



CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN ISSUES TREASURY BILLS WORTH OMR48MN

The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR48 million by a way of allotting treasury bills on Monday. The value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR15 million, for a maturity period of 28 days. Also, an additional lot of treasury bills was allotted with a value of OMR33 million carrying a maturity period of 91 days. **>B1**



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HIS MAJESTY INAUGURATES MEDICAL CITY FOR MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES

His Majesty watched a visual presentation on the progress of the medical sector and the contributions of Omani doctors



MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, yesterday paid a Royal visit to the Medical City for Military and Security Services and presided over the official opening of the Medical City Hospital for Military and Security Services-Muscat. Upon His Majesty's arrival to the Medical City, he was received by HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Board Chairman

of the Medical City for Military and Security Services and Eng. Uday bin Hilal Al Maawali, Head of the Medical City for Military and Security Services. His Majesty was also greeted by some ministers and com-

manders, board members of the Medical City. In the Medical City Hospital for Military and Security Services-Muscat, the Head of the City was honoured to deliver a speech before His Majesty the Sultan.

Then, His Majesty watched a visual presentation on the progress of the medical sector and the contributions of Omani doctors throughout the ages, as well as the stages of development of the medical field in the Sultanate of Oman,

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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

REDEFINING LEADERSHIP FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

MALABAR GOLD & DIAMONDS WINS TIMES JEWELLERY RETAIL CHAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Malabar Gold & Diamonds proudly received the Times Jewellery Retail Chain of the Year award at the Times Business Leadership Summit, recently held at The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat. Ranked as the sixth largest jewellery retailer globally, Malabar Gold & Diamonds boasts a remarkable network of over 365 showrooms spanning 13 countries. In Oman, it operates 12 world-class showrooms, with plans for continued expansion to meet growing demand. Since its entry into the Omani market in 2010, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has established itself as the leading jewellery retailer in the country, renowned for its unwavering dedication to quality, masterful craftsmanship, and exceptional customer service. His Excellency Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, presented the award to a senior representative of Malabar Gold & Diamonds.



MAQBOOL AL WAHAIBI NAMED TIMES BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Eng. Maqbool Al Wahaibi, CEO of Oman Data Park, was honoured as the Times Business Leader of the Year – Digital Transformation at the Times Business Leadership Summit, recently hosted at The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat. Al Wahaibi has been instrumental in steering Oman Data Park, Oman's first managed and cloud service provider, towards becoming a regional leader in digital transformation and data solutions. A founding member and a pillar of the company's executive management since its inception in 2012, he brings over 25 years of multifaceted experience across ICT engineering, software development, business start-ups, and executive leadership. Al Wahaibi received the award from His Excellency Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, at a glittering ceremony.



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Oman launches its first satellite enhanced with AI capabilities



With the successful launch of OL-1, Oman officially joins the field of space technology

MUSCAT: Represented by Oman Lens Company, the Sultanate of Oman has launched its first full-fledged Omani satellite registered under its name at the International Telecommunication Organisation (ITU). Enhanced with artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, the satellite specialises in remote sensing and earth observation technologies.

With the successful launch of this satellite OL-1, the Sultanate of Oman officially joins the field of space technology. It is Oman's the first advanced, locally developed optical satellite for artificial intelligence computing.

OL-1 figures as the first in a set of satellites scheduled to be launched by Oman to bolster its advanced Earth observation capabilities. The accomplishment highlights the Sultanate of Oman's dedica-



tion to technological innovation and data-driven solutions for national development.

Equipped with AI computing capabilities, OL-1 satellite is now fully prepared to capture and analyse high-resolution images

in real time, as an optical satellite because its advanced sensors enable it to collect detailed images of Oman's landscapes, infrastructure and natural resources, offering actionable solutions faster than traditional satellites.

The satellite will also monitor environmental conditions with high accuracy, transforming data into practical solutions that benefit various sectors. OL-1 will soon join other satellites equipped with AI technologies, making it possi-

ble to continuously and comprehensively monitor the Sultanate of Oman.

The launch of the OL-1 satellite constitutes a historic moment for the Sultanate of Oman. It paves the way for rapid analysis directly

from space.

The satellite project has been the outcome of strategic partnerships with two firms: Star Vision Aerospace company and Mars Development and Investment Company. These partnerships provided necessary resources, expertise and technical support necessary for Oman Lens Company to transform the satellite into reality. This enabled Oman Lens Company to benefit from the latest technologies with the aim of meeting the growing needs for space data in the Sultanate of Oman.

Oman Lens will thereby be able to provide actionable data at high speed to both the public and private sectors, thus enhancing the value of the economy and putting Oman on the world map as an advanced contributor to the global space sector.

The advanced and innovative plans and initiatives undertaken by Oman Lens align with the goals of Oman Vision 2040, which envisages the launch of a constellation of satellites over the next 5 years, develop new technologies for smart cities and enhance data analysis in cooperation with its partners.

Oman Lens Company seeks to meet the national goals of the Sultanate of Oman and explore a future full of opportunities for progress and prosperity. — OMA

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IGNITE PASSION FOR SCIENCE

OQ8 empowers youth and fuels innovation at Oman Science Festival

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Duqm Refinery and Petrochemical Industries Company (OQ8) took centre stage at the Oman Science Festival, a vibrant hub of innovation and exploration that concluded recently at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC).

With over 10,000 enthusiastic participants, OQ8 seized the opportunity to inspire the next generation of energy leaders through engaging and interactive experiences.

"We were thrilled to engage with young minds at the Oman Science Festival," said Jasim Al Ajmi Vice president Corporate Affairs, OQ8.

"This event allowed us to ignite passion for science and innovation while reinforcing our commitment to supporting youth education and involvement in the energy sector; It also reinforces our long-term commitment to education and youth empowerment, which are central to OQ8's strategy for sustainable growth and community development."

At the heart of OQ8's booth was an immersive experience showcasing the journey of crude oil from Kuwait to Oman's refinery in Duqm.

Through hands-on activities, students learned how crude oil transforms into vital products



that power the world, sparking curiosity and excitement about the energy industry. OQ8's focus on education and engagement created a space where learning thrived without the pressures of competition.

"This event provided us with a unique platform to ignite the youth's passion for science and innovation. By fostering curiosity and encouraging hands-on learning, we reinforce our commitment to supporting education and em-

powering the next generation to take an active role in the energy sector. Through initiatives like this, OQ8 aims to build a strong pipeline of talent that will drive sustainable growth and innovation in Oman, ensuring a bright future for our communities and the industry," Saif Al Manji, Head of Value creation added.

OQ8's success at the Oman Science Festival highlights its commitment to community engagement and education. Aligned with Oman's Vision 2040, OQ8 aims to inspire the next generation through programmes that foster curiosity and skills in science and technology, driving innovation for Oman's youth.



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8-year-old Indian chess player makes right moves towards ambitious goals

The third grade student at the Indian School Al Maabela recently finished runner-up in Under-11 category at the CBSE Nationals Chess Championship in India

Times News Service

MUSCAT: At an age when most children are absorbed in video games and toys, eight-year-old Dahveed Sibi Kurisinkal is making the right moves in the game of chess, already achieving success in a world that requires a keen mind and a steady hand.

In just two years since he picked up his first chess piece, the Indian School Al Maabela (ISAM) student Dahveed has risen to impressive heights in the sport, claiming titles and earning recognition in the competitive school chess circuit.

“I remember feeling really excited when I won my first tournament. It made me want to practice even more,” Dahveed told Times of Oman, his enthusiasm unmistakable.

Dahveed has an impressive list of accomplishments that highlight his skill and dedication to the game of chess.

In 2023, he secured the Board Prize at the Oman CBSE Cluster Chess Under-11 Championship



and played a pivotal role in leading his team to the runner-up position.

Beyond this success, he has also dominated in local Rapid Chess tournaments within the Under-9 category, clinching wins and showcasing his acumen.

“I enjoy the challenge of every game,” Dahveed said, “especially when I find a way to win that I didn’t think of before.”

The discovery of Dahveed’s talent began at just six years old, when Sajith Kumar, the ISAM physical education teacher, noticed his extraordinary ability.

Kumar’s encouragement and support were instrumental in guiding Dahveed onto a path of

competitive chess.

Since then, Dahveed has taken his skills further, receiving individual training from various coaches through online sessions, allowing him to refine his strategies and deepen his understanding of the game.

Currently a third grade ISAM student, Dahveed balances his studies with his passion for chess, demonstrating maturity and commitment rare for someone his age.

His role model, Arjun Erigaisi, an inspiring young talent in Indian chess, influences his playing style.

Like his idol, Dahveed favours both the Rapid and Classical styles, adapting his approach



to match the demands of each tournament.

Proud achievement in India

One of the highlights of Dahveed’s chess journey was his participation in the CBSE Nationals Chess Championship recently in the Indian city of Jalandhar, where he finished as individual runner-up among a top-class field in the Under-11 mixed category.

“I was proud to make it that far,” Dahveed said, “even though I was disappointed about the one game I lost. It made me realise I need to practice even harder.”

As Dahveed’s first coach, Kumar reflected on the talented player’s recent success with a sense of gratitude and pride.

He said: “Knowing that all the hours spent together in training, strategising, and refining skills have culminated in the victory is truly humbling. The success at the all-India level is a matter of pride, and it underscores the dedication

we’ve poured into every practice session. But this isn’t just a win – it’s a moment that will be cherished forever.”

For Dahveed, chess is more than a pastime; it is a calling, and he has set his sights high. His ultimate goal is to earn the prestigious title of Grandmaster, a dream that reflects both his confidence and commitment to excelling in this challenging sport.

“One day, I want to compete with the best in the world,” Dahveed said with quiet determination. With the upcoming Under-9 National Championship in Pune, India, in December 2024, Dahveed is poised for yet another opportunity to test his skills against top players, with hopes of participating in future international and world championships as well.

Behind Dahveed’s journey stands a supportive family. The youngest of three siblings, Dahveed is the son of Sibi Babu, who works as General Manager of Al

Hajiry Group, and Minu Sibi, employed at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital. His older brother, Aadam, in eighth grade, and his elder sister, Angel, in fourth grade, cheer him on, watching him pursue a path filled with strategic manoeuvres and big dreams. Both of Dahveed’s siblings are also into chess.

As Dahveed continues on his journey, it is clear that his love for chess, matched with his family’s support and his coaches’ guidance, has set him on a course for success. With a chessboard as his playground, Dahveed has already carved out a name for himself in the world of competitive chess, balancing the demands of this complex game with an ambition that’s propelling him toward his ultimate goal: to become a Grandmaster.

“I know becoming a Grandmaster will take a lot of hard work,” Dahveed said, “but I’m ready to give it my best.”

CLIMATE CHANGE MEETING



Oman participates in COP29 in Baku

BAKU: The Sultanate of Oman participated in the deliberations of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) in the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku.

The conference aims to minimise the risks of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally.

Ibrahim Ahmed Al Ajmi, Head of the Omani negotiating team at the 29th Climate Summit, said that the 2050 carbon neutrality plan pursued by the Sultanate of Oman is a national effort within its policies to reduce carbon emissions. He added that the plan earns commendation of the international community.

He said that the COP29 Climate Summit discusses national efforts and international cooperation required to enable countries to achieve the desired goals,

enhance strategies and build human capacities that will contribute to achieving ambitious and future visions to preserve the Earth from natural disasters resulting from climate change.

Dr. Ghazi Ali Al Rowas, member of the Omani negotiating team, explained that the Sultanate of Oman participated with groups in the world to negotiate all the amendments and articles approved at this conference.

The proceedings of this international conference address a range of issues, such as providing the necessary financial resources for developing countries to enable them to implement national plans and projects to adapt to the risks of global warming and climate change, achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs), enhance technology transfer and development, and build national capacities in this field. — ONA

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE



Saudi military delegation visits NDC

MUSCAT: Rear Admiral Ali Abdullah Al Shidi, Commandant of the National Defence College (NDC) received here on Monday a delegation from the Command and Staff College of the National Defence University of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

During the meeting, the two

sides discussed several academic and training topics.

The visiting delegation listened to a briefing on the NDC and its academic facilities and equipment. They also toured the college’s various departments.

The meeting was attended by several strategic advisors from the

National Defence College.

Joint Command and Staff College

Meanwhile, a delegation from the Command and Staff College of the National Defence University of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Monday visited the Joint Command

and Staff College (CSC).

Upon their arrival, the guests were received by the CSC Acting Commandant.

The guests were briefed on the CSC, its curricula and training and educational programmes. They also toured the college’s facilities and departments. — ONA



MEDICAL CITY

His Majesty inaugurates Medical City for Military and Security Services

<FROM A1 After that, His Majesty the Supreme Commander gave his Royal blessing, marking the official opening of the Medical City Hospital for Military and Security Forces - Muscat. Then, a detailed film was screened before His Majesty about the medical facilities, specialized departments, and levels of health care at the Medical City Hospital, as well as the added value it represents for the health sector in the Sultanate of Oman. His Majesty also went on tour of the Hospital's departments and

wings where he was briefed on the design, as it was built according to the highest technical standards to meet the needs of medical services and integrated healthcare that it provides as per the vision of the Medical City for Military and Security Services and its national goals, in a manner that comes in line with Oman Vision 2040. After that, His Majesty, the Supreme Commander, wrote a Royal speech to commemorate this Royal visit and the official opening of the Medical City Hospital for Military and Security Services - Muscat.

His Majesty, then, shook hands with assistant heads of the Medical City for Military and Security Services, directors general of the Medical City's hospitals and engineers of the Medical City Hospital project for Military and Security Services - Muscat. After that, His Majesty left the Medical City for Military and Security Services. Alongside His Majesty, the official inauguration was attended by some ministers, commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces and military and security units, as well as some senior officials. — OMA





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Sayyid Badr leads Oman delegation at Arab-Islamic Summit in Riyadh

The summit will discuss the ongoing Israeli aggression on Palestine and Lebanon and its repercussions on the region

RIYADH: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister arrived to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to head the Sultanate of Oman's delegation in the Extraordinary Joint Arab-Islamic Summit which will be held later on Monday in Riyadh.

Upon his arrival at King Khalid International Airport, Sayyid Badr was welcomed by Prince Mohammed Abdulrahman Abdulaziz, Deputy Governor of Riyadh and several Saudi officials.

Sayyid Badr is accompanied by a delegation comprising HH Sayyid Faisal Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Oman's permanent representative to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Abdullah Nasser Al Rahbi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Arab Republic of Egypt and Oman's per-



manent representative to the Arab League and Sheikh Faisal Omar Al Marhoon, Head of the Arab De-

partment at the Foreign Ministry and a number of officials.

The summit will discuss the on-

going Israeli aggression on Palestine and Lebanon and its repercussions on the region. — ONA

Oman's Foreign Minister meets Deputy PM of Bahrain

RIYADH: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister met on Monday with Sheikh Khalid Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Extraordinary Joint Arab-Islamic Summit that will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The meeting touched on bilateral relations between Oman and Bahrain and means of enhancing cooperation in different fields. It also underscored the importance of boosting strategic partnerships in a manner that serves joint interests and integration between the two countries.

Moreover, the two sides discussed several regional and international topics. They underlined the importance of continuing exerting

efforts to enhance Arab-Islamic cooperation in a bid to tackle rising challenges. The two sides also affirmed their support of efforts that are necessary to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

The meeting was attended by HH Sayyid Faisal Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Oman's permanent representative to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Abdullah Nasser Al Rahbi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Egypt and Oman's permanent representative to the Arab League and Sheikh Faisal Omar Al Marhoon, Head of the Arab Department at the Foreign Ministry and several officials from both sides. — ONA



Children's theatre festival

RABAT: Represented by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Oman is taking part in the 23rd edition of the International Children's Theatre Festival being held in Morocco, from 12 to 15 November 2024. Al-Den Theatre Troupe represents the Ministry at the festival with a children's drama titled "Kingdom of Colors", adding impetus to children's theatrical performances from Arab and foreign countries. — ONA





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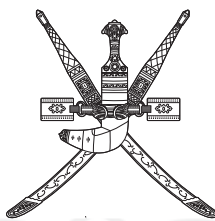
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476/2024	Managing, designing and making content for the Platform against Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances	Companies specialized in the field of television, film and radio production services and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 21-11-2024 02:00 PM	Sunday 01-12-2024 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O

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EXTRAORDINARY JOINT ARAB-ISLAMIC SUMMIT

Humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon is getting worse, says Sayyid Badr

RIYADH: At the behest of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, headed the Sultanate of Oman's delegation that took part in the extraordinary joint Arab-Islamic summit held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia yesterday, in the presence of monarchs, country leaders and heads of delegations.

During the summit, Sayyid Badr conveyed the greetings of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to the monarchs, country leaders and heads of delegations, along with His Majesty the Sultan's sincere wishes for the summit's success.

Sayyid Badr said in his speech that the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon is getting worse due to the persistent Israeli aggression that left a large number of people dead or deprived of the most basic rights to life.

Sayyid Badr added that the scenes of bombardment, destruction and genocide that target residential neighbourhoods, health and educational facilities and in-



frastructure go beyond all standards of humanity. These scenes call for joint action to open up unrestricted corridors to ease the delivery of highly needed relief aid.

Sayyid Badr stressed that the Sultanate of Oman is strongly committed to its position calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and for the termination of Israel's hostile operations in Lebanon. He underlined the need to conduct an independent international investigation into these repeated violations because, he noted, "justice is the basis of peace

and accountability is the only way to end this ongoing suffering".

Sayyid Badr explained that the tragic situation in Palestine and in Lebanon expanded into a dangerous escalation in other areas in the Middle East, noting that this situation threatens regional stability as a whole. The minister pointed out that the only way to achieve stability in the region is to develop a comprehensive vision based on truth and justice. Sayyid Badr also voiced the Sultanate of Oman's steadfast support to the initiative launched by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia about the formation of an international coalition to achieve the Two-State Solution. He stressed the importance of taking practical steps to achieve this goal, adding that the first step is to realize the international community's recognition of the Palestinian State. In this context, the minister valued the positions of countries that took the initiative to recognize the Palestinian State. He also urged other countries to join this

move to consolidate the right to achieve this long-awaited justice.

At the conclusion of his speech, Sayyid Badr reiterated the fact that justice for the Palestinian cause requires a sincere, unified will and concrete action. He prayed to the Almighty Allah to grant success to all those who undertake noble initiatives. He also prayed to the Almighty to help the Arab and Islamic nation to support justice and establish peace.

Oman's delegation to the summit included HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—Oman's Permanent Representative to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Abdullah bin Nasser Al Rahbi, the Sultanate of Oman's Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt and its Permanent Representative to the Arab League and Sheikh Faisal bin Omar Al Marhoon, Head of the Arab Department at the Foreign Ministry, among other officials. -ONA



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



MoU signed between WHO Office and Al Mudhaibi Healthy City

AL MUDHAIBI: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on Monday between the World Health Organization's (WHO) Office in Oman and Al Mudhaibi Healthy City.

The MoU was signed by Sheikh Saud Mohammed Al Hinai, Wali of Al Mudhaibi, Supervisor Gen-

eral of the Healthy City and Dr. Jean Yaacoub Jabbour, representative of the WHO Office in Oman.

The WHO's Healthy Cities programme is being implemented in the Sultanate of Oman under the supervision of the Ministry of Health. - ONA

EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT

OIC Secretary-General warns of dire consequences of Israeli aggression

JEDDAH: The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) highlighted the paramount importance of convening the Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit in light of the dangerous escalation in the occupied Palestinian territories and the ongoing Israeli occupation aggression that includes siege, destruction and displacement.

Speaking at the preparatory ministerial meeting for the Summit, OIC Secretary-General Hissein Taha warned of the dire consequences of the Israeli occupation's measures against the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees



(UNRWA), stressing its vital role in providing basic services to Palestinian refugees, as well as being a manifestation the international community's commitment and responsibility towards the Palestinian cause.

He emphasised that the con-

tinued violations of the Israeli occupation threaten regional peace and stability, stressing the need to double international and individual efforts to stop the crimes being committed against the Palestinian people and prevent the occupation from expanding the circle of war

and destabilising the region.

The OIC Secretary-General called for supporting the implementation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the illegality of the occupation and accelerating the achievement of the two-state solution.

Arab and Muslim leaders are due to convene the Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit in Riyadh, on Monday to address the unprecedented crises unfolding in the Gaza Strip, the occupied Palestinian territories and Lebanon due to the ongoing Israeli aggression, and de-escalation efforts amid rising tensions in the region. -ONA



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Oman spinners clinch nail-biter

Duleep Mendis' men sealed a thrilling one-run victory over the Netherlands for their fourth successive triumph in the Cricket World Cup League 2 tri-series at home

MUSCAT: Oman's spinners dazzled once again, leading the hosts to a thrilling one-run win over the Netherlands in a low-scoring battle at the Oman Cricket Academy ground on Monday. The win marked Duleep Mendis-coached side's fourth consecutive success in the Cricket World Cup League 2 tri-series, ending their campaign on a high with two wins each against the UAE and the Netherlands to stay unbeaten.

Defending a modest total of 155, Oman's bowlers, particularly the spinners, were relentless. Shakeel Ahmed, Aamir Kaleem, Samay Shrivastav, and Siddharth Bukkapatnam combined efforts to trap the Dutch batters, making it incredibly challenging to chase down the target. The moment of the match, however, came from captain Jatinder Singh's bold decision to introduce off-spinner Karan Sonavale in the 46th over. With the Netherlands needing just three runs from 30 balls and Oman desperately needing a wicket, Sonavale's first over of the game saw him dismiss Aryan Dutt, who skied a catch to Muzahir Raza, igniting jubilation in the Oman camp. The Dutch side's chase began with setbacks as Ahmed, Oman's prolific wicket-taker throughout the series with 13 dismissals in four matches, removed both openers to leave the Netherlands at 33/2 after 12 overs. Kaleem, the experienced spinner, then tore through the middle order, and Shrivastav's economical bowling kept the pres-



Oman players celebrate after recording a thrilling one-run win against the Netherlands on Monday to end the home tri-series in the CWC League 2 with a clean slate, having won all the four matches

sure on, leaving the Netherlands floundering at 70/6 in 24 overs. Dutch hopes were revived briefly by a resilient 52-run stand between Teja Nidamanuru (34) and Timm van der Gugten (17) for the seventh wicket. However, Kaleem once again swung the game in Oman's favour by breaking the partnership in a match where momentum see-sawed dramatically. Bukkapatnam, making his debut, delivered a crucial over, removing Roelof van der Merwe and Nidamanuru in the span of five balls to bring the hosts within touching distance of victory. The last-wicket pair of Kyle Klein and Aryan Dutt pushed Oman's nerves to the edge, forging a gritty 24-run stand that almost clinched the match for the Netherlands. But it was Sonavale's surprise entry into the bowling attack that turned the tide, sealing a memorable victory for the hosts. The spin quartet shone brightly, with Kaleem finishing with impressive figures of 4/24, Ahmed taking 2/15, Bukkapatnam chipping in with 2/23, and Shrivastav



Aamir Kaleem (left) receives player of the match award from Kiran Asher, Oman Cricket board member

and Sonavale contributing one wicket each. This consistent spin assault left the Dutch batters struggling throughout their innings. Earlier, Oman's innings was built on a solid foundation laid by openers Ashish Odedara and Jatinder Singh, who shared a

94-run stand in 24 overs. Odedara scored 41 off 70 balls, including five boundaries, while Jatinder completed a measured half-century, scoring 59 off 89 balls with six boundaries. However, Odedara's dismissal triggered a collapse as Oman fell



Oman skipper Jatinder Singh raises his bat on reaching his half-century against the Netherlands on Monday

with three sixes, and a record 30-run last-wicket stand with Raza, who scored 10, helped Oman reach 155 in 44.2 overs. With Monday's win, Oman, improved their points tally to 14 from 12 games, to stay fifth in the eight-nation League 2 standings. The Netherlands and Scotland have also accrued 14 points but maintain a superior net run rate (NRR), with Scotland having played one less game. The United States top the table with 16 points, followed by Canada (16), who have inferior NRR than the US. Namibia with 10 points are behind Oman while Nepal (6), and the UAE (4) complete the standings. Aamir Kaleem was later named the player of the match. **Brief scores:** Oman: 155 all out in 44.2 overs (Ashish Odedara 41, Jatinder Singh 59, Jay Odedra 20; Colin Ackermann 4/22, Roelof van der Merwe 3/30) beat Netherlands: 154 all out in 45.3 overs (Teja Nidamanuru 34, Kyle Klein 18*; Aamir Kaleem 4/24, Shakeel Ahmed 2/15, Siddharth Bukkapatnam 2/23).

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The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by January 2025 reaching \$73.05, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 76 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$73.81. - **ONA**

MARKET

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER
Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) lost 31.3 points, comprising a decline by 0.66% to close at 4683.02 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4714.33 points.



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million, for a maturity period of 28 days. The average accepted price reached OMR 99.685 for every OMR 100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR 99.680 per OMR 100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 4.11060 per cent and 4.12360 per cent, respectively.

Whereas, the value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR 33 million, for a maturity

period of 91 days. The average accepted price reached OMR 98.866 for every OMR 100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR 98.865 per OMR 100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 4.54700 per cent and 4.59914 per cent, respectively.

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Oman Post to host PRIME General Assembly and Board Meetings in Muscat

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Post, the national postal operator, will host the prestigious PRIME General Assembly and the PRIME Board from November 12 to 14, at its headquarters in Muscat.

As a board member, Oman Post will welcome industry leaders from over 160 postal operators worldwide who will share insights, forge new partnerships, and shape the future of global logistics, advancing cross-border eCommerce.

Hosting the PRIME General Assembly underscores Oman's significant global position in logistics and eCommerce, further solidifying its position as a key player in international trade. This event provides a unique platform for over 160 postal operators worldwide to connect, collaborate, and drive innovation in eCommerce.

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Oman Post is well-positioned to leverage the synergies of this strategic partnership and capitalize on the opportunities presented by PRIME. By hosting this prestigious event, Oman will further solidify its reputation as a thriving logistics hub and drive the country's economic prosperity. Oman Post continues to deliver exceptional service and reliability, pushing the boundaries of logistics and trade through innovation and excellence.



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MSX index ends lower

Oman Education & Training, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while Dhofar Insurance, down 6.98%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,683.02 points, down by 0.66% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.90% at 425.05 points. Oman Education & Training, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while Dhofar Insurance, down 6.98%, was the top loser. Shares of OQEP were the most active in terms of number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 2666 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 9.79 million, with more than 35.13 million shares changing hands. Out of 58 traded securities, 14 advanced, 25 declined, and 19 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for RO 911K while domestic investors were net buyers for RO 895K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 17K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,820.40 points, down 0.46%. Prices of Oman United Insurance, United Finance, Oman & Emirates Investment, Al Madina

Takaful were up by 2.13%, 1.79%, 1.43%, 1.28% respectively. Prices of Al Madina Investments, Dhofar Insurance, Takaful Oman, OMINVEST, Sohar International Bank were down by 9.80%, 6.98%, 4.55%, 1.96%, 1.46% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 5,316.61 points, down 0.6%. Prices of Raysut Cement, Voltamp Energy were up by 1.77%, 0.53% respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Ceramics, Gulf International Chemicals, Galfar Engineering, A'Saffa Foods, Salalah Mills were down by 4.17%, 2.78%, 1.84%, 1.32%, 1.03% respectively.

Services Index was down by 0.84% before closing at 1,776.55 points. Prices of Oman Education & Training, Barka Desalination, National Gas, Muscat Desalination, Al Batinah Power were up by 10.00%, 3.31%, 2.78%, 1.43%, 1.24% respectively. Prices of Ooredoo, Sembcorp Salalah, Dhofar Generating, Renaissance Services, Al Jazeera Services were down by 4.44%, 4.04%, 2.99%, 1.81%, 0.80% respectively. — United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,718.62	4,677.99	4,683.02	4,714.33	-31.31	-0.66
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,859.81	7,812.41	7,820.40	7,856.19	-35.79	-0.46
Industry Index	5,349.99	5,311.71	5,316.61	5,348.76	-32.15	-0.60
Services Index	1,794.82	1,774.78	1,776.55	1,791.64	-15.09	-0.84
MSX Shariah Index	429.37	425.05	425.05	428.92	-3.87	-0.90
MSX TR INDEX	6,591.62	6,534.86	6,541.89	6,585.63	-43.74	-0.66
FINANCIAL TR IDX	8,929.55	8,875.70	8,884.77	8,925.44	-40.67	-0.46
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,172.62	6,128.45	6,134.10	6,171.20	-37.10	-0.60
SERVICES TR IDX	2,112.14	2,088.55	2,090.64	2,108.39	-17.75	-0.84
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,066.89	1,066.89	1,066.89	1,066.89	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
35,130,838	9,788,041	2,666	27,492,257,910	14	25	19	58

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	2,000	481	2	0.242	0.242	0.240	0.240	0.235	0.005	2.128	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.100	24,000,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	40,000	2,280	2	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.056	0.001	1.786	0.057	0.057	0.061	0.100	20,289,256
OM0000000181	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	26,000	1,831	5	0.070	0.071	0.070	0.071	0.070	0.001	1,429	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.100	8,653,125
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	26,041	2,050	11	0.079	0.079	0.078	0.079	0.078	0.001	1,282	0.079	0.079	0.081	0.100	13,825,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	138,000	11,216	7	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.001	1,235	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.100	55,340,769
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	97,238	7,924	12	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.001	1,235	0.082	0.079	0.082	0.100	58,581,320
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	256	97	2	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.380	0.380	0.388	0.100	125,731,630
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	292	85	1	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.000	0.000	0.290	0.290	0.294	0.100	36,220,408
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.	16,700	1,169	2	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.070	0.072	0.100	6,300,000
OM0000000934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	215,789	5,246	46	0.284	0.285	0.282	0.284	0.284	0.000	0.284	0.284	0.285	0.100	215,738,800	
OM0000000972	OQ GAS NETWORKS	1,216,068	166,730	171	0.137	0.138	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.137	0.138	0.138	0.100	593,295,477
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	120,250	118,017	17	0.983	0.984	0.979	0.979	0.982	-0.003	-0.305	0.979	0.980	0.981	0.100	734,250,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	581,838	148,776	34	0.257	0.257	0.254	0.256	0.257	-0.001	-0.389	0.256	0.254	0.258	0.100	1,921,637,648
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	570,000	47,425	22	0.084	0.084	0.082	0.082	0.083	-0.001	-1.205	0.082	0.082	0.085	0.100	16,400,000
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	5,745	2,157	4	0.380	0.380	0.375	0.375	0.380	-0.005	-1.316	0.375	0.370	0.375	0.100	45,000,000
OM0000000388	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	83,000	4,712	9	0.137	0.137	0.134	0.135	0.137	-0.002	-1.460	0.135	0.134	0.137	0.100	893,328,246
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	93,995	35,826	11	0.386	0.386	0.379	0.379	0.386	-0.007	-1.813	0.379	0.378	0.379	0.100	89,599,390
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	48,785	17,479	17	0.353	0.353	0.350	0.350	0.357	-0.007	-1.961	0.350	0.348	0.350	0.100	233,927,899
OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	778,021	76,095	39	0.099	0.100	0.095	0.095	0.099	-0.004	-4.040	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.100	90,684,335
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	57,463	6,773	18	0.120	0.120	0.115	0.115	0.120	-0.005	-4.167	0.115	0.108	0.116	0.100	25,300,000
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	306,585	79,794	32	0.268	0.268	0.258	0.258	0.270	-0.012	-4.444	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.100	17,943,611
Total	21	4,377,066	792,162	464												

Parallel Market

OM0000000280	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INVESTMENTS	108,835	98,169	5	0.902	0.902	0.902	0.902	0.890	0.082	10.000	0.902	0.902	0.902	0.100	63,140,000
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	23,930	2,991	1	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.121	0.004	3.306	0.125	0.122	0.125	0.100	9,440,250
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	1,223,032	88,316	38	0.073	0.074	0.072	0.074	0.072	0.002	2.778	0.074	0.069	0.074	0.100	6,290,000
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	9,042	642	11	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.001	1,429	0.071	0.070	0.071	0.100	11,044,078
OM0000009569	JABAL REIF	3,706,420	385,471	4	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0.962	0.105	0.105	0.110	0.100	18,270,000
OM0000003651	VOLTAMP ENERGY	1,629	821	4	0.381	0.382	0.380	0.382	0.380	0.002	0.526	0.382	0.382	0.380	0.100	31,095,851
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	23,178,116	8,194,547	1,966	0.354	0.355	0.352	0.355	0.354	0.001	0.282	0.355	0.352	0.355	0.010	2,840,000,000
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	9,269	918	1	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.091	0.104	0.100	2,970,000
OM0000001388	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	53,188	2,447	1	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.050	0.100	2,875,000
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	1,518	69	2	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.000	0.000	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.100	69,700,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	160,276	25,804	2	0.161	0.161	0.161	0.161	0.161	0.000	0.000	0.161	0.000	0.161	0.100	50,782,137
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	236,711	35,507	6	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.100	352,448,620
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALINATION	30,000	4,380	2	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.146	0.000	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.146	0.100	14,276,115
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	40,024	6,004	5	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.142	0.150	0.100	250,411,500
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	12,976	743	4	0.058	0.058	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.058	0.100	83,368,283
OM0000005905	ALMAHA CERAMICS	1,854	262	5	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.091	0.095	0.100	18,300,000
OM0000007910	THE PEARL REIF	10,000	1,180	2	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.100	59,956,218
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	11,968	2,717	3	0.227	0.227	0.227	0.227	0.228	0.001	-0.439	0.227	0.223	0.227	0.100	10,388,836
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	1,854	262	5	0.091	0.142	0.141	0.141	0.142	-0.001	-0.704	0.141	0.142	0.142	0.100	7,735,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	501	122	2	0.244	0.248	0.244	0.248	0.250	-0.002	-0.800	0.248	0.230	0.275	0.100	10,625,062
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	443,100	44,754	19	0.102	0.102	0.101	0.101	0.102	0.001	-0.980	0.101	0.100	0.101	0.100	225,932,256
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	12,316	5,912	3	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.485	-0.005	-1.031	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.100	29,882,271
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	514,036	38,193	30	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.070	0.071	-0.001	-1.408	0.070	0.069	0.073	0.100	14,852,600
OM0000008447	OMAN REIF FUND	189,702	13,089	9	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.070	-0.001	-1.429	0.069	0.069	0.075	0.100	35,095,559
OM0000000821	GLOBAL ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	4,586	4,445	10	0.106	0.108	0.104	0.107	0.109	-0.002	-1.835	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.100	21,719,550
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	700	49	1	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.072	-0.002	-2.778	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.100	1,470,000
OM0000008447	DOHAF GENERATING	97,488	6,347	7	0.065	0.066	0.065	0.065	0.067	-0.002	-2.985	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.100	14,445,600
OM0000007047	DOHAF POWER	1,000	704	1	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.000	0.000	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.100	2,100,000
OM0000001095	DOHAF INSURANCE	450	90	1	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.215	-0.015	-6.977	0.200	0.200	0.220	0.100	22,550,510
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	122,428	5,653	9	0.048	0.048	0.046	0.046	0.051	-0.005	-9.804	0.046	0.046	0.049	0.100	3,910,000
Total	30	30,252,408	8,971,092	2,186												



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BLOOD PRESSURE THAN WALKING

A recent study published in *Circulation* finds that vigorous exercise, such as cycling, stair climbing, or running, is more effective at lowering blood pressure than low-intensity activities like walking.

Researchers analysed health data from 14,761 individuals across five countries, who wore activity trackers to monitor physical movement. Participants' daily activities were categorized into six groups: sitting, sleeping, slow walking, fast walking, standing, and vigorous exercise.

Findings showed that while any movement helps, activities that significantly raise heart rate yield the most substantial blood pressure benefits.

Study lead Jo Blodgett from UCL emphasized that even an additional five minutes of exercise daily can positively impact blood pressure.

Alongside vigorous exercise, improved sleep duration and increased standing and walking time also showed meaningful benefits. - *UNA*

SPORTS

T20I SERIES IN SRI LANKA

Ferguson hat-trick, Phillips' heroics help NZ level series



DAMBULLA: Lockie Ferguson's hat-trick and Glenn Phillips' nerve-shredding three wickets in the final over secured a nail-biting win for New Zealand as they defended a modest total of 108 against Sri Lanka in the second T20I in Dambulla on Sunday. Sri Lanka, needing just eight runs off the final over, faltered as Phillips removed key opener Pathum Nissanka for 52 with the second ball. Matheesha Pathirana was stumped on the next for a golden duck, and after a single, Maheesh Theekshana fell on the penultimate delivery with six runs still required, handing New Zealand a thrilling five-run victory on a slow, turning pitch. Earlier, Ferguson turned the tide by claiming a hat-trick, dismissing Kusal Perera at the end of his first over and following up with the wickets of Kamindu Mendis and Charith Asalanka at the start of his second. This feat made him only the sixth New Zealander to achieve

a hat-trick in men's T20 cricket, finishing with remarkable figures of 3-7 in two overs. Phillips complemented his efforts with an equally economical 3-6 from 1.5 overs. New Zealand's total of 108, their lowest-ever defended score in a men's T20I, came after a challenging batting innings where they struggled against Sri Lankan leg-spinner Wahindu Hasaranga, who tore through the lineup with figures of 4-17. Will Young was the top scorer with 30 from 32 balls, supported by Mitchell Santner's 19 and Josh Clarkson's 24, as the Black Caps were bowled out in 19.3 overs. The win levelled the two-match T20 series 1-1, with the teams now gearing up for a three-match ODI series starting Wednesday. **Brief scores:** Sri Lanka 103 in 19.5 overs (Nissanka 52; Ferguson 3-7, Phillips 3-6) lost to New Zealand 108 in 19.3 overs (Young 30; Hasaranga 4-17). - Agencies

Buttler's blitz powers England to easy win

The skipper smashed 83 off just 45 balls in his team's seven-wicket victory against the West Indies in Barbados and put the visitors 2-0 up in the T20I series

BARBADOS: England captain Jos Buttler unleashed an electrifying 83 off just 45 balls, guiding his team to a comfortable seven-wicket win over the West Indies in the second T20I match of the series on Sunday. England now lead 2-0 in the five-match series, dominating both games played in Barbados as they head to St. Lucia for the remaining matches. Despite a shaky start with Phil Salt dismissed off the first ball, Buttler entered and took control, smashing eight fours and six towering sixes. His dynamic 129-run partnership with opener Will Jacks (38 off 29 balls) set England on track before both fell in the same Romario Shepherd over. However, the damage was already



done, as England chased down West Indies' total of 158-8 with 31 balls to spare. Earlier, West Indies struggled after slipping to 35-3 in the powerplay. Captain Rovman Powell led a brief recovery, scoring 43 before falling to Dan Mousley's sharp bowling. Lower-order contributions from Shepherd, Matthew Forde, and debutant Terrance Hinds pushed the West Indies to a somewhat respectable 158, yet it proved insufficient against England's aggressive chase. Buttler's move to bat at three instead of his usual opening posi-

tion was met with surprise, but his early entry, due to Salt's dismissal, allowed him to play with full command. After a cautious start, he launched an assault on the Windies' bowlers, highlighted by a monstrous six onto the Kensington Oval roof off Gudakesh Motie and consecutive sixes against Roston Chase. Liam Livingstone wrapped up the match with an unbeaten 23 from 11 balls, sealing victory and raising questions on Buttler's future batting position. Relinquishing wicketkeeping duties and shifting to number three may have

been tactical, and with back-to-back wins, the approach is proving effective. England's bowling also shone, as Saqib Mahmood struck early, and Jofra Archer's searing pace had the Windies reeling. Despite some control issues, Mahmood's swing troubled the hosts, and Livingstone's crafty spell earned two key wickets, slowing the Windies' momentum. **Brief scores:** England 161-3 in 14.5 overs (Buttler 83, Jacks 38) beat West Indies 158-8 in 20 overs (Powell 43; Livingstone 2-16, Mahmood 2-20). - Agencies

SPANISH LA LIGA

Barcelona stumble at Real Sociedad

BARCELONA: Barcelona, the current La Liga leaders, suffered only their second league defeat of the season, losing 1-0 to Real Sociedad in San Sebastian on Sunday. Missing their teenage sensation Lamine Yamal due to an injury sustained in the Champions League clash against Red Star Belgrade, Barcelona's attack looked uninspired. Sheraldo Becker's first-half strike proved decisive, handing Sociedad a well-earned victory. The hosts, creating multiple opportunities, could have made the scoreline even more decisive. Meanwhile, Barcelona had



a frustrating evening; Robert Lewandowski saw a potential equaliser controversially disallowed for offside. Despite the second-half introduction of Dani Olmo in place of Frenkie de Jong, Barca's offence remained stymied, and the team failed to produce a single shot on target. With this loss, Barcelona remains six points ahead in La Liga, though Real Madrid, currently in second place, has a game in hand. **Other results:** Real Betis 2 Celta Vigo 2, Mallorca 0 Atlético Madrid 1, Getafe 0 Girona 1, Real Valladolid 1 Athletic Club 1. - Agencies

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea and Arsenal settle for a point



LONDON: Pedro Neto's impressive strike secured a 1-1 draw for Chelsea against Arsenal in a spirited Premier League clash at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. Both teams, however, slipped further adrift of top-placed Liverpool, now nine points behind the leaders. Arsenal struck first through Gabriel Martinelli, who latched onto a precise back-post cross from the returning Martin Odegaard to fire past Chelsea's keeper Robert Sanchez. Chelsea's equaliser was well-deserved, with Neto picking up a slick pass from Enzo Fernandez, cutting inside, and unleashing a low left-footed shot past David Raya. Arsenal's quest for a decisive goal nearly succeeded when Leandro Trossard narrowly missed redirecting William Saliba's cross. England winger Bukayo Saka limped off late in the game,

leaving Arsenal with further injury concerns. For Arsenal, the return of captain Martin Odegaard was crucial. Back from an ankle injury, Odegaard's presence elevated Arsenal's creativity, leading to Martinelli's goal. Manager Mikel Arteta noted that recent struggles have impacted team morale, and Arsenal will look to rebound after the upcoming international break. Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca took bold tactical decisions, including benching captain Reece James, which nearly paid off. Despite the draw, Maresca's impact in his first season has left Chelsea with a clear identity and optimism as they sit joint third in the league. **Other results:** Manchester United 3 Leicester City 0, Nottingham Forest 1 Newcastle United 3, Tottenham Hotspur 1 Ipswich Town 2. - Agencies

ITALIAN SERIE A

Roma part ways with head coach Juric



ROME: AS Roma have parted ways with head coach Ivan Juric following a narrow 3-2 home loss to Bologna on Sunday, marking the club's third managerial upheaval this season. The 49-year-old Croatian manager, appointed in September to succeed Daniele de Rossi, departs after just 12 games in charge, with a record of four wins and five losses. De Rossi had previously replaced José Mourinho but lasted only eight months. "We extend our gratitude to Ivan Juric for his efforts over the

past weeks," Roma's owners, The Friedkin Group, said in a statement. "He managed a challenging environment with exceptional professionalism, for which we are deeply appreciative. The search for a new head coach is already underway, and we expect to make an announcement soon." With Roma currently sitting 12th in Serie A and hovering in 20th in the Europa League, speculation is rife about who will take the helm next. Former Italy and Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini, recently relieved of his duties with

the Saudi national team, is reportedly a leading candidate. Elsewhere, Scott McTominay scored as Serie A leaders Napoli escaped with a 1-1 draw at reigning champions Inter Milan after Hakan Calhanoglu equalised and then missed a penalty for the hosts. The result leaves Antonio Conte's side on 26 points, one clear of Atalanta, Fiorentina and Lazio, who are all on 25 along with fourth-placed Inter. **Other results:** Atalanta 2 Udinese 1, Fiorentina 3 Hellas Verona 1, Roma 2, Bologna 3, Monza 0 Lazio 1.

BRITAIN'S CYCLING LEGEND

Cavendish ends career

SINGAPORE: Britain's Mark Cavendish, the most successful sprinter in cycling history, ended his career with an emotional and triumphant win at the Tour de France Criterium in Singapore on Sunday. The 39-year-old Isle of Man native, who announced on Saturday that this would be his final race before retirement, clinched victory in a sprint finish, capping off a remarkable 19-year career. Riding for Astana-Qazaqstan, Cavendish donned race No.35 to commemorate his record 35 stage wins in the Tour de France. Cavendish retires with 165 career victories, including the 2011 world road title, 17 Giro d'Italia stages, and three Vuelta a España stages. Recently knighted, he is also



celebrated for his track cycling achievements, including a 2016 Olympic silver medal in the omnium and three Madison world titles. Having postponed his retirement by a year, Cavendish set the all-time record for most Tour de France stage wins in July with his victory in Saint-Vulbas. - Agencies

ATP FINALS IN TURIN

Sinner and Fritz shine amid Medvedev's meltdown

TURIN: World No. 1 Jannik Sinner delighted his home crowd in Turin, Italy, with a confident 6-3, 6-4 victory over Alex de Minaur, marking an impressive start at the ATP Finals on Sunday. Sinner's flawless form extended his undefeated record against De Minaur, securing an 8-0 streak. Earlier in the day, American Taylor Fritz achieved his 50th win of the season, outplaying a visibly frustrated Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-3. Medvedev, the fourth seed, faltered under pressure, hitting seven double faults in the first set and eventually smashing his racquet in frustration after double-faulting on set point. He later broke a court-side microphone, drawing boos from the crowd, but Fritz remained focused, capitalising on Medvedev's errors.



"I'm super happy with how I played today," said Fritz, reflecting on his strong performance amid Medvedev's erratic behaviour. Staying mentally sharp, Fritz closed the match with a flawless final service game. Sinner, fresh off a historic season with his first two Grand Slam titles, maintained composure against a resilient De Minaur, breaking the Australian's serve at crucial moments. Although De Minaur initially took a lead, Sinner's powerful returns and confidence turned the tide, wrapping up the match with his eighth ace. "I started with some unforced errors, but mentally I stayed strong, and my tennis arrived quickly," Sinner said. The Italian star is now poised for a promising tournament run, spurred by his continued dominance. - Agencies

Bank Muscat wins BNY’s STP Award for continued excellence

BNY, America’s oldest bank and the first company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, recognised Bank Muscat for its advanced digital infrastructure and adherence to global standards in the SWIFT system, which facilitates seamless, efficient payment processing

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, has been honoured with the prestigious ‘The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY) STP Award for excellence in US dollar-denominated fund transfers for commercial and financial payments.

BNY, America’s oldest bank and the first company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, recognised Bank Muscat for its advanced digital infrastructure and adherence to global standards in the SWIFT system, which facilitates seamless, efficient payment processing.

Commenting on the achievement, Talal Abdul Hameed al Zadjali, Deputy General Manager – Operations, Bank Muscat, said: “This award, which the Bank consistently receives, demonstrates its exceptional ability to process payments promptly and securely with minimal risk or delay. Achieving this standard of quality in banking services, especially in remittances and foreign payments, is a priority for the Bank. The repeated recognition from various international institutions highlights the quality standards the Bank maintains in its electronic payment services, affirming its leadership in the banking sector and strengthening its position in



adopting modern technologies for efficient transaction processing”.

Bank Muscat continues to strengthen its leadership position by offering superior banking services and solutions, with a focus on product innovation and the expansion of electronic payment and online services.

Its ongoing efforts to meet the needs of diverse sectors through new products and enhanced channels have been widely recognized.

In recognition of its excellence in payments and banking services, Bank Muscat has received numerous awards this year from international banks, including Citibank, Wells Fargo and JP Morgan. It has also been honored by esteemed institutions such as Global Finance, Euromoney, The Banker, and EMEA Finance for its exceptional service to both individual and corporate customers.

For 240 years, BNY has partnered alongside customers, putting its expertise and platforms to work to help them achieve their ambitions. BNY supports governments in funding local projects and works with over 90% of the top 100 pension plans to safeguard investments for millions of individuals, and so much more. As of September 30, 2024, BNY oversees over \$52 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$2.1 trillion in assets under management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



Oman ESO and Bank Nizwa conclude Wa’ai competition

MUSCAT: The Environment Society of Oman (ESO) and Bank Nizwa announced the successful conclusion of the recently launched ‘Wa’ai Competition.’

This online environmental competition, aimed at young adults in Oman aged 18-25, sought to promote awareness and sustainable living practices by addressing challenges impacting the nation’s natural environment. Participants were encouraged to create visually compelling and engaging awareness materials, with awards given to projects showcasing the most creative content and highest potential for meaningful impact.

“We are thrilled that Bank Nizwa has supported this initiative,” said Dr Amor Al Matani, President of the Environment Society of Oman. “We continuously encourage youth to utilize their design and digital communication skills to raise environmental awareness. The Wa’ai Competition inspired participants to make a real difference with innovative ideas that will encourage others to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives, benefiting us all.”

Khalid Al Kayed, Chief Executive Officer at Bank Nizwa, remarked, “Both Environment Society Oman and Bank Nizwa share the belief that Omani youth play a crucial role in environmental protection and education. This initiative aligns with Bank Nizwa’s commitment to environmental stewardship as a key pillar of our sustainability roadmap. We appreciate all participants and congratulate the winners for their outstanding creative contributions to this important cause.”

The competition addressed critical themes such as Climate Change and Plastic Pollution. Over the course of two months, participants submitted creative content in three main categories: video or animation, reusable merchandise designs, and infographics. Entries were shortlisted by a panel of judges, with final winners determined by public vote through ESO’s Instagram account. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three projects in each category, and the winners were celebrated at an awards event where they showcased their projects.

For more information about the competition, winners, and submission criteria, please visit the Environment Society of Oman on social media.

Winners of Infographic Category: Alameen bin Mamoon bin Salem Al Amiri, Rahat Shakeel, Suha bint Mansoor bin Saif Al Harrasi

Winners of the Short-Film Category: Nasser bin Hamed bin Nasser Al Amri, We Deserve To Live Filter Zula

NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN

NBO introduces Garmin Pay, enabling contactless payments via smartwatch

MUSCAT: National Bank of Oman (NBO) announces the launch of Garmin Pay, a seamless payment solution empowers customers to make secure, contactless payments directly from their Garmin smartwatches. As the first bank in Oman to offer Garmin Pay, NBO continues to lead digital banking innovation, providing customers with seamless and convenient ways to manage their finances.

Garmin Pay allows NBO customers to store their NBO Credit, Debit and Badeel Prepaid Cards information securely on their Garmin devices, enabling transactions by simply tapping their smartwatch. This secure, hassle-free payment method aligns with NBO’s commitment to enhancing customer experiences through advanced digital solutions, making everyday transactions faster and easier.

Setting up Garmin Pay is straightforward. Customers can link their NBO Credit, Debit and Badeel Prepaid Cards through the Garmin Connect app, ensuring secure card information storage directly on their smartwatch. Once set up, transactions can be made at any contactless payment terminal by holding the device near the reader. This makes it ideal for various purchasing scenarios – from quick coffee runs to retail shopping.

NBO’s introduction of Garmin Pay is part of its broader digital strategy to offer innovative financial solutions that align with its customers’ evolving needs. This new feature strengthens the bank’s position as a digital leader and supports Oman’s vision of fostering a tech-savvy, digitally empowered society.



SPONSOR

Oman Oasis partners with 4th Oman Science Festival

MUSCAT: Oman Oasis announces its sponsorship of the 4th Oman Science Festival 2024, a vibrant event designed to inspire and engage the community through science. Organised by the Ministry of Education, the festival will take place from November 4 to 11 at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre.

As a proud sponsor of this year’s festival, Oman Oasis reaffirms its commitment to promoting health and wellness within the community. The chemical composition and uses of water are scientific wonders in themselves, and we strive to make our customers enjoy and experience these wonders of water daily.

“We are honoured to support the Oman Science Festival, an event that has become a cornerstone in



advancing education, science, and innovation across our community,” said Moosa Al Hasni, Chief Operating Officer of Oman Oasis. “As a company rooted in Oman, we are committed to fostering a culture of curiosity, knowledge, and progress. Engaging with initiatives like the Oman Science Festival allows us to support the development of young minds and encourage lifelong learning, which is essential for the sustainable growth of our nation. Oman Oasis is proud to contribute to creating an environment where exploration and discovery are nurtured, inspiring the next generation of innovators, scientists, and leaders who will shape Oman’s future,” he added.

The Oman Science Festival provides a valuable platform for families, students, and science enthusiasts to come together and engage with different scientific concepts through interactive exhibitions, workshops, and presentations led by renowned scientists and educators. This festival not only highlights the importance of science and learning in our daily lives but also fosters a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm to continue the journey of science and learning among participants.

ACADEMICS

Modern College of Business and Science celebrates 32nd graduation ceremony



MUSCAT: The Modern College of Business and Science celebrated its 32nd graduation ceremony at the Grand Millennium Muscat. The event was attended by Dr. Afrah Al Hadhrami, Managing Director of Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), who served as the guest of honour.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests including Dr Muneer Al Maskari, CEO of the College, Dr. Moosa Al Kindi, Dean, and Dr Wadhah Al Mandhari, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Graduate Studies. The event marked a significant milestone for the graduates, who were celebrated for their hard work and dedication.

In his keynote address, Dr. Moosa Al Kindi highlighted the college’s commitment to excellence through its QS Evaluation system. He emphasized that the college’s aim is to align with Oman Vision 2040, and proudly announced that The Modern College of Business and Science has obtained a 5-stars rating, the highest result any institution can achieve. Dr. Moosa also spoke about The Estdama MCBS Center for Sustainability, underscoring its impact and the college’s commitment to reducing the campus’s environmental footprint. Additionally, he mentioned The Innovation

Center Innovation X, established in 2024, which focuses on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Moosa also highlighted the college’s doctoral programs, noting that The Modern College of Business and Science is the first private higher education institution in the Sultanate to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Business Administration in both Arabic and English. He expressed confidence that the college’s graduates are well-prepared and equipped with the qualifications and readiness to enter the market and excel in any environment.

Dr. Muneer Al Maskari, CEO of the College, conferred the degrees to the graduates, marking the culmination of their academic journey. The ceremony also featured speeches from two outstanding students, Ghada Al Khusaibi and Fatma Al Zahraa Al Huraibi, who spoke on behalf of the graduating class. Their heartfelt messages reflected the collective experiences and aspirations of their peers.

MCBS continues to uphold its commitment to providing quality education and fostering a culture of excellence. This graduation ceremony is a testament to the college’s dedication to shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

ROUND-UP

SiO2 Beach Lounge: Muscat’s premier boho-chic beach lounge opens at Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah

Elegantly set on the edge of the 500m long stretched beach of Al Bandar hotel, opposite the resort’s two dining venues Capri Court and Chow Mee, the SiO2 Beach Lounge draws its name from the very elements that make up the sandy shores - quartz, silicon and oxygen



MUSCAT: Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah, the leading dining destination in Muscat introduces a new venue to complete its 13 existing dining offerings. The SiO2 Beach Lounge officially opens on Al Bandar beach to redefine the coastal experience in Muscat, as the city’s hotspot for a barefoot experience.

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two dining venues Capri Court and Chow Mee, the SiO2 Beach Lounge draws its name from the very elements that make up the sandy shores - quartz, silicon and oxygen. This synthesis of nature serves as inspiration for an authentic place where the elements of earth, breeze and sea converge to create an unforgettable after-noon and evening atmosphere.

The inspiration

Inspired by contemporary island beach lounges and elegantly combined with the beautiful views of the Gulf of Oman, SiO2 boasts a thoughtfully designed space with a thatched roof bar made from palm tree leaves.

The combination of beach, sand and contemporary furniture with white tones paired with blue and

beige cushions adds a glamour and yet authentic touch to the dramatic sunset setting behind the Hajar mountains. The white drapes around the rattan cozy lounge bring a private, light and cozy sense of place to the venue for a warmer experience.

The beach lounge can cater for 70 guests while keeping the venue intimate and exclusive.

A creative menu

The menu is crafted to rejuvenate guests’ senses with a creative blend of cocktails and mocktails - all inspired by the Omani ingredients and flavours of the region.

SiO2 is home to carefully curated drinks like ‘Hajar’ which reflects the freshness of the season with a spicy twist, while the ‘Incense’ draws its inspiration and flavours from lem-

ongrass. The Frankincense Spritz is a must-try and symbolic to the resort boasting its own Frankincense Garden and Sommelier.

Complementing the beverage selection, SiO2 presents a unique selection of Huqqa, an opportunity to indulge in this cherished tradition right by the beach. Guests are welcomed to revel in the flavours as they unwind in the gentle sea breeze, with their toes in the sand.

To top it off, the evening is crowned with a live DJ, spinning Afro house beats as well as seasonal entertainment throughout the year.

“SiO2 The Beach Lounge is Muscat’s premier beach lounge, and we’re committed to making it an experience that encapsulates the essence of luxury and relaxation. SiO2 is not just a place; it’s a feeling, a destination where one can truly relax this season with friends and loved ones under the stars. The venue is unique, and its boho-chic and laid-back atmosphere is a great appeal for the local community” shared Philippe Kronberg, Resort General Manager for Shangri-La Muscat, Oman.

In a city known for its rich culture and stunning vistas, you can step into the captivating spirit of the Middle East at SiO2 Beach Lounge and experience the laid-back charm of Oman, where nature, entertainment, and varied gastronomy come together to create an unparalleled seaside escape. SiO2 The Beach Lounge, located at Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah, Muscat is open daily from 5pm to midnight with live entertainment, A la Carte beverage selections and a Huqqa service.

OTE hosts Isuzu Customer Connect event to showcase D-Max and Mu-X SUV

MUSCAT: The OTE Group recently hosted an exclusive Isuzu Customer Connect event at its Musannah Bidaya branch, dedicated to connecting with loyal Isuzu customers and highlighting the latest in Isuzu’s powerhouse lineup: the renowned D-Max pickup truck and the rugged yet sophisticated Mu-X SUV.

The event offered a unique platform for customers to experience firsthand the exceptional power, durability, and versatility that Isuzu vehicles bring to the Oman market.

Attendees were given an up-close look at the Isuzu D-Max, a vehicle celebrated for its robust build and unparalleled performance, especially suited for the challenging terrains and demands of Oman. As a utility powerhouse, the D-Max is equipped to handle both commercial and personal needs, making it a reliable choice for businesses and adventure-seekers alike.

In addition to the D-Max, the spotlight was on the Isuzu Mu-X SUV, an SUV that combines spaciousness with rugged capability. This vehicle brings together comfort, safety, and versatility, making it an ideal family SUV while offering the performance needed for off-road excursions. Attendees were impressed by the Mu-X’s robust features, spacious interiors, and advanced safety

features, underscoring its appeal as a vehicle that balances both luxury and functionality.

Representatives from OTE Group and Isuzu were present to engage with customers, answer questions, and demonstrate the vehicles’ top features. This initiative is part of OTE’s ongoing commitment to building strong relationships with customers, understanding their needs, and providing exceptional after-sales service. The event emphasized the OTE Group’s dedication to offering quality and value to its Isuzu customers, ensuring they receive the best in utility and reliability.

As the exclusive distributor for Isuzu in Oman, OTE Group boasts an extensive and diverse business portfolio spanning global automotive brands, auto ancillaries, electronics, home appliances, manufacturing, financing, and training institutes. With a dedicated team and expansive network, OTE provides comprehensive sales, service, and after-sales support to its discerning clientele. The Group maintains a global presence across 15 business verticals through over 30 companies. As a privately owned corporation with well-established credentials, OTE Group prides itself on its over 2000 employees and an extensive network in Oman, comprising over 200 customer touchpoints.

5th edition of Oman Chef Competition displays culinary talent and innovation

MUSCAT: The fifth edition of Oman Chef Competition successfully kicked-off, highlighting a significant milestone in the celebration and advancement of Omani culinary talent and creativity.

Organised by Oman Tourism College (OTC) with support from the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism and the Oman Tourism Development Company (Oman Group), this prominent event brought together skilled chefs from across the Sultanate of Oman — from passionate students to seasoned professionals—celebrating the artistry, depth, and evolution of Omani cuisine.

The Oman Chef Competition has steadily gained prominence as a major platform for showcasing Omani cuisine, inspiring chefs to craft exceptional dishes using local ingredients in innovative ways. This year’s edition emphasizes sustainability, challenging participants to explore Omani flavours through eco-conscious techniques that honour the nation’s culinary heritage. Structured as a multi-stage event, each round is designed to inspire creativity, pushing participants to redefine traditional Omani cooking with fresh, inventive approaches.

“This competition is a tribute to Omani culinary heritage and serves as a platform that inspires innovation among our chefs,” shared Dr. Hamad Mohammed Almuhrzi, Dean of Oman Tourism College. “By blending tradition with modern culinary techniques, participants are not only preserving the essence of Omani flavors



but are also reimagining its future. We are thrilled by the talent and passion we’ve seen as these chefs’ honor and redefine our cuisine in new and exciting ways.”

Amira Iqbal Al Lawati, Director General of Tourism Development at the Ministry of Heritage & Tourism, commented, “This annual event not only celebrates the rich culinary heritage of Oman but also highlights the exceptional talent and creativity of our young chefs. Through this competition, we aim to inspire innovation in both traditional and modern Omani cuisine, supporting our vision to position Oman as a premier destination for Gastronomy tourism and Omani culinary arts. The Ministry is dedicated to elevating Omani cuisine to the global stage. Through the comprehensive programs and initiatives, we are fostering a vibrant culinary scene, supporting our chefs, and inspiring innovation.

This commitment aligns with the Ministry’s broader vision of positioning Oman as a premier destination for cultural tourism.”

Aligned with its strategic goals, OMRAN Group supports initiatives that foster local talent and contribute to community development. Badriya Abdulrahman Al Siyabi, Director of Sustainability and Local Content at Oman Group, emphasized the significance of the Oman Chef Competition in empowering Omani youth and enhancing Omani’s tourism sector: “OMRAN Group is proud to support initiatives like the Oman Chef Competition, which empower Omani youth and create valuable career pathways in the culinary arts. This competition aligns with our sustainability goals and commitment to tourism development, creating authentic, sustainable experiences that showcase Oman’s unique resources and potential.”

The event celebrated the evolving potential of Omani cuisine and showcased the creative vision of this new generation of chefs. The 5th edition of Oman Chef competition consists of three rounds and witnesses the participation of more than 50 aspiring Omani chefs. The first round featured an impressive display of flavors and craftsmanship, with chefs presenting reimagined Omani classics through fusion techniques and inventive presentations.

As part of Oman’s broader community development initiatives, the Oman Chef Competition exemplifies the organization’s commitment to fostering long-term, sustainable growth in the tourism and hospitality sectors. The event supports the foundation for an authentic, globally recognized culinary culture while expanding opportunities for young Omani chefs and culinary enthusiasts.



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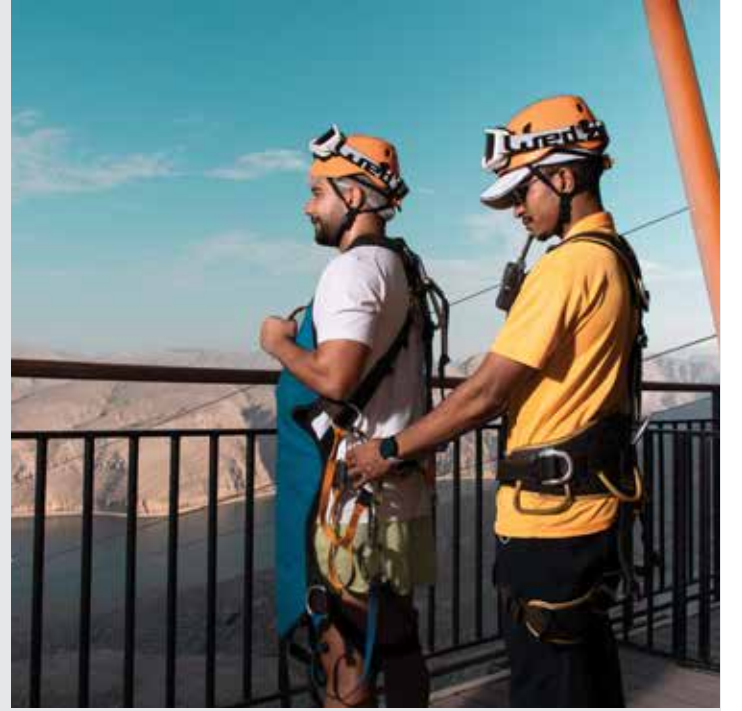
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