous potential of our economic relationship”

The remarks come amid the hiccups between India and the US on the issue of Trumpian tariffs.

The 50 per cent tariffs on Indian goods imposed by the Donald Trump administration came into force on August 27, following a no-

tice by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

US President Trump, who has on several occasions described India as a “tariff king,” and cited the trade deficit with India and New Delhi's continued purchases of Russian oil and military equipment as reasons for the move.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that his government would shield small entrepreneurs, farmers, and livestock rearers.

During the recent Monsoon session of Parliament, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal made a statement in both Houses, affirming that the government is examining the impact of tariffs

and will take all necessary steps to safeguard the national interest.

Over the past few months, India and the US have been negotiating for an interim trade deal. Still, there are reservations from the Indian side on the US demand for opening up the agricultural and dairy sectors. Agriculture and dairy are critical for India as these two sectors provide livelihood opportunities to a large section of people.

India and the US initiated talks for a just, balanced, and mutually beneficial Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) in March this year, aiming to complete the first stage of the Agreement by October-November 2025. — ANI





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OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES
The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by November 2025 reaching \$70.52, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 45 cents. - **ONA**

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The MSX index closed at 5,102.18 points, up by 1.44% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.74% at 478.58 points. Muscat Insurance, up 0.10%, was the top gainer while, Salalah Mills, down 0.06%, was the top loser.

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AIM to promote green funding for SMEs

Oman’s Alternative Investment Market (AIM) regulation opens doors for SMEs to green financing and growth

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MUSCAT: With the launch of the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) regulation, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Sultanate of Oman can now access green financing more easily via lower entry barriers and tailored listing conditions designed to support their growth, innovation and sustainability.

The regulation, issued by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), creates a secondary market within the Muscat Stock Exchange that enables SMEs, start-ups and family-owned businesses to raise capital in a simplified regulatory environment. It promotes transparency and



competitiveness, strengthens investor confidence and supports Oman Vision 2040 diversification goals.

The issuance of this regulation comes hand in hand with the FSA's national roadmap for harmonising the non-banking financial sector with the principles of green and sustainable finance, a 36-month plan that aligns global best practices with Omani frameworks to ensure a systematic and credible transition to green finance.

In line with this roadmap, and in direct support of Oman's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, the FSA has also defined the scope of green and sustainable finance through the Bonds and Sukuk Regulation.

In reference to Article 98 in the regulation, it obliges any issuer or beneficiary seeking to issue green

or sustainable bonds or sukuk to outline in the prospectus the objectives pursued, which may include preserving the environment and natural resources, rationalising energy consumption, encouraging renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and other measures consistent with sustainability targets. In doing so, it links the disclosure requirements for capital-raising instruments with the wider net-zero framework, ensuring coherence, transparency and credibility.

To ensure credibility and investor trust, the regulation requires companies to adopt the International Financial Reporting Standards for SMEs (IFRS for SMEs), providing simplified reporting requirements while upholding global benchmarks of transparency and accountability.

By applying this standard, SMEs in Oman can attract investors, lenders and business partners with confidence, as their financial reports are prepared under a globally recognised framework that balances simplicity with credibility.

At its core, the market aims to unlock financing opportunities for SMEs that may otherwise struggle to raise funds through traditional banking channels. By lowering entry barriers and tailoring listing re-

quirements, the regulation enables start-ups, technology ventures and even companies under establishment to secure investment and expand their operations.

This flexibility is particularly important for entrepreneurs in digital services, clean energy, logistics, and advanced manufacturing, sectors central to Oman's green and digital transition, where the need for growth capital is urgent.

The regulation also complements Oman's wider push into sustainable and green finance. By embedding transparency, governance and disclosure requirements, it encourages businesses in renewables, circular economy projects, and eco-friendly technologies to benefit from market funding.

With the Sultanate of Oman committed to achieving the net-zero emissions goal by 2050, the AIM Market is set to become a hub for enterprises developing energy-efficient building materials, low-carbon transport solutions and waste-to-energy technologies.

The market is not only about finance, but also about innovation. Its design lays the groundwork for deeper integration with fintech platforms, crowdfunding solutions and digital investment tools, making it easier for investors and entrepreneurs to connect.

Al Mouj Muscat delivers promise with Golf Beach Residences

MUSCAT: With the handover of the first villas now underway, Golf Beach Residences is beginning to take its place as one of Al Mouj Muscat's most distinctive neighbourhoods, a private beachfront address defined by spacious design, coastal tranquillity and seamless connection to nature.

Situated in a gated enclave of the verdant Golf District, this limited collection of five- and six-bedroom villas enjoys a setting that is as rare as it is refined. Framed by the Al Hajar Mountains on one side and the Arabian Sea on the other, the Golf District is Al Mouj Muscat's oceanside haven; where leisure, luxury, and lifestyle come together. With direct access to golden beaches, a private park, and Oman's only PGA Standard Championship Golf Course, homeowners are welcomed into a truly elevated way of life.

Each residence at Golf Beach Residences has been designed to reflect the beauty of its surroundings, offering private pools, generous terraces, Zen suites, and bespoke elevation styles. The neighbourhood is masterplanned for both privacy and openness, with wide boulevards, green corridors, and landscaped walkways that create a calm yet connected living experience.



Nasser Al Sheibani, CEO of Al Mouj Muscat. "Golf Beach Residences is the latest expression of how we shape neighbourhoods at Al Mouj Muscat. Perfectly positioned between the St. Regis Hotel, the beach, and Al Mouj Golf course, it offers a lifestyle that blends privacy with exceptional leisure amenities. From the design of the villas and streets to the way the community connects with the coast and golf course, every detail has been thoughtfully created to support a life that feels both personal and connected. With handovers now underway, this neighbourhood becomes part of the lived experience of Al Mouj Muscat and reaffirms our commitment to creating spaces that grow with the people who call them home — places where families can create lasting memories and enjoy life's happiest moments every day."

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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Muscat Insurance, up 0.10%, was the top gainer while, Salalah Mills, down 0.06%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 5,102.18 points, up by 1.44% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.74% at 478.58 points. Muscat Insurance, up 0.10%, was the top gainer while, Salalah Mills, down 0.06%, was the top loser. Shares of OQBI were the most active in terms of number of shares traded while OQEP were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 5150 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 51.8 million, with more than 199.46 million shares changing hands. Out of 59 traded securities, 26 advanced, 13 declined, and 20 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net buyers for RO 545K while foreign investors were net sellers for RO 324K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 221K worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 8,415.02 points, up 0.51%. Prices of Muscat Insurance, Al Madina Investments, Muscat Finance,

Bank Nizwa, Oman & Emirates Investment were up by 9.94%, 4.88%, 1.89%, 1.87%, 1.43% respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Investment, National Bank Oman were down by 1.09%, 0.30% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 7,001.68 points, down -0.12%. Prices of Oman Packaging, Galfar Engineering, Jazeera Steel Products were up by 5.15%, 3.13%, 0.63% respectively. Prices of Salalah Mills, Al Anwar Ceramics, Voltamp Energy were down by 5.88%, 2.24%, 1.18% respectively.

Services Index was up by 2.05% before closing at 1,998.39 points. Prices of Ooredoo, Musandam Power, Oman Telecom, Sharqiyah Desalination, Al Suwadi Power were up by 4.84%, 4.55%, 3.93%, 3.57%, 3.00% respectively. Prices of Barka Water & Power Company, National Gas, Oman National Engineering, Al Maha Marketing, Al Jazeera Services were down by 2.78%, 1.16%, 0.81%, 0.55%, 0.54% respectively. — United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	5,110.20	5,029.23	5,102.18	5,029.89	72.29	1.44
FINANCIAL INDEX	8,415.02	8,369.31	8,415.02	8,372.13	42.89	0.51
Industry Index	7,025.27	6,988.49	7,001.68	7,009.74	-8.07	-0.12
Services Index	2,000.76	1,956.77	1,998.39	1,958.31	40.08	2.05
MSX Shariah Index	478.96	474.66	478.58	475.04	3.54	0.74
MSX TRI INDEX	7,593.16	7,472.85	7,581.25	7,473.84	107.41	1.44
FINANCIAL TRI IDX	9,997.34	9,943.03	9,997.34	9,946.38	50.96	0.51
INDUSTRIAL TRI IDX	8,633.00	8,587.80	8,604.01	8,613.92	-9.91	-0.12
SERVICES TRI IDX	2,568.36	2,511.89	2,565.32	2,513.87	51.45	2.05

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
199,469,118	51,799,728	5,150	30,057,326,762	26	13	20	59

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF RD	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PAV VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000003968	OOREDOO	1,582,190	398,758	55	0.249	0.260	0.249	0.260	0.248	0.012	4.839	0.260	0.247	0.260	0.100	169,245,500
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	11,997,457	12,179,013	293	1.000	1.037	1.000	1.031	0.992	0.039	3.931	1.031	1.028	1.028	0.100	773,250,000
OM0000004953	AL SUWADI POWER	1,009,344	103,228	49	0.101	0.103	0.101	0.103	0.100	0.003	3.000	0.103	0.101	0.103	0.100	73,583,853
OM0000004925	ALBATHNAH POWER	962,132	98,161	32	0.102	0.103	0.101	0.102	0.100	0.002	3.000	0.102	0.094	0.103	0.100	88,538,518
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	4,678,055	499,457	52	0.107	0.110	0.106	0.109	0.107	0.002	1.869	0.109	0.107	0.109	0.100	243,827,880
OM0000008954	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	898,608	247,079	232	0.273	0.276	0.273	0.276	0.272	0.004	1.471	0.276	0.285	0.276	0.100	212,575,200
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	124,418	10,579	13	0.085	0.086	0.085	0.086	0.085	0.001	1.176	0.086	0.080	0.093	0.100	15,050,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO	122,016	10,607	11	0.087	0.088	0.086	0.088	0.087	0.001	1.149	0.088	0.087	0.089	0.100	7,920,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	158,989	36,567	20	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.228	0.002	0.877	0.230	0.229	0.230	0.100	215,213,667	
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	162,358	75,894	12	0.474	0.485	0.465	0.483	0.480	0.003	0.655	0.483	0.465	0.480	0.100	60,523,715
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	122,545	34,183	20	0.278	0.278	0.278	0.279	0.278	0.001	0.380	0.279	0.278	0.279	0.100	65,958,390
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	300,000	72,000	6	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.240	0.238	0.284	0.100	24,000,000	
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	2,365	5,065	9	2.150	2.150	2.150	2.150	0.000	0.000	2.150	2.130	2.365	0.100	192,855,000	
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	7,460	492	1	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.000	0.000	0.066	0.064	0.068	0.100	23,504,402	
OM0000002786	BANK MUSCAT	18,918,134	5,985,848	457	0.315	0.320	0.315	0.316	0.316	0.000	0.000	0.316	0.314	0.316	0.100	2,372,021,672
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	41,615	20,808	4	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.490	0.508	0.100	60,000,000	
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO	8,000	1,207	2	0.149	0.152	0.149	0.149	0.000	0.000	0.152	0.149	0.152	0.100	29,800,000	
OM0000003288	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	21,804,437	3,161,323	273	0.146	0.147	0.144	0.145	0.145	0.000	0.000	0.145	0.144	0.145	0.100	959,500,709
OM0000009072	QO GAS NETWORKS	15,586,690	2,519,310	398	0.161	0.164	0.160	0.162	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.162	0.162	0.163	0.100	701,561,075
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	3,994,748	1,317,035	200	0.336	0.336	0.327	0.333	0.334	-0.001	-0.299	0.333	0.326	0.333	0.100	541,440,136
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	20,000	3,670	3	0.183	0.184	0.183	0.183	0.184	-0.001	-0.543	0.183	0.184	0.185	0.100	7,940,267
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	380	319	3	0.840	0.840	0.840	0.840	0.850	-0.010	-1.176	0.840	0.825	0.835	0.100	78,635,056
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	305,077	53,822	45	0.178	0.178	0.175	0.175	0.179	-0.004	-2.235	0.175	0.162	0.176	0.100	38,500,000
Total		82,807,058	26,854,685	2,190												

Parallel Market

OM0000001806	MUSCAT INSURANCE	288	271	1	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.940	0.855	0.085	9.942	0.940	0.000	0.930	1.000	10,363,543
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	38,696,906	14,115,597	1,612	0.349	0.375	0.349	0.370	0.347	0.023	6.628	0.370	0.370	0.371	0.010	2,960,000,000
OM0000001608	OMAN PACKAGING	133	19	1	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.136	0.007	5.147	0.143	0.136	0.143	0.100	4,628,328
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	2,380	101	3	0.043	0.043	0.040	0.043	0.041	0.002	4.878	0.043	0.041	0.045	0.100	3,655,000
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	12,810	3,806	5	0.296	0.299	0.296	0.299	0.286	0.013	4.545	0.299	0.286	0.299	0.100	21,046,610
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALINATION	3,500	509	1	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.140	0.005	3.571	0.145	0.140	0.145	0.100	14,151,313
OM0000004735	SEMBICORP SALALAH	25,100	4,487	5	0.199	0.199	0.198	0.199	0.195	0.004	2.051	0.199	0.182	0.199	0.100	189,659,818
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	1,000	663	2	0.663	0.663	0.663	0.663	0.650	0.013	2.000	0.663	0.640	0.700	0.100	62,985,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	362,336	19,578	20	0.054	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.001	1.887	0.054	0.054	0.058	0.100	16,585,502
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	102,601	7,194	1	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.001	1.459	0.071	0.070	0.075	0.100	8,633,125
OM0000009906	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	60,648,822	8,733,689	761	0.143	0.145	0.142	0.144	0.142	0.002	1.408	0.144	0.142	0.144	0.040	498,166,882
OM0000002200	AHI BANK	1,500,200	219,036	16	0.147	0.149	0.146	0.149	0.147	0.002	1.361	0.149	0.146	0.147	0.100	403,313,248
OM0000004248	SWIN POWER HOLDING	44,336	10,046	10	0.225	0.228	0.225	0.228	0.225	0.003	1.353	0.228	0.225	0.229	0.100	45,916,917
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	38,515	5,007	3	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.129	0.001	0.775	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.100	395,173,809
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	548,700	38,466	34	0.070	0.071	0.069	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.070	0.071	0.100	1,470,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	130,008	16,640	4	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.000	0.000	0.128	0.128	0.140	0.100	14,073,376
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	10,800	1,447	3	0.134	0.134	0.133	0.134	0.134	0.000	0.000	0.134	0.133	0.134	0.100	81,488,956
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	261,962	26,433	33	0.101	0.102	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	146,260,148
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	4,000	300	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.076	0.100	11,686,280
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	204,200	16,306	14	0.079	0.080	0.079	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.080	0.080	0.100	17,729,200
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	15,000	1,260	3	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.082	0.100	16,900,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	14,110	1,244	5	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.088	0.088	0.100	27,077,548
OM0000009569	JABAL REIF	11,270	1,172	2	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.100	18,096,000
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	2,850	2,594	2	0.910	0.910	0.910	0.910	0.915	-0.005	-0.546	0.910	0.910	0.970	0.100	62,790,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	3,583	448	3	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.123	0.124	-0.001	-0.806	0.123	0.124	0.125	0.100	18,440,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	545,565	49,604	14	0.091	0.092	0.090	0.091	0.092	-0.001	-1.087	0.091	0.090	0.091	0.100	27,188,317
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	171,844	14,626	9	0.086	0.086	0.084	0.085	0.086	-0.001	-1.163	0.085	0.080	0.093	0.100	7,225,000
OM0000001020	ASYAD SHIPPING	12,380,016	1,619,571	365	0.132	0.132	0.130	0.130	0.132	-0.002	-1.515	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.000	67,713,867.56
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	36,000	6,309	7	0.179	0.179	0.175	0.175	0.180	-0.005	-2.778	0.175	0.170	0.179	0.100	28,800,000
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	407	163	1	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.425	-0.025	-5.882	0.400	0.400	0.000	0.100	24,985,22
Total		30	115,775.85	24,908.074	2,945											



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RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS DISCOVER NEW METHOD TO TREAT ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE



RUSSIAN scientists and researchers at the Institute of Biomedical Systems at the Polytechnic University in St. Petersburg revealed a new therapeutic approach for Alzheimer’s disease.

The method focuses on restoring the balance of calcium ions within nerve cells, which could contribute to developing a new strategy for dealing with one of the world’s most common neurological disorders.

Researcher Evgeny Gerasimov, one of the study’s participants, explained that experiments on mice with the disease showed that injecting the brain with the compound NDC-9009 restored neural activity to normal levels. This was reflected in a noticeable improvement in memory and learning ability during behavioral tests.

Alzheimer’s patients typically suffer from disrupted calcium regulation due to the accumulation of toxic beta-amyloid protein. This leads to what is known as a “calcium flood”—an excessive influx of calcium into neurons, causing overactivation, disruption of neural communication, and eventually cell death. This process is linked to memory loss and cognitive decline. — **ONA**



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SPORTS

ONE-SIDED FINAL

Majees Titans clinch Oman D20 League 2025 Title with dominant win



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Majees Titans showcased a commanding performance to lift the Oman D20 League 2025 trophy, defeating the Royal Oman Stallions by 9 wickets in a one-sided final on 30 August at Al Amerat Cricket Ground.

The Stallions struggled from the outset, being bowled out for just 75 runs in 15.3 overs. Titans' bowlers Ubaid Ullah and Abid Khan were unplayable, taking four and three wickets respectively, dismantling the opposition

with precision and restricting them to a modest total.

Chasing a meager target, the Majees Titans made light work of the innings, finishing at 76/1 in 12.3 overs. Aamir Kaleem led the charge with a composed unbeaten 50 off 41 balls, anchoring the chase and guiding the Titans to a comfortable victory.

Ubaid Ullah's 4/13 and Abid Khan's 3/13 were standout bowling performances that set the tone for the final. Over the course of the league, Majees Titans had been equally impressive, with

Amir Kaleem emerging as their leading run-scorer with 233 runs, while Abid Khan led the bowling charts with 17 wickets.

The Titans finished atop the points table after the league stages, entering the final in commanding form, having won their last league match against Yalla Shabab Giants by four wickets.

With this victory, Majees Titans have cemented their dominance in the Oman D20 League, adding another memorable chapter to the franchise's growing legacy.

US OPEN

Djokovic overwhelms Struff to break record, sets quarter-final showdown with Fritz

NEW YORK: Serbia's tennis maestro Novak Djokovic directed a clean and swift performance to show Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff the exit route and set up a quarter-final showdown with number four seed and home favourite Taylor Fritz at the US Open.

The 38-year-old Djokovic became the oldest man in history to qualify for all four major singles quarter-finals in one season, following his 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 victory over the German in a contest that lasted for an hour and 49 minutes. He also joined Pancho Gonzalez, Ken Rosewall and Jimmy Connors to become the fourth-oldest to advance to the US Open quarter-finals.

After enduring a thorny start to the tournament where Djokovic battled fitness concerns and tricky on-court tests at Flushing Meadows, the 24-time major champion rediscovered the purple patch by exuding dominance over Struff. With his sublime strokeplay, he conquered the German to confirm his 14th quarter-final appearance at the US Open and celebrated his win by using



his racquet as a violin and playing it on the court.

"I don't know how many more I'm going to have, so obviously each one is very special and I want to thank all you guys for being present here tonight," Djokovic said of playing another evening session inside Arthur Ashe Stadium, as quoted from ATP.com.

Even though the scoreboard suggests the tune came easily for Djokovic, the overall on-field battle suggested a different narrative. He received multiple visits from ATP physiotherapist Clay Snitema throughout the fixture.

After the first set, Snitema was seen working on the area between Djokovic's right shoulder and neck. After the second set, the physiotherapist massaged the four-time US Open champion's right forearm.

Despite everything that bothered Djokovic, he didn't let it bother him when he unleashed his lethal forehand. He broke serve six times and operated efficiently in all facets of his game. He inflicted pressure on Struff, who came in with plenty of momentum on his side, by using his serve and executing 12 aces. **-ANI**

PREMIER LEAGUE

Liverpool win crunch game, Man City lose

LONDON: Dominik Szoboszlai scored a stunning late free kick as Liverpool beat Arsenal 1-0 at Anfield in the Premier League to give Arne Slot's side a boost ahead of the international break.

The Hungarian international midfielder produced his unstoppable shot in the 83rd minute to decide an even game between last season's top two sides, and ensure his side starts the season with three wins from three games.

Manchester City suffered back-to-back defeats after Brighton came from a goal down to win 2-1 at the Amex.

Erling Haaland had put City ahead with his 88th goal for the club on his 100th appearance, but Matheus Nunes' handball allowed ex-City veteran James Milner to level from the penalty spot in the 67th minute, and Brajan Gruda came off the bench to score an 89th-minute goal to give Brighton its first win of the season.

Jarrod Bowen, Lucas Paqueta and new signing Callum Wilson all scored in the last six minutes to give West Ham a 3-0 win away to Nottingham Forest.

Crystal Palace also won 3-0



away from home, with Jean-Philippe Mateta, Marc Guehi and Ismaila Sarr hitting the target in a win that leaves Villa second from bottom of the table with just one point from three matches.

On Saturday, Chelsea won a controversial game 2-0 at home to Fulham, who fumed at a VAR decision to disallow what would have been an opening goal, before Joao Pedro's goal deep into first-half stoppage time and Enzo Fernandez's 56th-minute penalty tilted the game Chelsea's way. **-Xinhua**

HEATED BRAWL ERUPTS

Chaos ensues at Lumen after Seattle Sounders thump Messi's Inter Miami to lift Leagues Cup title

WASHINGTON DC: Lionel Messi was kept silent as Inter Miami chased shadows, fell to a comprehensive 3-0 defeat and conceded the Leagues Cup title to Seattle Sounders FC at Lumen Field. After the final whistle blew, dramatic scenes unfolded after Miami's Suarez seemingly put Vargas in a headlock.

The benches of both sides quickly emptied as a heated brawl erupted, with players and coaches exchanging punches after the final whistle. In various videos that have surfaced on social media, Suarez was seen spitting at Sounders' assistant coaches. The entire heated exchange lasted for two minutes, after which peace was reinstated, and both teams appeared for the trophy presentation.

It was one-way traffic as Herons rued the missed chances and failed to stifle the clinical Sounders in front of a record 69,314 fans. The crowd at Lumen was electric, and Seattle fed off the support from the fans right from the start.

The Sounders pressed on Miami early and came close to breaking the deadlock in three minutes. Osaze De Rosario, son of MLS legend Dwayne, found himself open



in space, unmarked on a free kick outside the box. He failed to contain his nerves and sent the ball wide of the goalpost.

Messi retaliated by slipping past the Seattle players to create space and have a clear vision of the goal. However, to his angst, Oded Vargas charged in with a sliding tackle and swept the ball away from him.

After missing the early opportunity, Rosario made amends in the 26th minute, by directing a sublime sequence with Pedro de la Vega, Jesus Ferreira, and Christian Roldan. He finished off

the move with a thumping header from Roldan's precise cross and powered Seattle to a 1-0 lead.

Ferreira came close to extending the advantage in the closing five minutes of the first half, but rattled the post as the ball ricocheted back into the hands of Miami goalkeeper Oscar Ustari.

Realising the gravity of the situation, the Miami boss, Javier Mascherano, switched from a 4-4-2 to a 4-3-3 formation. Messi came close to restoring parity after being perfectly set up by Luis Suarez, but ultimately skied his shot into the stands.

Mascherano introduced more attackers for the defenders at the 55th-minute mark, a move that backfired. The gamble opened up the game as Seattle pounced on every attacking opportunity. Roldan doubled the lead in the 84th minute by converting from the spot. Moments later, Rothrock hammered the final nail in the coffin and buried Miami by netting Seattle's third of the night.

Seattle manager Brian Schmetzer became the first to claim every major North American trophy as his side lifted the trophy and roared in jubilation. **-ANI**

Al Zubair claims first place in Gold Cup category

The stunning result in their BMW M4 GT3 EVO strengthens the team's grip on second place in both the Endurance Cup's Teams' and Drivers' Championships



NÜRBURGRING: Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT's Al-Faisal Al-Zubair, Jens Klingmann and Ben Tuck secured outright victory in the Gold Cup category at the penultimate round of the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup powered by AWS at the Nürburgring in Germany on Sunday.

The stunning result in their BMW M4 GT3 EVO strengthens the team's grip on second place in both the Endurance Cup's Teams' and Drivers' Championships and means that the outcome of the title race will be decided at the final round in Barcelona in October.

Initially, it looked as though Chris Lulham, Thierry Vermeulen and Harry King had earned Gold Cup success and guaranteed that the Verstappen.com Racing Aston Martin team had sealed the endurance title with a race to spare. But they were awarded a 10-second penalty after the race and slipped back to third position behind the CSA Racing McLaren.

A delighted Al-Zubair said: "I think it was a very solid weekend. We started off very strongly in free practice. The BMW has been quite positive this weekend. In previous years, we have seen the BMW struggling against some manufacturers, like the Ferrari and the Mercedes. To come away with a win this weekend is something we should be very proud of."

"As a team and a manufacturer, to come away with this result at such a prestigious track like the Nürburgring is something extremely satisfying. It is my first win here personally. I am extremely happy and hoping to be able to carry this momentum into the final two races."

The Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT BMW lined up second in the Gold Cup category behind the Garage 59 McLaren for the start of the three-hour endurance race on the 5.1km GP-Strecke circuit.

Al-Zubair ceded a place to Vermeulen in the Verstappen.com Racing Aston Martin early in the stint before the yellow flag caused

a brief stoppage. For the remainder of the first stint, the Omani closely shadowed the Aston Martin in third place with Adam Smalley out in front in the Garage 59 McLaren. The Tresor Attempto Racing Audi pulled out after five laps.

Al-Zubair handed over to Tuck for the second stint but Vermeulen stayed out right until the end of the one-hour opening session and moved into the Gold Cup lead before all the changeovers were carried out.

Once the nine Gold Cup driver changes had taken place after 32 laps, Chris Lulham retained the advantage for the Verstappen.com team from Louis Prette in the Garage 59 McLaren and Tuck in the Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT BMW. Tuck then passed Prette and settled into second place. Prette then retired the Garage 59 McLaren after 45 laps.

Another full course yellow stopped the action around the two-hour mark and the time of the final driver change, as Klingmann replaced Tuck in the Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT BMW. The German retained second place behind Harry King heading into the remaining 57 minutes with action restarting after 62 laps with 45 minutes on the clock.

There were no late dramas and Klingmann brought the BMW to the finish behind the Aston Martin to grab second place for Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT. The CSA Racing McLaren crew rounded off the podium finishers and lost ground on Al-Manar Racing in the battle for second place in the Teams' and Drivers' Championships.

But then the 10-second penalty was later awarded to the Verstappen.com car and the outcome of the Endurance Championship now goes on to the final round in October.

The Al-Manar Racing by Team

WRT BMW had ran strongly in the initial tests and that was a valuable shakedown for the free practice session on Saturday morning.

The car was on the pace again in the free practice stint as well and a fastest tour of 1min 55.297sec was the reward – the second quickest time in the entire field of 61 cars behind the Herberth Motorsport Porsche. The crew were the quickest of all the Gold Cup contenders in pre-qualifying as well with the fourth fastest run of 1min 55.189sec.

Qualifying was split into three sessions with the Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT car finishing fifth of the Gold Cup entrants in Q1, second in Q2 and seventh in Q3. With the three times combined, pole position went to the Garage 59 McLaren of Adam Smalley, Louis Prette and Dean Macdonald. The Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT BMW qualified in second ahead of the Optimum Motorsport McLaren.

The team is back in action for the final round of the GT World Challenge Europe Sprint Cup in Valencia on September 19th-21st.

2025 GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup Teams Gold Cup standings

1. Verstappen.com Racing 106pts
2. Al-Manar Racing by Team WRT 94pts
3. CSA Racing 84pts
4. Team RJN 36pts
5. Optimum Motorsport 36pts
6. Garage 59 34pts
7. Herberth Motorsport 33pts
8. Paul Motorsport 33pts
9. Tresor Attempto Racing 29pts
10. Ring Motorsport 23pts

Drivers Gold Cup standings:

1. Lulham/Vermeulen/King 106pts
2. Al-Zubair/Klingmann/Tuck 90pts
3. Gachet/Rougier/Kell 84pts
4. Foster/Barr/Buncombe 34pts.

Bank Muscat holds discussion to boost collaboration with automotive partners in Dhofar

The session provided an engaging platform for industry leaders to share their expertise and insights on some of the pressing topics in the automotive sector

MUSCAT: As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships within the automotive sector, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, hosted a special ceremony for its esteemed partners from car dealerships and showrooms in Dhofar Governorate.

The event took place at Millennium Resort Salalah in the presence of senior members of the Bank's executive management and representatives from participating organizations.

The event also featured a panel discussion moderated by Mohammed Al Sabahi, a prominent local content creator in the automotive industry. The discussion was distinguished by valuable insights and contributions of the Co-founder, Editor in Chief & Presenter of ArabGT, Suhaib Shashaa, and Co-founder, Presenter and Project Manager, Kareem Deeb.



The session provided an engaging platform for industry leaders to share their expertise and insights on some of the pressing topics in the automotive sector.

The exchange of perspectives offered valuable takeaways for both industry professionals and car owners alike. The discussion also explored the

key challenges hindering the wider adoption of electric vehicles in the region, the importance of educating consumers on different fuel types and their quality to ensure

vehicle performance and longevity, and the impact of high temperature on car maintenance. The gathering reflects Bank Muscat's commitment to deepening its collaboration with its partners from the automobile industry, providing a platform to exchange ideas and reinforce the Bank's vision "To serve you better every day."

Taya Eid Bait Sabeea, Deputy General Manager, Interior Regions, Bank Muscat, echoed this sentiment, stating: "This annual event reflects the value we place on our successful partnerships. The continued growth of Bank Muscat is closely tied to the trust and collaboration we share with our partners in the automotive sector. The Bank remains committed to enhancing financial inclusion by developing banking products that are responsive to evolving customer expectations.

From her side, Radhiya Hassan Al Lawati, Head of Sales at Bank Muscat, emphasized the Bank's focus on cultivating strong ties with

car dealerships and automotive businesses across the Sultanate. She noted that the rising demand for vehicles locally and regionally calls for innovative and accessible financing solutions.

"We are dedicated to meeting customer needs today and in the future by offering competitive, tailor-made products that make car ownership more attainable," she said, highlighting the Bank's initiatives and ongoing efforts to support the automotive industry through strategic cooperation and customer-centric services.

Among its suite of offerings, Bank Muscat provides easy and convenient financing solutions such as the highly popular "Say-yarati" auto finance product, which continues to see strong demand across the Sultanate. The Bank aims to complement the dynamic automotive market by aligning its services with promotional offers and benefits extended by car companies and dealerships throughout Oman.

PARTNERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Sohar International to provide vocational training for Omani women with intellectual disabilities

MUSCAT: In alignment with its commitment to unlocking human potential and ensuring that every segment of society contributes meaningfully to Oman's progress, Sohar International has entered into a strategic partnership with the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) to support young Omani women with intellectual disabilities.

Formalized through an agreement between Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development, and Abdulwahid Mohamed Al Murshidi, Chief Executive Officer of Sohar International, the collaboration will benefit 40 participants registered at the Al Seeb Vocational Center, equipping them with the necessary vocational and entrepreneurial skills to pursue home-based opportunities. Anchored in the objectives of Oman Vision 2040, the initiative underscores Sohar International's role as a forward-looking institution that translates national aspirations into tangible impact.

Commenting on the partnership, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed Al Shamsi said: "Sustainable national development is a shared responsibility; it relies on enduring partnerships that bring together public institutions and private enterprise. By aligning resources and expertise, we can create initiatives that not only serve immediate needs but also build long-term capacity for individuals and their families. Sohar

International's engagement in this program reflects a recognition that social progress is most effective when it is collaborative, structured, and designed to deliver lasting value for society."

Speaking on the initiative, Al Murshidi, remarked, "At Sohar International, we believe national prosperity is not measured solely by economic output, but by how effectively a society enables every individual to contribute according to their abilities. This initiative represents a deliberate investment in human capital—empowering young Omani women with intellectual disabilities to achieve greater independence, purpose, and financial resilience. By equipping them with practical skills and pathways to sustainable income, we are not only strengthening individual livelihoods but also reinforcing the foundations of a more inclusive and resilient national economy."

As part of the program, participants will undergo customized training in fields such as textile handicrafts, tailoring, perfume production, and date packaging and labelling. Each participant will also be provided with the necessary raw materials and tools as per their chosen fields, ensuring they have both the knowledge and resources required to generate reliable income from home.

As a progressive and agile institution, Sohar International is helping reshape societal perceptions and foster inclusivity while advancing national priorities.

TRIPLE REWARDS

Grand Millennium Muscat launches 2025 MICE and Weddings campaign

MUSCAT: In a strategic collaboration with Millennium Hotels & Resorts, Grand Millennium Muscat, a leading hospitality destination in Oman, has unveiled its prestigious 2025 MICE and Weddings Campaign.

This dynamic initiative reinforces the hotel's standing as a premier venue for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions (MICE) and Weddings in Oman and across the wider region.

As part of this regional rollout, Grand Millennium Muscat invites corporate planners, event organisers, and wedding specialists to discover the hotel's modern, versatile venues and personalized service, with a suite of unparalleled benefits for qualified group events between now and December 2025.

Triple rewards for event planners

Event organizers who choose Grand Millennium Muscat for their next event can take advantage of an impressive incentive package. This includes 'Triple My Millennium Points' through the dedicated loyalty program, 'My Millennium Biz', allowing planners to accumulate rewards faster than ever. In addition, the hotel offers a host of complimentary perks, including free room nights, suite upgrades, exclusive rebates toward future bookings, themed coffee breaks,



welcome cocktails, and personalized branded signage, creating memorable, value-rich experiences for both planners and guests.

Grand Millennium Muscat is also offering flexible event solutions suited to a wide range of needs, whether it's a group stay, a full-scale conference, or a catering-only arrangement for a minimum of 10 rooms or 20 delegates. Whatever be the occasion - a strategic board meeting, a luxurious destination wedding, or a high-impact product launch - the hotel delivers a seamless and elevated experience.

Underscoring the significance of the campaign and its value to event planners, Mr. Glenn Nobbs, Cluster General Manager of Grand Millennium Muscat, remarked: "Oman has become a hub of op-

portunity for businesses and a breathtaking destination for celebrations. Our 2025 MICE and Weddings Campaign is a reminder that Grand Millennium Muscat is more than just a venue - we are a trusted partner in creating unforgettable events. Whether for a milestone wedding or a distinguished corporate gathering, our world-class facilities and dedicated team ensure every detail is executed with precision and care."

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Located in the heart of the city, Grand Millennium Muscat boasts one of the largest ballrooms in the city, and meeting rooms designed to accommodate events of all scales. Wedding clients benefit from curated packages developed by experienced planners, ensuring each celebration reflects the unique style and vision. Event menus are crafted with precision, offering bespoke catering inspired by both local and international cuisines. To support flawless execution, the hotel also provides in-house event coordination and logistics support every step of the way.

This is the ideal time for planners and organisers to book their next event or wedding, taking advantage of exclusive rewards and the unmatched support offered by one of Muscat's premier hospitality destinations. Grand Millennium Muscat stands ready to bring every vision to life with precision and elegance.

The booking window for these exclusive benefits is August through December 2025.

TAILORED FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

Muzn Islamic bank supports families with back-to-school financial solutions

MUSCAT: The National Bank of Oman's (NBO) Muzn Islamic Banking has announced offering tailored financial solutions to support the families across Oman with back-to-school expenses including tuition fees, transportation, and supplies.

Commenting on these solutions, Salima Obaid Issa Al-Marzoqi, Assistant General Manager and Chief Islamic Banking Officer at NBO, said: "At Muzn Islamic Banking, we believe that education is the founda-

tion for building prosperous communities and a knowledge-driven societies. As families across Oman prepare for the new school year, Muzn Islamic Banking is proud to support them with Shari'ah-compliant solutions that ease financial pressures and open doors to numerous opportunities. Our role goes beyond providing products, it is about enabling parents to invest in their children's future with confidence, while contributing to the nation's vision of sustainable development and

lifelong learning."

Muzn Islamic Banking provides education finance with competitive rates and flexible payment options. Structured under a Services Ijarah arrangement, the facility can be availed for school fees and higher education programmes including undergraduate, Master's and PhD studies, as well as professional training courses, both locally and internationally. With repayment tenures of up to ten years, depending on the programme,

families are given the flexibility to pursue long-term educational aspirations with confidence.

Muzn also offers, Kids WakalahAccount, a solution that supports families in their educational journey. Parents can open the account with no minimum balance requirement, appointing Muzn Islamic Banking as an investment agent. This ensures their savings are managed responsibly in line with Sharia principles while benefiting from a competitive profit rates.



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