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PARTNERSHIP

Oman Airports inks pact with Changi Airport to enhance revenues



MUSCAT: Oman Airports signed on Wednesday an agreement with Changi Airport in the Republic of Singapore to boost the commercial and aviation revenues of airports across the Sultanate of Oman.

The signing ceremony was attended by Eng. Saeed bin Hamoud Al-Maawali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology; and Chairman of Oman Airports' Board of Directors. The agreement was signed by Eng. Ahmed bin Said Al-Amri, CEO of Oman Airports, and Eugene Gan, CEO of Changi Airport.

Eng. Ahmed bin Said Al-Amri, CEO of Oman Airports, stated that the agreement aims to enhance the commercial and operational revenues of the airports in the Sultanate.

He emphasised that Oman Airports is proactively working to increase operational income by reducing costs, driving transformative changes in revenue streams, and improving airport performance.

"Airports today are diversifying their revenue sources through innovative strategies, launching tenders for concessionaires, and exploring new commercial sectors such as parking and retail," Al-Amri stated.

He added, "At Oman Airports, we cooperate closely with all relevant stakeholders to elevate sector revenues. Oman's strategic geographic position and the presence of multiple airports create an urgent need to develop an integrated framework aligned with

Oman Vision 2040, positioning the sector as a key contributor to economic diversification."

The CEO, Al-Amri, further noted that airports now operate as commercial entities, which requires strategic management of revenue and costs to improve profitability, especially in light of market fluctuations caused by geopolitical factors and the impacts from events such as the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, airlines and the airport management industry have developed advanced algorithms and pricing strategies for revenue management.

Under this partnership, Changi Airport will offer practical solutions to enhance Oman's airport revenues, while contributing to future initiatives that could increase income streams. Proposed measures include leasing land and developing themed activity zones designed for visitors and residents.

Al-Amri further emphasised that Oman Airports has leveraged international best practices in revenue management and dynamic pricing, enabling airports to implement flexible pricing models that respond to demand fluctuations and factors such as length of stay, parking occupancy rates, and airport service usage.

In a parallel move, Oman Airports has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia's WCT International Sdn Bhd to explore development and investment opportunities across lands surrounding Muscat International Airport. **>A3**

OMAN SHIFTS GEARS TOWARDS CLEAN ENERGY WITH PACT FOR 1,110MW WIND POWER PROJECTS

OQAE and Naqaa will jointly develop power projects across the wilayats of Duqm, Mahout, and Sadah, in Dhofar and Al Wusta governorates

MUSCAT: Demonstrating a firm commitment to Oman's clean energy transition and local value creation, OQ Alternative Energy (OQAE) has signed an agreement with Naqaa Sustainable Energy LLC to jointly develop a series of wind power projects across the Wilayats of Duqm, Mahout, and Sadah, located in the Dhofar and Al Wusta governorates, with a capacity of 1,100 MW.

The projects will utilise locally manufactured wind turbines from Mawarid Turbine, which is expected to be established in Duqm following a memorandum of cooperation previously signed between OQ and Mawarid Turbine.

This partnership aligns with OQ Group's broader efforts to create a fully integrated renewable energy value chain, support local



industries by localising know-how, and foster innovation by empowering Omani startups in the green energy space, while maximising in-country value.

The signing ceremony took place under the patronage of Eng. Salim Nasser Al Auli, Minister of Energy and Minerals.

expand renewable energy sources and drive sustainable development across Oman. It reinforces the vital role of OQ as a national investment platform for clean energy solutions, strengthening the electricity grid and addressing the needs of the future through its subsidiary OQ Alternative Energy."

"We're excited about this partnership with OQAE to develop wind power projects, tapping into Oman's vast wind potential and advancing homegrown innovation. Together, we're advancing local innovation and helping the electricity sector respond more effectively to rising demand, building a resilient and sustainable energy future for generations to come," Mustafa Al Hinai, CEO of Naqaa Sustainable Energy said. **-ONA**

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CONTEMPORARY ART

Omani photographer makes history at France's premier photo festival

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a groundbreaking moment for Omani contemporary art, photographer Abdulaziz Al Hosni has become the first artist from Oman to be featured in the prestigious La Nuit de l'Année ('Night of the Year') at Les Rencontres d'Arles, one of the world's foremost photography festivals.

Held annually in the historic city of Arles in southern France since 1970, the festival is a global stage for visual storytelling, drawing artists, critics, and curators from around the world.

Al Hosni's photographic series, "Qalb Mahmood," was projected on July 12 as part of the open-air showcase that defines La Nuit de l'Année, captivating audiences with its rich cinematic palette and

deeply emotive narrative.

Originally commissioned by WePresent, the creative arm of WeTransfer, "Qalb Mahmood" explores themes of inner reflection and emotional authenticity. With

staged compositions, poetic symbolism, and vibrant colours, the series guides viewers through a personal yet universally resonant journey of emotional truth.

The work first gained international acclaim during Al Hosni's solo exhibition at Melkweg Expo in Amsterdam in November 2024. Its inclusion in Arles not only cements its impact but elevates its reach: the project has also been selected for the festival's "Best Of" programme, now on view at the Ancien Collège Mistral from July 14 through the close of the festival.

Al Hosni's participation represents a significant cultural milestone, introducing Omani perspectives to a wider global audience and contributing to the evolving narrative of photography from the Arabian Peninsula.

PRAYER
TIMINGS

Dhuhr.....12:18pm
Asr.....3:39pm
Maghrib.....7:01pm
Isha.....8:21pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....4:05am

Dhofar traffic symposium raises awareness on road safety rules

The department received 2,668 cases of various traffic accidents during the first half of 2025

SALALAH: The Directorate General of Culture, Sports, and Youth in the Governorate of Dhofar, in collaboration with the Traffic Safety Institute, on Wednesday organised an awareness symposium on "Traffic Safety".

The symposium was held at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Entertainment in Salalah.



The symposium aimed to raise awareness among youth and the community about the importance of adhering to traffic rules and reducing accidents.

It also sought to foster an en-

vironment supportive of sports and youth achievements, and to solidify institutional partnerships among various security, civil, and private entities concerned with community awareness, public

health, and safety.

Ali Mohammed Baqi, Director of the Sports and Youth Activities Department, delivered a speech emphasising the importance of cooperation between government

and non-governmental institutions in providing awareness programmes targeting all segments of society.

He highlighted the Directorate's efforts to implement educational activities that meet the needs of young people and enhance their traffic awareness and safe behaviour.

The symposium featured three working papers. The first, presented by Major Shihab Ahmed Al Shanfari, an officer at the Traffic Safety Institute in Dhofar, reviewed the role of institutes in awareness and driver qualification, the risks of certain traffic behaviours, and statistics indicating a 9 percent decrease in traffic accidents and injuries, and a 2 percent decrease in fatalities between 2023 and 2024, along with the efforts of the Royal Oman Police and safety institutes in this regard.

The second paper, presented by Abdullah Ramadan Bait Majzih,

a social welfare expert at the Directorate General of Social Development in Dhofar Governorate, addressed methods of dealing with people with disabilities and providing their requirements to ensure their safety, especially in contexts related to movement and traffic.

The third paper, presented by Basem Jumaan Al Maas, a senior nurse in the Emergency Department at Sultan Qaboos Hospital, highlighted the role of the emergency department in crisis management and responding to health emergencies resulting from accidents. He noted that the department received 2,668 cases of various traffic accidents during the first half of 2025.

The symposium programme also included a visual presentation featuring community awareness messages, a musical recitation segment, and a recognition ceremony for the participants. -ONA

AL DAKHILIYAH GOVERNORATE

Service and municipal projects over OMR2.4mn implemented in Adam

ADAM: The Wilayat of Adam in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate is witnessing the implementation of a series of service and municipal projects aimed at enhancing public service efficiency, with a total cost exceeding OMR2.43 million.

Multiple sectors

These projects span multiple sectors, including internal road paving, market construction, and the development of recreational facilities, as part of a balanced plan to distribute development across the governorate's wilayats.

Sheikh Hilal Said Al Hajri, Governor of Al Dakhiliyah, highlighted that the ongoing projects cover essential sectors that directly impact citizens' daily lives.

Among the most prominent is the vegetable and fruit market project, which has reached 75% completion, along with the design and implementation of an internal road network spanning approximately 35 kilometres.

The consultancy services project for the design of currently implemented roads has been fully completed (100%), while work continues on the Al-Handali industrial layout, with progress reaching around 40%.

The Wilayat of Adam has also received several developmental initiatives costing over OMR1.2 mil-



lion, including the construction of market shades, an animal feed market equipped with essential services, maintenance of damaged

road sections, and street lighting leading to public facilities such as Adam Public Park.

Additionally, expansion works and lighting installations have been carried out on the road leading to Adam Air Base, along with the supply and installation of 257 streetlight poles along the Adam-Sinaw Road (Phase 1), covering 13.5 kilometres.

Adam Public Park stands out as a key project in advancing the wilayat's community infrastructure. Spanning over 250,000 square metres, the park is undergoing comprehensive development to transform it into an integrated tourist and recreational facility catering

to all segments of society.

Dr. Mohammed Ali Za'abnoot Al Mahri, Wali of Adam, emphasised that these developmental projects reflect the tangible outcomes of decentralised development policies.

He noted the continuous coordination between the Governor's Office, local municipal councils, and relevant authorities, which has significantly accelerated project completion.

He also stressed the importance of field follow-ups to monitor implementation details.

On his turn, Nasser Mohammed Al Dar'ei, a member of the Municipal Council representing Adam, stated that road lighting projects hold special priority in the municipal agenda due to their direct impact on safety and mobility. He explained that the improvements along the Adam-Sinaw Road align with this vision.

Sultan Said Al Mahrouqi, another Municipal Council member, affirmed that the current projects stimulate economic activity in the wilayat while enhancing its readiness to attract visitors and investors alike.

He emphasized that quality facilities and attractive infrastructure are fundamental to strengthening investment appeal and tourism promotion. -ONA

BANGI, MALAYSIA

Training for science Olympiad begins



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Education on Wednesday launched the central training camp for the national team participating in the International Nuclear Science Olympiad in Bangi, Malaysia.

The competition, in its second edition, will take place from 31 July to 5 August 2025, and will feature four students from the educational directorates of Muscat, North Al Sharqiyah, Al Dakhiliyah, and South Al Batinah.

Organised by the Department of Innovation and Scientific Olympiad, the camp includes theoretical training on solving nuclear science Olympiad problems, practical training on experiments in nuclear physics, solving high-level exercises and problems, and honing skills in tackling complex challenges.

The programme aims to enhance students' abilities in handling advanced problems through

intensive drills that simulate the Olympiad's format, equipping them with the tools needed for outstanding performance in the competition.

The International Nuclear Science Olympiad, organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is a global contest designed to raise awareness about the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology.

It encourages students with a passion for the field to develop independent and innovative solutions to nuclear science and technology challenges. The Olympiad also focuses on disseminating knowledge and deepening understanding of nuclear science and technology to promote a scientific approach toward its uses and applications. Additionally, it seeks to foster interest in the field among secondary school students worldwide. -ONA

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TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

National Team for Global Innovation Index reviews Oman's performance



MUSCAT: The National Team in charge of enhancing the performance of the Sultanate of Oman in the Global Innovation Index on Wednesday held its twenty-first meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Saif bin Abdullah Al Hadabi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation for Research and Innovation, Head of the National Team for the Global Innovation Index.

The meeting reviewed the outcomes and recommendations of a working session on the International Policy Indicators Simulation System for policymakers in the Arab region.

Organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ES-



CWA), the session discussed the mechanisms of simulation and methodologies on analysing the indicators proposed during the session.

The protocols included means to measure gaps, formulate sce-

narios on enhancing Oman's performance in the Global Innovation Index.

The meeting also reviewed the progress made in preparing a medium-term plan and procedural steps to support the team tasked

with policies and initiatives and the data management team.

The Global Innovation Index team stems from the National Competitiveness Committee.

It is entrusted with improving the Sultanate of Oman's performance in the Global Innovation Index by implementing an integrated approach to unify national efforts and engage stakeholders in the national innovation system to support the pillars of the Global Innovation Index.

The approach is realized in conjunction with Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, the National Centre for Statistics and Information and other departments concerned.

Periodic assessment

The team conducts periodic assessment of innovation performance reports, identifies strengths and weaknesses and develops strategies to improve Oman's performance on the index.

It also seeks to empower the national innovation system, including infrastructure and digitalization, education, research, development, intellectual property, the business environment and human capital development.

It also promotes cooperation among key sectors and gears innovation toward the realisation of sustainable development goals. -ONA

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Contract worth OMR5.3mn signed for cultivation of Moringa plants

The project is a unique investment initiative that links agriculture, converting industries and supply chains



SALALAH: Acting in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning on Wednesday signed a usufruct contract to carry out an investment project for the cultivation of Moringa trees in Hanfit area in the Wilayat of Thumrait (Governorate of Dhofar).

The project, which covers an area of 10.5 million square metres, has an investment value of more

than OMR5.3 million. The contract signing ceremony was attended by HH Sayyid Marwan Turki Al Said, Governor of Dhofar, Dr. Khalfan Said Al Shuaili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, and representatives of Trufud, the project's implementing company. The project is a unique investment initiative that links agriculture, converting industries and supply chains. It constitutes part of the Sultanate of Oman's efforts to promote sustainable agricultural investment and achieve food security.



The project is envisaged to generate annual revenues ranging between OMR4 and OMR5 million, from exports of moringa products to global markets in North America, Europe, Asia and other destinations. The project is also expected to generate more than 500 direct employment opportunities and other jobs in the fields of supply, packaging and logistics—thus boosting entrepreneurship in the local community. The project boasts significant environmental gains, with the planting of about 15 million Moringa trees is set to absorb more than 400,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. It therefore contributes to the Sultanate of Oman's drive to mitigate the impacts of climate change and achieve the goals of Oman Vision 2040. -ONA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

General Education Diploma results for 2024/2025 to be announced today

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Education will announce today the results of the General Education Diploma (GED) examinations and their equivalent qualifications for the first semester of the 2024/2025 school year. Dr. Madiha Ahmed Al Shaibani, Minister of Education, endorsed the general indicators for these results. A total of 54,856 male and female students applied for the General Diploma, with a success rate of 82.83 percent. For private (bilingual) schools, 1,579 students applied for the General Education Diploma, achieving a success rate of 91.58 percent. Additionally, 121



students applied for the General Education Diploma and Islamic Sciences, with a 100 percent success rate. For the General Education Diploma (Special Education), 61 students applied, with a success

rate of 86.89 percent. The number of applicants for the Vocational and Technical General Education Diploma reached 138, achieving a 100 percent success rate. The Minister of Education congratulated the students on their success. The results will be available starting from 4:00 PM tomorrow, Thursday 17 July 2025, via SMS through telecom providers by sending a text message containing the seat number to 90200. To ensure adherence to examination management regulations, the Ministry took all necessary measures to guarantee the smooth conduct of exams in a calm and comfortable educational environment. Applicants took their exams this year at 366 examination centers distributed across all governorates of the Sultanate of Oman. Furthermore, 16 violations of the regulations for managing General Education Diploma examinations and their equivalent were recorded. Necessary actions were taken in accordance with Ministerial Decision No. (588 / 2015) concerning these regulations. In light of these violations, the Ministry verified all surrounding circumstances to ascertain and confirm each case before applying appropriate penalties in coordination with relevant authorities. -ONA

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERTISE

Strategic collaboration

<FROM A1 This MoU marks the beginning of a strategic collaboration aimed at facilitating the exchange of ideas and expertise to develop vital projects that enhance the entertainment and commercial experience for visitors and travellers. The initiative will focus on expanding hospitality, entertainment, interactive experiences, and other mixed-use services to increase land investment value and boost returns from direct and joint ventures. These efforts are expected to significantly contribute to anticipated revenues from real estate development. Commenting on the agreement, Eugene Gan, CEO of

Changi Airport said, "We are pleased to collaborate with Oman Airports in exploring solutions to improve commercial and aviation revenues across the Sultanate's airports. By leveraging our collective expertise, we will implement integrated solutions to develop the business environment and enhance commercial returns. Oman's strategic location as a gateway between East and West, along with its modern airports, creates a unique opportunity to expand both operational and commercial revenues." Changi Airport, which serves over 68 million passengers annually, is recognised globally as one of the world's best airports. It has received numerous international awards.

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Mesquite-based substitute to plastic developed

This pioneering step merges green economy principles with biotechnology, embodying Omani innovation and sustainable entrepreneurship

IBRI: The student-led company “Greenova” from the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Ibri has achieved a breakthrough by extracting raw materials as alternatives to plastic and advanced health products from the mesquite tree (*Prosopis juliflora*). This pioneering step merges green economy principles with biotechnology, embodying Omani innovation and sustainable entrepreneurship. The company has emerged as a leader in transforming what was long considered a “harmful plant” into a hub of environmental and industrial innovation. Badr Said Al Azizi, CEO of Greenova, stated: “With over two years of experience in innovation and entrepreneurship, the company has established a national and global reputation by developing a mesquite-based alternative to plastic. This material is stronger, cheaper, shatterproof, and more heat-resistant.” He noted that the material’s high efficiency has been validated by a credible report from the Plant Therapy Research Laboratory in China, supervised by leading scientists, reinforcing the innovation’s credibility and the product’s robustness. He added: “Greenova didn’t



stop at eco-friendly manufacturing; it also discovered medicinal and health properties in the tree. By extracting compounds from mesquite leaves, the company has revolutionized the healthcare sector by producing 100% natural hair wash, body wash, and soap derived from a local tree. This Omani-made product meets global standards, competes in international markets, and offers a safe, healthy

alternative to existing options.” The CEO emphasised that Greenova has achieved remarkable milestones in a short time. Sales of its plastic alternative raw material have captured 40% of the Omani market in a single transaction, with a net daily profit of 35%, reflecting the project’s economic viability and environmental sustainability. This success followed exten-



sive efforts, including a strategic agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in Al Dhahira Governorate to utilise mesquite tree waste—which previously required millions of riyals in annual public tenders for disposal. Thus, an environmental burden has been turned into an economic opportunity, positioning Greenova as a model for circular economy practices.

AL WUSTA GOVERNORATE

Oman Kite Festival 2025 gets underway with exciting action seen on first day



BAR AL HIKMAN:The first day of Oman Kite Festival 2025 brought the shores of Bar Al Hikman in Al Wusta Governorate to life with over 90 top-ranked international Kite Festival athletes from across the Sultanate of Oman and internationally taking part in the first series of the event. Organised by Omran Group in partnership with Oman Sail, Visit Oman, and Oman Adventure Centre, the Oman Kite Festival aims to promote sports tourism through a series of events that showcase Oman’s distinctive coastal destinations as exceptional platforms for tourism experiences. The opening day saw the first Kite Course race featuring 30 surfers, using boards capable of reaching top speeds of 30 km/hr in the exceptional conditions that the region is known for. The race was won by Ahmed Mohammad Jamal from Egypt, finishing ahead of Marta Marlowe from Poland and Marcelo Antonios from Brazil in second and third respectively. Leg 1 of the Oman Downwinder also took place, offering a day of exciting action as the wind propelled the fleet of 32 kites across the water during the 40 km course to Masirah Island where the participants would enjoy the hospitality at Masirah Beach Camp. Nawaf Al Ghadani, Race Officer at the Oman Kite Festival, emphasised the potential for high level races to be held along the Omani coastline, saying: “The conditions are ideal for events like the Speed Race and Big Air competition to follow, as well as the Downwinder where participants thrive on strong and consistent winds. It has been an excellent first day and the ca-

liber of athlete gives the event a global dimension which boosts competitiveness across the fleet while also showing how Oman can become a leading destination for international tourism and sporting events.” Ahmed Mohammad Jamal, an Egyptian competitor, added, “This is my first time racing in Oman, and it has been one of the best race courses I have ever experienced. The wind is excellent and really allows us all to get the most out of our boards, while the surrounding environment is spectacular and adds a real sense of excitement to the event. Everyone taking part really enjoyed racing today and we cannot wait to get back out onto the water.” The opening day also demonstrated Omran Group’s commitment to environmental conservation with a beach clean-up along the shores. Participants, representatives from Omran Group, Oman Sail, Visit Oman and the Oman Adventure Center, as well as members of the local community, joined hands to help, showing the shared determination of Oman’s tourism sector to operate responsibly and care for the natural environment. The multi-stage “Downwinder” race unfolds over four stages until July 24. The next race will be on 20 July from Masirah to Ras Al Ruwais, then from the Pink Lagoons to Al Ashkharah, and finally from Ras Al Jinz to Ras Al Hadd. A Coastal Race at Masirah Island, and Slalom Race at Ras Al Hadd will run alongside the Downwinder, starting with a Big Air Competition on Masirah Island from 17-19 July where participants will astound the crowds by using the wind to perform tricks, twists and turns.



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Tender Notice

The Internal Tenders Committee at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology invites for the Following Tenders:

Tender Number	Tender Name	Date of Publishing	Last date to Purchase Tender Document	Submission Date	Companies who should participate in this Tender	Document Price
120/2025 MTCIT	Automation of services related To Mtcit Using Low Code No Code Platform Tender	16-7-2025	29-7-2025	31-8-2025	Experienced companies and registered with the project, Tenders and local loment authority (Excellence, First)	(25/-) Twenty-five Omani Rials (Local, Regional) (10/-) Ten Omani Rial (for Sme) Non-refundable
122/2025 MTCIT	Consultancy services for supervision of construction of road box culvert reshaping & protection of Wadi And Steel pedestrian bridge at Liwa in North Al Batina Governorate	16-7-2025	30-7-2025	20-8-2025	Experienced companies and registered with the project, Tenders and local loment authority (First, Second)	(43/800/-) Fourty three Omani Rials and 800 baisas (Local, Regional) (10/-) Ten Omani Rial (for Sme) Non-refundable

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HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS



Students delegation takes part in ‘Chinese Language Bridge’ programme

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A delegation of students from Omani higher education institutions is participating in the “Chinese Language Bridge” programme, hosted by the People’s Republic of China.

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen cultural and educational ties between the Sultanate of Oman and China and to implement memoranda of understanding in the fields of higher education and student exchange.

The delegation comprises 15 male and female students from various Omani universities and colleges. These students were selected based on their academic excellence and demonstrated interest in the Chinese

language and culture.

The programme is designed to enhance students’ linguistic and cultural competencies while deepening their understanding of Chinese society through a variety of workshops, educational activities, and field visits.

This initiative is organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of Oman, the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Muscat, and accredited Chinese language education institutes in both countries.

The participation offers a valuable opportunity for students to engage directly with Chinese culture and contribute to building bridges of mutual understanding and cooperation between the youth of Oman and China.



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Ministry of Health

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Sl. No	Tender Ref.	Description	Last date for Collection of tender Document	Bid Submission / Closing Date	Eligibility	Tender Fee (Non- Refundable) Per set
1	2655/2025/MOH/DG HSDH-6	Replacement of Waterproofing system of Ibri Polyclinic	Sunday 27/ JUL /2025	Before 9 am on Sunday 24/ AUG /2025	Specialized Companies registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board	- SME 10 R.O - LO 25 R.O
2	2656/2025/MOH/DGHSDH-7	Interlock Installation and store extension in Wadi Al ain and Al hajer HC AT Directorate general of health services Al - Dhahira governorate				
3	2657/2025/MOH/DGHSDH-8	General maintenance of Al Mamur health center				

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tender Announcement

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					small and Medium companies	local companies
331/2025	Providing a light meal for those enrolled in each of the following centres Down Syndrome Centre - Early Intervention Centre - Vocational Rehabilitation Centre in Al Khoud	Companies specialized in the field of Supplying Supply of food, beverages and accessories registered with the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority with excellent or first or second or third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
332/2025	Providing and installing a meeting system in the meeting room of the Office of His Excellency the Undersecretary	Companies specialized in the field of Design, installation and maintenance of information programs and systems registered with the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
333/2025	Providing male and female assistant workers for the Department of Specialized Rehabilitation Centers	Companies specialized in the field of Hygiene, washing and pest control registered with the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
334/2025	Supply of equipment and tools for the hydrotherapy unit of Al Wafa Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Al Amarat	Companies specialized in the field of Design Supply of office and educational tools, materials and supplies or supply of sports equipme registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
335/2025	Supply of equipment and tools for the hydrotherapy unit of Al Wafa Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Ibri	Companies specialized in the field of Design Supply of office and educational tools, materials and supplies or supply of sports equipme registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
336/2025	Supply of equipment and tools for the hydrotherapy unit of Al Wafa Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Taqa	Companies specialized in the field of Design Supply of office and educational tools, materials and supplies or supply of sports equipme registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
337/2025	Supply of equipment and tools for the hydrotherapy unit of Al Wafa Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Burimi	Companies specialized in the field of Design Supply of office and educational tools, materials and supplies or supply of sports equipme registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O
338/2025	Supply of equipment and tools for the hydrotherapy unit of Al Wafa Center for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Bahla	Companies specialized in the field of Design Supply of office and educational tools, materials and supplies or supply of sports equipme registered with Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority in the excellent, first, second, third or fourth degree.	Thursday 31-07-2025 02:00 PM	Thursday 14-08-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O

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Israel strikes Syria’s military headquarters

At least two drone strikes hit the Syrian Defence Ministry building while another hit near the presidential palace

DAMASCUS: The Israeli army said on Wednesday it struck the entrance to the Syrian military’s headquarters in Damascus.

Reuters news agency reported, citing Syrian security sources, that at least two drone strikes hit the Syrian Defence Ministry building. Another strike hit near the presidential palace, located in the hills outside of the Syrian capital.

The attacks come after Israel vowed to step up its strikes in Syria unless the government pulls its forces from southern areas where there were recent deadly clashes between Druze and Bedouin tribes.

The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors events amid the recent conflicts in Syria, said two people were injured in two successive airstrikes near the General Staff Headquarters.

Why is Israel bombing Syria?

Israel has now struck Syria for a third day in a row. Israel has said its attacks were to protect the Druze minority after Syrian government troops, dispatched to quell fighting between Druze and Bedouin fighters, ended up clashing with the Druze militias themselves.

Syria’s state media and witnesses said there had also been Israeli strikes throughout Wednesday on the predominantly Druze city of



Sweida, where fighting continues after the collapse of a ceasefire.

In a social media post after the strikes, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said: “The warnings to Damascus have ended – now painful blows will come.”

In February, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for southern Syria to be completely demilitarised. He also warned that Israel would not tolerate the presence of Syrian government forces near territory it controls.

As fighting continues in Sweida, members of the Druze community from Israel have been entering Syria to support Druze armed groups, while people from the Syrian Druze community, in their turn, have been trying to enter Israel.

Israeli soldiers have been firing teargas in an attempt to keep order on the heavily fortified frontier.

On Tuesday, dozens of Israeli Druze crossed the border into Syria, while others blocked roads. The demonstrations came hours after the Israel Defence Forces said it had struck Syrian military vehicles approaching Suweida. According to the IDF, the airstrikes targeted armoured personnel carriers, tanks, and roads used by Syrian government forces.

With no signs of the Syrian army

withdrawing from Suweida, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz warned of escalations, as reported by TPS. It quoted Katz, who said, “The signals in Damascus are over - now painful blows will come... The IDF will continue to operate vigorously in Sweida to destroy the forces that attacked the Druze until their full withdrawal.”

The Druze community of Israel comprises around 1,52,000 people, as noted by TPS. It has been calling on the government to take stronger measures to protect their co-religionists in southern Syria.

Around 40,000 Druze live in the southern Syrian provinces of Quneitra, Da’ara and Sweida under Israeli protection. PM Benjamin Netanyahu has also called for the demilitarisation of southern Syria.

Earlier in May, the Israeli army had set up a field hospital to treat civilians near the Syrian village of Hader. Israel had sent forces into the 235 sq km buffer zone to prevent Syrian rebels from approaching the border when the regime of Bashar Assad collapsed in December. It had also launched waves of airstrikes on Syrian army assets and Iranian stockpiles to prevent them from falling into the hands of radical fighters.

TPS said in a report that while

Israeli forces have briefly entered the buffer zone in the past, December’s takeover marked the first time since its establishment that the IDF set up positions there. The demilitarised zone was established with a ceasefire in 1974 that ended the Yom Kippur War, and Israel considers the 1974 ceasefire agreement void until order is restored in Syria.

The Druze trace their ancestry back to the Biblical figure Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses. In Israel, the Druze serve in senior positions in public and military life, and the bond between Jewish and Druze soldiers is referred to as the “covenant of blood.” The Druze speak Arabic but are not Muslim, as reported by TPS.

The Druze living in the Galilee and Mount Carmel areas sided with the Jews in 1948 during Israel’s War of Independence, and opted to be part of Israeli society and established themselves in all areas of public life.

When Israel captured the Golan Heights during the Six-Day War of 1967, the Golan Druze refused Israeli offers of citizenship, believing Syria would recapture the plateau. But attitudes have changed since the Syrian Civil War broke out in 2011, TPS reported. — Agencies

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Oman Cables receives environmental product declaration certifications

MUSCAT: In a strategic move that sets a regional benchmark, Oman Cables Industry (OCI), has secured Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for its key cable families reinforcing its position as a regional sustainability leader and end-to-end infrastructure solution provider. This achievement delivers a powerful competitive edge to OCI’s customers by aligning their operations with advanced sustainability standards. As industries across construction, utilities, and infrastructure face mounting pressure for transparency and carbon accountability, OCI empowers stakeholders with the tools to build responsibly, innovate sustainably, and lead confidently.

The EPD certifications were independently verified and published by EPD Norge, developed under cable-specific rules, these certifications provide a transparent, science-based account of a product’s environmental impact across its lifecycle from raw materials to end-of-life.

As sustainability and carbon disclosure become central to procurement, financing, and regulatory strategies, EPDs are a critical enabler for green building certification systems such as LEED, Estidama, and for ESG-



focused investment and reporting.

“At OCI, sustainability is not a campaign, it’s a core business principle,” said Erkan Aydogdu, CEO of Oman Cables Industry. “Securing EPD certification reflects our continued commitment to operational transparency, responsible growth, and long-term stakeholder value. We’re committed to empowering our customers and partners with the data they need to compete in tomorrow’s markets. And this is just the beginning more EPD certifications are underway.”

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ICC
Root back as No.1 in Test batting rankings



DUBAI: England's Joe Root is back on top of the ICC men's Test batting rankings after being briefly displaced by his team-mate Harry Brook.

In the Lord's Test, Root made 104 in the first innings and 40 in the second as England beat India by 22 runs. Brook, who made scores of 11 and 23, is now third, with New Zealand's Kane Williamson going second.

India captain Shubman Gill had a disappointing outing at Lord's and dropped from No.6 to No.9, while team-mate Rishabh Pant also dropped a place to No.8 despite his first-innings 74.

India's KL Rahul, the other centurion in the match, moved up five spots, as did his team-mate Ravindra Jadeja, who notched fifties in both innings, including a stubborn 61 not out that went in vain in their chase of 193.

Jadeja and Rahul went up to

Nos.34 and 35, respectively.

Australia's Steven Smith jumped above India's Yashasvi Jaiswal to go fourth on the charts after making 48 in the first innings of the low-scoring day-night Test in Jamaica. Jaiswal had scores of 13 and 0 at Lord's - the first time he failed to go past fifty in a Test against England.

While India pacer Jasprit Bumrah kept his place at the top of the bowling charts after a five-for against England, Australia's Scott Boland went up six places to sixth thanks to his six wickets, including a second-innings hat-trick, against West Indies.

Aussie pacer Mitchell Starc, who claimed figures of 6 for 9 as Australia bundled West Indies out for 27 in the fourth innings, stayed at No.10 on the bowling charts, although he gained two spots in the all-rounder rankings, which is still topped by Jadeja. - Agencies

Robinson, Duffy lead NZ to 21-run victory

South Africa were bowled out for 152 in the second match of the Zimbabwe T20 Tri-Series 2025

HARARE: A composed half-century from Tim Robinson, a brisk debut from Bevon Jacobs, and incisive bowling by Jacob Duffy and Matt Henry powered New Zealand to a 21-run victory over South Africa in the second match of the Zimbabwe T20 Tri-Series 2025 at Harare Sports Club on Wednesday.

Batting first, New Zealand were in early trouble at 70 for 5 in the 10th over after South Africa's pacers exploited the surface with short-pitched bowling. But Robinson, playing with poise and authority, anchored the innings with a career-best unbeaten 75 off 57 balls, while debutant Jacobs - born in South Africa - added a vital unbeaten 44 off 30 deliveries.

Their unbeaten 103-run stand for the sixth wicket rescued the Black Caps and lifted them to



a competitive 173/5.

It was New Zealand's second-highest sixth-wicket partnership in T20Is and only the eighth century stand for that wicket or lower in men's T20Is. The pair added 43 runs in the last three overs, taking full advantage of the death overs against an inconsistent South African attack.

Chasing 174, South Africa's reply was given a flying start by Lhuan-dre Pretorius, who struck **27 off 17 balls, including five boundaries. He took the attack to Matt Henry and Jacob Duffy, finding the fence at will in the opening overs.

However, once Pretorius was

caught behind off Henry, momentum began to shift. South Africa stumbled to 62 for 5 after a string of poor shot selections and a sharp run-out of Rassie van der Dussen (6), orchestrated by Tom Seifert and Mitchell Santner.

Dewald Brevis (35) showed flashes of brilliance and added a 39-run partnership with George Linde (30), but with the required rate climbing, the task proved too steep. Linde's dismissal in the 18th over, caught off Duffy, all but sealed South Africa's fate.

Duffy struck twice more in the same over to finish with 3 for 20, while Henry marked his return

from injury with 3 for 34.

South Africa were bowled out for 152 in 18.2 overs, 21 runs short of the target.

South Africa welcomed back Gerald Coetzee after a lengthy injury layoff, but the pace bowler struggled for rhythm, conceding 39 runs in his four overs, the most expensive of the match.

Brief scores: New Zealand 173/5 (Tim Robinson 75*, Bevon Jacobs 44*, Kwen Maphaka 2/38) beat South Africa 152 in 18.2 overs (Lhuan-dre Pretorius 27, Dewald Brevis 35, George Linde 30; Jacob Duffy 3/20, Matt Henry 3/34, Ish Sodhi 2/34). - Agencies

LORD'S TEST



England docked WTC points, fined for slow over rate

LONDON: England have been docked two World Test Championship (WTC) points for their slow over rate during the slim 22-run victory in the third Test against India at Lord's.

England's tally has, as a result, fallen from 24 points to 22 on the WTC points table, and the percentage points have slipped from

66.67% to 61.11%, taking them down a spot from second to third, behind Australia and Sri Lanka.

England were also fined 10% of their match fees for falling short of the allotted time for over rates.

As per Article 16.11.2 of the WTC playing conditions, a side is penalised one point for each over short after time allowances are

taken into consideration.

England captain Ben Stokes pleaded guilty to the offence, which meant there was no need for a formal hearing.

The third Test, which England won to edge ahead in the series with a 2-1 lead, was a high-octane and thrilling game full of heated battles in which players often

came face to face, intensity that surged towards the end of the day, individual brilliance that saw one of the fastest spells from Jofra Archer in Tests, centuries from Joe Root and KL Rahul, and a five-wicket haul from Jasprit Bumrah.

The fourth Test begins from July 23 at Old Trafford. - Agencies

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by September 2025 reaching \$70.06, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 29 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$70.35. - OMA

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,600.95 points, down by 0.25% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 1.02% at 440.45 points. Oman Oil Marketing, up 6.53%, was the top gainer while, National Aluminium, down 15.84%, was the top loser.

Oman LNG marks 1000th LNG shipment to Japan's Osaka Gas

The achievement underscores Oman LNG's role as a reliable and sustainable supplier of clean energy. Japan has been a key destination for Omani LNG exports since the company's establishment

MUSCAT: Oman LNG successfully exported its 1000th shipment of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. in Japan.

This milestone reflects the company's ongoing efforts in LNG production and reinforces the Sultanate of Oman's position as a trusted and reliable source of clean energy. It also highlights the deep strategic energy partnership



between Oman and Japan, which has spanned over 25 years.

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for Omani LNG exports since the company's establishment.

Hamad Mohammed Al Nu'amani, CEO of Oman LNG, stated that this shipment tells the story of the company's success and

its strong relationships with partners and customers across the gas value chain, who have been fundamental to its achievements. It also signifies the deep partnership with Japan and embodies Oman LNG's

enduring commitment to delivering sustainable and reliable LNG from Oman.

In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), he said this milestone highlights the company's

contribution to the global energy landscape, whether through providing sustainable solutions or strengthening strategic bilateral relations with international energy partners.

He noted that the energy sector currently faces significant challenges across various fronts, requiring joint efforts by energy companies and the adoption of the most efficient best practices to remain reliable suppliers to customers. He added that Oman LNG's sustainability initiatives and ongoing projects reflect its continuous efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and enhance greenhouse gas management, aligning with Oman's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Social investment

The CEO of Oman LNG explained that since the first shipment was exported from Oman in 2000, the company, through its ambitious social investment program, has set an exemplary model for private sector institutions in corporate social responsibility efforts.

These efforts, he affirmed, emphasize strengthening cooperation between public and private sector entities to support the national economy and the ambitious development plans underway in Oman. - OMA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY



Workshop held on construction, engineering consulting sector

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion organised a workshop in Muscat focused on the regulation, governance, and development of the construction and engineering consulting sector.

The workshop addressed the primary challenges facing the sector and explored opportunities for its advancement.

During the session, discussions revolved around mechanisms for implementing a modern operational methodology that aligns with future aspirations and supports efforts to Omanize the workforce and enhance the efficiency of the national labour market. This aims to bolster the competitive advantage of the construction and engineering consulting sector and ensure its sustainable growth.

The workshop also delved into several key areas, including establishing a clear operational methodology for the construction and engineering consulting sector and identifying potential replacement opportunities. A strong emphasis was placed on pinpointing activities and professions of national priority. Additionally, mechanisms for calculating appropriate Omanisation percentages for the sector were discussed, along with proposals for offering incentives that en-

courage company stability and help them increase Omanisation rates sustainably and effectively.

Among the topics covered were challenges related to direct operation. The workshop also explored operational alternatives like "parallel operation," which leverages modern technologies, including artificial intelligence, to improve operational efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance occupational health and safety standards at worksites. A proposal to include new activities within the freelance program was highlighted, aiming to expand opportunities for job seekers and open new avenues for entrepreneurship in construction and related engineering services.

A comprehensive analytical presentation was delivered during the workshop, featuring statistical data related to employment in the construction and engineering consulting sector, categorized by major economic activities and the sector's contribution to the gross domestic product.

The workshop was attended by Dr. Saleh Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry, along with members of the reference committee representing various relevant governmental and private entities. - OMA

INVESTMENT COOPERATION

Oman receives Eurasian Development Bank delegation to boost economic ties



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman received a high-level delegation from the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) to explore avenues for enhancing economic and investment cooperation between the two sides. The delegation's visit included a series of important meetings with the Ministry of Finance, Oman Investment Authority (OIA), Oman Investment Bank, and the Muscat Stock Exchange.

Discussions primarily focused on broadening the scope of partnership between Oman and the EDB in areas such as financing infrastructure and development projects, supporting joint economic ventures, and exchanging technical expertise and financial advice. The talks also aimed to

strengthen cooperation with Central Asian countries and other member states of the bank. This visit underscores Oman's growing stature as an attractive investment destination and a hub for regional and international collaboration.

It's worth noting that the Eurasian Development Bank was established in 2006 and comprises seven member states. Its objective is to foster sustainable economic growth in the Eurasian region, with a focus on financing development projects in sectors including energy, transport, mining, agriculture, and logistics. The EDB also provides technical and advisory support to achieve economic development in its member countries. - OMA



IDEAL OPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Bank Muscat enhances Khareef experience with Tap'N'Go contactless payment service



MUSCAT: As the Khareef season now underway, attracting thousands of visitors to Dhofar, Bank Muscat, the leading financial service provider in Oman, continues to provide the latest digital solutions to facilitate payment processes. The bank offers the Tap'N'Go payment service which is a contactless payment service, enabling merchants and business owners, to accept card payments directly via their smartphones.

This service is an ideal option for small businesses such as food trucks and stalls, allowing them to receive payments from international visitors quickly and easily, without the need for point-of-sale devices or cash handling. Any Android smart device can accept payments using

the Tap'N'Go application, which supports all major cards that comply with Near Field Communication (NFC) technology.

The service targets home-based business owners, small retail shop owners, food truck and cafe owners, delivery companies, taxi drivers, startups and other business owners. Customers who are holding a merchant account with Bank Muscat can enjoy a seamless and secure payment experience through Tap'N'Go payment service, especially during the Khareef season.

The Tap'N'Go payment service is an important addition to the digital payment options offered by Bank Muscat. This service enhances customer experience, especially during the summer and

travel season when visitors need fast and efficient payment solutions. This service will enable merchants to receive payments more efficiently, contributing to the economic activity in Dhofar.

The Tap'N'Go payment service is part of a broader range of digital solutions launched by Bank Muscat, including Samsung Pay, Apple Pay and QR code payments, enhancing customer experiences and facilitating daily financial transactions. Bank Muscat is keen to adopt top-notch banking services, enabling customers to complete their transactions safely in no time. The innovative digital solutions are designed to meet customers' needs and fulfill their changing requirements.

MARKET

MSX index ends lower

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A total number of 2373 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 19.51 million, with more than 112.4 million shares changing hands. Out of 67 traded securities, 21 advanced, 32 declined, and 14 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for RO 794K while domestic investors were net buyers for RO 657K, followed by foreign investors for RO 136K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 8,031.19 points, down 0.28%. Prices of Global Financial Investments, Takaful Oman, Ominvest, Al Madina Takaful, Oman

United Insurance were up by 5.71%, 1.96%, 1.36%, 1.25%, 0.44% respectively. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Al Sharqia Investment, Al Madina Investments, Ahli Bank, Bank Muscat were down by 4.23%, 2.44%, 2.27%, 1.91%, 1.78% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,675.54 points, down 1.28%. Prices of Gulf International Chemicals, Oman Cement were up by 1.37%, 0.21% respectively. Prices of National Aluminium, Construction Materials, Ray-sut Cement, Al Maha Ceramics, Al Anwar Ceramics were down by 15.84%, 7.35%, 6.00%, 4.46%, 4.00% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.26% before closing at 1,690.96 points. Prices of Oman Oil Marketing, Salalah Port Services, Barka Desalination, Muscat Desalination, Ooredoo were up by 6.53%, 6.12%, 3.15%, 2.90%, 1.91% respectively. Prices of Renaissance Services, Al Maha Marketing, National Gas, OQ Gas Networks, Al Batinah Power were down by 3.70%, 2.70%, 2.50%, 1.97%, 1.25% respectively.

— United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,641.31	4,600.95	4,600.95	4,612.52	-11.58	-0.25
FINANCIAL INDEX	8,096.85	8,030.52	8,031.19	8,053.48	-22.28	-0.28
Industry Index	6,764.99	6,675.54	6,675.54	6,762.11	-86.57	-1.28
Services Index	1,710.97	1,687.89	1,690.96	1,686.59	4.37	0.26
MSX Shariah Index	445.56	440.41	440.45	444.99	-4.53	-1.02
MSX TR INDEX	6,865.57	6,805.87	6,805.87	6,822.99	-17.13	-0.25
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,619.34	9,540.54	9,541.34	9,567.81	-26.47	-0.28
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,313.16	8,203.24	8,203.24	8,309.61	-106.38	-1.28
SERVICES TR IDX	2,181.90	2,152.46	2,156.38	2,150.80	5.57	0.26
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
112,400,558	19,505,816	2,373	28,494,395,581	21	32	14	67

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. RD.	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BD.	LAST OFF.	PR. VALUE	MARKET CAP.
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OM00000001533	OMINVEST	256,949	57,600	44	0.224	0.225	0.222	0.223	0.220	0.003	1,364	0.223	0.220	0.223	0.100	208,663,686
OM00000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	195,397	13,015	11	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.080	0.001	1,250	0.081	0.081	0.082	0.100	14,175,000
OM00000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	74,022	13,383	15	0.180	0.181	0.180	0.181	0.180	0.001	0,556	0.181	0.171	0.181	0.100	77,545,481
OM00000001867	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	15,900	3,615	7	0.206	0.203	0.207	0.207	0.206	0.002	0,442	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.100	27,760,000
OM00000003026	OMAN TELECOM	44,575	39,146	9	0.878	0.879	0.877	0.878	0.876	0.002	2,228	0.878	0.878	0.900	0.100	658,500,000
OM00000002149	UNITED FINANCE	1,405	67	1	0.065	0.062	0.062	0.062	0.060	0.002	0,000	0.062	0.061	0.062	0.100	27,078,899
OM00000004833	AL SUWADI POWER	66,300	5,304	5	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0,000	0.080	0.079	0.088	0.100	57,152,507
OM00000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	9,342	21,482	6	2.300	2.300	2.296	2.296	2.300	-0.005	2,217	2.296	2.285	2.295	0.100	205,861,500
OM00000002804	ASAFYA FOODS	353,140	151,769	24	0.430	0.430	0.435	0.430	0.432	-0.002	0,463	0.430	0.425	0.430	0.100	51,600,000
OM00000003681	VOLTAMP ENERGY	16,984	14,105	13	0.830	0.844	0.830	0.835	0.840	-0.005	0,585	0.840	0.840	0.849	0.100	78,169,590
OM00000008054	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	1,886,586	479,782	50	0.253	0.255	0.253	0.253	0.255	-0.002	0,784	0.253	0.253	0.256	0.100	194,860,600
OM00000004420	BANK NIZWA	2,401,923	240,193	22	0.100	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.101	-0.001	0,980	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	223,695,303
OM00000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	7,762	3,219	4	0.415	0.415	0.410	0.410	0.415	-0.005	1,205	0.410	0.410	0.415	0.100	51,208,164
OM00000004855	ALBATINAH POWER	335,300	26,651	16	0.080	0.080	0.079	0.079	0.080	-0.001	1,250	0.079	0.079	0.080	0.100	53,315,107
OM00000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	11,363,725	1,549,750	86	0.137	0.139	0.136	0.136	0.138	-0.002	1,449	0.136	0.137	0.136	0.100	899,945,493
OM00000002786	BANK MUSCAT	8,694,608	2,404,318	165	0.281	0.281	0.275	0.276	0.281	-0.005	1,779	0.276	0.276	0.275	0.100	1,071,765,589
OM00000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	11,259,431	1,679,574	153	0.150	0.150	0.149	0.149	0.152	-0.003	1,974	0.149	0.147	0.149	0.100	645,262,964
OM00000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	20,000	1,600	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.082	-0.002	2,439	0.080	0.080	0.083	0.100	7,200,000
OM00000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	520,948	151,304	38	0.295	0.295	0.286	0.286	0.297	-0.011	3,704	0.286	0.286	0.288	0.100	67,613,260
OM00000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	997,598	189,031	108	0.178	0.178	0.168	0.168	0.175	-0.007	4,000	0.168	0.169	0.171	0.100	36,960,000
Total		38,904,577	7,008,364	813												

Parallel Market

OM00000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	3,600	2,585	4	0.700	0.750	0.700	0.750	0.704	0.046	6,534	0.750	0.710	0.760	0.100	45,956,250
OM00000002333	SALALAH PORT SERVICES	300	78	1	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.245	0.015	6,122	0.260	0.000	0.260	0.100	46,757,724
OM00000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	15,212,012	5,058,411	743	0.332	0.332	0.328	0.331	0.319	0.012	3,762	0.331	0.331	0.332	0.100	648,000,000
OM00000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	2,400	315	2	0.132	0.132	0.131	0.131	0.127	0.004	3,150	0.131	0.128	0.131	0.100	9,893,382
OM00000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	986	71	1	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.069	0.002	2,889	0.071	0.068	0.071	0.100	11,944,077
OM00000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	140,384	7,300	11	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.051	0.051	0.001	1,961	0.052	0.052	0.054	0.100	13,000,000
OM00000009689	JABAL REIF	853	89	1	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.102	0.002	1,961	0.104	0.100	0.105	0.100	18,086,000
OM00000004735	SEMBICORP SALALAH	235,050	29,406	11	0.135	0.135	0.125	0.127	0.125	0.002	1,600	0.127	0.127	0.128	0.100	121,230,638
OM00000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	160,200	11,706	21	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.074	0.073	0.001	1,370	0.074	0.066	0.080	0.100	1,554,000
OM00000005862	PHOENIX POWER	129,654	107,729	22	0.085	0.086	0.083	0.084	0.083	0.001	1,205	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.100	123,858,523
OM00000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	173,420	33,349	40	0.190	0.200	0.190	0.190	0.188	0.002	1,064	0.196	0.196	0.196	0.100	37,930,764
OM00000003141	OMAN WATER AND POWER	64,732	13,310	12	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.000	0,000	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.100	245,760,000
OM00000001020	ASTAD SHIPPING	23,053,190	2,762,501	149	0.120	0.122	0.119	0.120	0.119	0.001	0,840	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.000	628,049,314
OM00000001749	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	22,073	10,706	3	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.064	0.001	2,000	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.100	160,473,294
OM00000009589	DHOFAH INSURANCE	133	2	1	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.000	0,000	0.205	0.000	0.205	0.100	58,851,953
OM00000001509	DHOFAH INTERNATIONAL DEVE & INVE	311,248	87,129	5	0.280	0.280	0.275	0.280	0.280	0.000	0,000	0.280	0.280	0.285	0.100	138,895,719
OM00000001590	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	292,220	13,105	12	0.053	0.053	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0,000	0.053	0.051	0.054	0.100	15,971,629
OM00000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	836,425	70,283	32	0.087	0.087	0.082	0.085	0.085	0.000	0,000	0.085	0.084	0.086	0.100	25,376,599
OM00000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	79,360	17,753	21	0.224	0.225	0.223	0.224	0.224	0.000	0,000	0.224	0.225	0.224	0.100	345,000,000
OM00000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	500	305	1	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.000	0,000	0.610	0.549	0.625	0.100	57,950,000
OM00000002549	BANK DHOFAH	37,000	4,738	6	0.128	0.129	0.128	0.129	0.129	0.000	0,000	0.129	0.125	0.129	0.100	392,134,011
OM00000007407	DHOFAH GENERALATING	49,860	2,909	7	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.000	0,000	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.100	12,889,920
OM00000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	76,238	35,819	13	0.473	0.473	0.469	0.469	0.470	-0.001	0,213	0.469	0.471	0.469	0.100	77,560,875
OM00000002600	OMAN ARAB BANK	10,000	1,470	1	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0,000	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	245,000,000
OM00000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INVE	38,000	3,907	9	0.120	0.120	0.118	0.118	0.119	-0.001	0,840	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.100	17,700,000
OM00000003036	OMAN THREAD MILLS	10,000	27	1	0.170	0.170	0.172	0.172	0.172	-0.002	1,163	0.170	0.172	0.180	0.100	2,998,023
OM00000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	55,221	4,542	9	0.082	0.083	0.081	0.082	0.083	-0.001	1,205	0.083	0.082	0.083	0.100	53,184,406
OM00000008608	QCBASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	29,223,906	3,804,999	283	0.131	0.131	0.129	0.129	0.131	-0.002	1,527	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.040	446,274,320
OM00000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	15,000	1,860	1	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.126	-0.002	1,387	0.124	0.118	0.124	0.100	75,407,691
OM00000008868	THE PEARL REIF	1,022,349	121,313	27	0.120	0.120	0.118	0.118	0.120	-0.002	1,697	0.118	0.119	0.120	0.100	69,789,552
OM00000002200	AHLI BANK	18,810	2,014	1	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.000	1,911	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.100	39,150,000
OM00000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	14,600	828	2	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.044	-0.001	2,273	0.043	0.042	0.048	0.100	3,855,000
OM00000003000	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	14,600	828	2	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.044	-0.001	2,273	0.043	0.042	0.048	0.100	3,855,000
OM00000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	70,693	64,124	21	0.925	0.925	0.900	0.900	0.925	-0.025	2,703	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	62,100,000
OM00000003000	ALMANA EMATES H&M	70,693	64,124	21	0.925	0.925	0.900	0.900	0.925	-0.025	2,703	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	62,100,000
OM00000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	75,014	22,544	20	0.315	0.310	0.300	0.300	0.314	-0.014	4,459	0.300	0.300	0.303	0.100	16,500,000
OM00000001968	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	77	112	1	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.068	0.005	7,353	0.063	0.063	0.060	0.100	3,937,500
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Eating two eggs weekly may lower Alzheimer’s risk in older adults

The study, conducted by American researchers based on a questionnaire developed at Harvard University, analysed the role of nutrients, particularly choline, found in eggs in lowering the likelihood of dementia associated with Alzheimer’s disease

A new scientific study has revealed that eating two eggs a week may help reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease, one of the most common and widespread types of dementia globally.

The study, conducted by American researchers based on a questionnaire developed at Harvard University, analysed the role of nutrients, particularly choline, found in eggs in lowering the likelihood of dementia associated with Alzheimer’s.

According to the British newspaper Daily Mail, choline is an essential nutrient for liver and brain development, enhancing nervous system performance, aiding muscle movement, and regulating metabolic processes.

The study indicated that choline may help protect brain cells from damage and decay, which decreases the chance of developing Alzheimer’s disease. Researchers found that the choline present in eggs reduces the risk of dementia related to Alzheimer’s by up to 40 percent.

To establish this link, researchers analyzed data from 1,024 individuals who were dementia-free and asked them to complete questionnaires about their diets in the previous year, including the frequency of egg consumption.

Participants were followed for seven years and underwent annual evaluations to measure dementia indicators.

Results showed that people who ate eggs at least once a week were less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s compared to those who rarely consumed them. Further analysis revealed that those who ate eggs once or twice a week or more had approximately half the risk of developing Alzheimer’s compared to individuals who ate them less than once a month.

A noticeable increase in average choline levels was also recorded among participants who continued eating eggs regularly over time.

Choline is essential for producing acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter responsible for boosting memory and learning capacity, and for maintaining the integrity of brain cell membranes.

Although the human liver produces limited amounts of choline, experts stress the importance of obtaining it from dietary sources such as egg yolks, fish, soybeans, and legumes to meet the body’s needs for this vital compound. - ONA



SPORTS

Al Manar Racing by Team WRT eyes Sprint Cup win at Misano

Al Zubair and Klingmann return to action in Italy, aiming to close championship gap

MUSCAT: Oman’s Al Faisal Al Zubair and Germany’s Jens Klingmann are set to reignite their title campaign this weekend as Al Manar Racing by Team WRT heads to the third round of the 2025 Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe Powered by AWS – Sprint Cup at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli from July 18–20. Competing in the Gold Cup category in their BMW M4 GT3 EVO, the experienced duo have delivered a strong first half of the season, with a win and top-five finish at Brands Hatch, followed by two podiums at Zandvoort. They currently sit second in both the Drivers’ and Teams’ Gold Cup standings, trailing Emil Frey Racing by 18.5 points. “I’m really looking forward to racing at Misano,” said Al Zubair.



“It will be my first time competing there after testing in March, and it’s a track I really enjoyed. We’re in a good position in the standings, so our focus will be to stay consistent, collect points, and push for wins. “The level in the Gold Cup has been very high, but we’ve shown we can fight at the front, and I hope we can also challenge for overall positions.” The GT World Challenge Europe Sprint Cup, organised by SRO

Motorsports Group, is one of the most prestigious GT3 racing series in the world. The Sprint format features two one-hour races per weekend, emphasising speed, strategy, and driver consistency across a tightly packed field. Al Manar Racing, partnered with the renowned Team WRT, has quickly established itself as a front-runner in the Gold Cup. The team’s mix of regional ambition and European expertise has proven competitive against pow-

erhouse outfits like Emil Frey Racing, Saintéloc Racing, and Tresor Attempto Racing. Set on Italy’s Adriatic coast, the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli is a favourite among drivers for its technical complexity and high-speed sections. Named in honour of the late MotoGP star Marco Simoncelli, the 4.226km track has hosted GT Sprint races for 11 consecutive seasons, and also features regularly on the MotoGP calendar.



This year’s Misano round has drawn a record 44 entries across various classes, highlighting the continued growth and appeal of GT racing in Europe. **Sprint Cup – Misano schedule (local time):** Friday, July 18: Free Practice: 13:40; Pre-Qualifying: 19:20; Saturday, July 19: Qualifying 1: 12:00, Qualifying 2: 12:15; Race 1: 20:15; Sunday, July 20: Qualifying 3: 10:25, Qualifying 4: 10:40; Race 2: 14:45. **Gold Cup – Standings (after**

Round 2): Teams: 1 Emil Frey Racing – 60 pts, 2 Al Manar Racing by Team WRT – 41.5 pts, 3 Saintéloc Racing – 38.5 pts, 4 Tresor Attempto Racing – 38.5 pts, 5 Garage 59 – 25.5 pts. **Drivers:** 1 Chris Lulham / Thierry Vermeulen – 60 pts, 2 Al Faisal Al Zubair / Jens Klingmann – 41.5 pts, 3 Gilles Magnus / Paul Evrard – 38.5 pts, 4 Sebastian Øgaard / Leonardo Moncini – 38.5 pts, 5 Louis Prette / Adam Smalley – 25.5 pts.

BOXING

Fury ‘in gym’ and wants to fight Usyk again: Warren



LONDON: Tyson Fury will not be in the ring this year but he wants to fight Oleksandr Usyk again, the British heavyweight’s promoter Frank Warren said on Tuesday, BBC Sport reported. Fury, 36, announced his retirement from boxing in January after losing twice against the WBA, WBC and WBO champion Usyk - who fights Daniel Dubois in an undisputed heavyweight bout at Wembley on Saturday. But two-time heavyweight champion Fury - who retired in 2022 before returning six months later - has hinted at a return. “I spoke to him [Fury] over the weekend about boxing. He won’t fight this year,” Warren told the 5 Live Boxing podcast. “He’s got this Netflix second series coming but he’s in the gym. He’s in it for his wellbeing, physically and mentally. It keeps him in a good place.” Earlier this month, Fury took to social media to announce plans for a trilogy bout with Ukrainian



Usyk at Wembley Stadium in April. “He’s got that mentality that he’s in the gym and he needs to do something,” Queensberry boss Warren, who also promotes Dubois, added. “He’s made it clear he wants to fight Usyk.” Warren, who has promoted Fury since his comeback to boxing in 2018 after a two-year hiatus from the sport, dismissed sugges-

tions the Morecambe fighter will take a tune-up fight. If Fury - who has a record of 34-2-1 - does return, the long-mooted fight with Anthony Joshua or a match-up against Dubois could also be possible. “He had some tough fights against [Deontay] Wilder. A fight I don’t think he was right for against [Francis] Ngannou and then the two tough fights against Usyk,” Warren said. - Agencies

COLOMBIA INTERNATIONAL

Liverpool reject £58m Bayern offer for Diaz



LONDON: Liverpool have rejected a £58.6m opening offer from Bayern Munich for forward Luis Diaz, BBC Sport reported. The German club approached Liverpool earlier this month but were told Diaz was not for sale. That position was reinforced on Tuesday as Liverpool turned down the Bundesliga side’s first bid for the 28-year-old Colombia international. Liverpool value Diaz, whose contract expires in the summer of 2027, in excess of £87m as a key member of Arne Slot’s squad. He scored 22 goals for club and country last season, with 13 of those in the Premier League as Liverpool won the title by 10 points. Diaz attracted interest from Manchester City last summer, and also has admirers in Saudi Arabia. Liverpool are in the market for a striker and are known to have firm interest in Newcastle’s Sweden international Alexander Isak. BBC Sport understands the Premier League champions have made genuine moves towards a deal to sign Isak in recent days. They have also explored the parameters for other centre-forward targets. - Agencies

PREMIER LEAGUE



West Ham sign Senegal defender Diouf for £19m

LONDON: West Ham have signed Senegal defender El Hadji Malick Diouf from Slavia Prague for £19m, BBC Sport reported on Tuesday. The 20-year-old joins the Hammers on a long-term contract and is expected to meet up with the club’s pre-season training camp in Germany this week. Diouf was a key player for Slavia Prague when they won the Czech top-flight title last season. He said “a lot of clubs” were interested in signing him, but he chose West Ham, as it “was a good plan for me”. “I want to say to the West Ham supporters I’m very happy to be here with them. I think we’ll make a very good season this year,” Diouf told the club’s website. “Everyone wants to come here to play in the Premier League. I think it is a dream for everyone.”

Manager Graham Potter said Diouf, who can play at left-back or left wing-back, was a player the club had been watching for some time. “He is young, hungry and ambitious, and I think he will be a very positive addition to the group,” he added. Diouf left Senegal at the age of 18 to join Norwegian side Tromsø in February 2023, playing 21 times and scoring three goals. He then joined Slavia Prague a year later and scored on his debut in a league win at Karvina. Last season, he scored seven goals as Slavia won the title by 16 points, conceding just 18 goals in 35 matches. Diouf earned his first Senegal cap in an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Burundi in September 2024, and he played in the country’s 3-1 friendly win against England in June. - Agencies

ITIA APPEAL UPHELD

British women’s tennis player Moore handed four-year doping ban

LONDON: British tennis player Tara Moore has been banned for four years for a doping offence, despite being cleared by an independent tribunal 18 months ago, BBC Sport reported. An appeal by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) has been upheld by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The four-year ban starts immediately, but will be reduced by the 19 months Moore was provisionally suspended when the case first came to light. The 32-year-old was Britain’s top ranked women’s doubles player when she was provisionally banned in May 2022 having tested positive for nandrolone and

boldenone at a tournament in the Colombian capital Bogota the previous month. But in December 2023 an independent tribunal ruled contaminated meat was the source of the positive test, and that Moore “bore no fault or negligence”. The British player said she had suffered “19 months of lost time and emotional distress”, and that her reputation had been damaged as a result of the case. She returned to the tour in April 2024 and has played mostly on the ITF World Tour since. Earnings for doubles players are meagre, although Moore did make it into the main draw for Wimbledon and the US Open last year, as



well as for the Australian Open this January. But following a hearing in March, this ruling from CAS

means she will not be free to play again until the start of the 2028 season. “After reviewing the scientific

and legal evidence, the majority of the CAS panel considered that the player did not succeed in proving that the concentration of nandrolone in her sample was consistent with the ingestion of contaminated meat,” CAS said in a media release. “The panel concluded that Ms Moore failed to establish that the ADRV (Anti-Doping Rule Violation) was not intentional. The appeal by the ITIA is therefore upheld and the decision rendered by the Independent Tribunal is set aside.” Other than through a highly unusual procedural appeal to the Swiss courts, CAS’ decision is binding on all parties.

“For the ITIA, every case is considered according to the individual facts and circumstances,” the ITIA chief executive Karen Moorhouse said. “Our bar for appealing a first instance decision is high, and the decision is not taken lightly. “In this case, our independent scientific advice was that the player did not adequately explain the high level of nandrolone present in their sample. Today’s ruling is consistent with this position. “We understand that players and their support teams may have questions about this decision, and we will answer these fully once we have reviewed the details of the ruling.” - Agencies

Oman preserves intangible oral heritage across generations



The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth has actively documented Omani traditional arts, issuing two publications that highlight the country's traditional musical instruments and vibrant folk art traditions

MUSCAT: Oman's intangible cultural heritage — particularly its oral traditions passed down through generations — continues to be a vital part of the nation's civilisational identity, according to Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Rahbi, Head of the Oral History Section at the Literary Forum, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth.

He noted that Oman is rich in cultural heritage, with several elements formally recognised and registered on UNESCO's heritage lists.

"There is unity in the cultural diversity of Oman's topography and environment," Al Rahbi added, reflecting on how the country's landscapes shape its cultural expressions.

Speaking about the Ministry's work in collecting, documenting, and promoting oral history, Al Rahbi said these traditions are a core component of Oman's intangible cultural legacy.

"They are reflected in the country's traditional expressions, storytelling, and forms of verbal art," he said.

The Ministry views culture as a foundational pillar of society and a contributor to the enrichment of contemporary global culture.



Since 2006, it has pursued a dedicated national project to preserve Oman's oral history through systematic documentation and publication.

Among its key achievements are two publications on Omani traditional arts and musical instruments — important aspects of the nation's folk culture.

One notable release is a book on Nana art, a folklore tradition rooted in Dhofar, written by poet and researcher Ali bin Said Al Ma'ashani.

The book documents the origins of Nana art and celebrates the poets, past and present, who have kept this oral tradition alive.

Through these ongoing efforts, Oman ensures its oral heritage remains preserved and appreciated for generations to come. - ONA



NORTH AL SHARQIYAH

Gates of Wadi Qafifah Dam opened in Ibra



IBRA: The Directorate General of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in North Al Sharqiyah Governorate opened the gates of Wadi Qafifah Dam in the Wilayat of Ibra for partial drainage of water.

A large amount of water had accumulated in the dam due to the heavy discharge of wadis in the wilayats of Ibra and Dima Wal Taein, Ibra registered 16 mm of rains while Wilayat of Dima Wal Taein got 5 mm of rainfall.

The drainage of the water from the dam, which has a storage capacity of over 926, 000 cubic metre, was aimed to prepare the dam from the flow of wadis during the

upcoming days.

The wilayats of North Al Sharqiyah Governorate are currently receiving rains leading to the overflow of the wadis , in Wadi Qafifah and Wadi Al Jarwala and others.

It is worth mentioning that the Wadi Qafifah Dam, which was opened in 2023, is under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources. The length of the dam is 122 metres and the height is 24.3 metres.

The dam has two vents for drainage with diameter of 630 mm and drainage capacity of 3.55 cubic metres per second. - ONA

NATIONAL INITIATIVE

EA's drive to grow 4mn local trees in Dhofar to continue till 24 July



SALALAH: The Environment Authority (EA) in Dhofar Governorate is heading a campaign for growing some 4 million local trees from seeds in the mountains of the governorate, notably in the wilayats of Salalah, Mirbat, Taqa, Rakhyut and Dhalkut.

The campaign will continue till 24 July. The campaign is organ-

ised in cooperation with Dhofar Municipality, OQPI, Wa'ai Initiative and the local community.

The campaign comes within the objectives of the national initiative for planting 10 million trees in the Sultanate of Oman to curb desertification and enhance biodiversity in the Dhofar Governorate.

Zahrán bin Ahmed Al Abdulsalam, Acting Director General of environment in Dhofar Governorate, said that the campaign continues coinciding with the national initiative for planting 10 million trees.

He said that growing trees from seeds before the start of Khareef season would ensure

the success of the campaign and represents an efficient strategy for early growing of the trees from seeds.

The growing of plants before the Khareef season help stabilise the soil and curb its erosion due to heavy rains, which help in combating desertification and in preserving the soil fertility. - ONA

ROUND-UP



Own Chery Tiggo7 Pro Max exciting Summer Campaign benefits

MUSCAT: SUV enthusiasts can now make the most and own the Chery Tiggo 7 Pro Max with an impressive offer.

The benefits include Free AAA Roadside Assistance, Free Service up to 6 Years/60,000 kms (whichever is earlier. Not available on all models.), an unparalleled 10 year/1,000,000 km engine warranty (not applicable on Arrizo 5), Free Insurance, Walk-in and Win Raffle with a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra 5G and Test Drive & Win exciting prizes. Also available is attractive EMI options across the full range. This exclusive campaign that began on 18th

May 2025 will last until 17th July 2025. (Prospective buyers may be advised that the benefits vary between model variants, model year and manufacturing year. Terms & Conditions apply. Customers can visit any Chery showroom for exact details.)

The Tiggo 7 Pro Max, is setting new benchmarks in the mid-size SUV category with its compelling mix of premium styling, advanced technology and exhilarating performance.

A standout in Chery's global range, the Tiggo 7 Pro Max has quickly become a favourite for drivers who refuse to compromise on style or substance.

BankDhofar empowers Omani youth with its innovative youth account

Recognising the unique needs of young people, BankDhofar has created a modern banking experience that combines convenience, accessibility, and valuable rewards



MUSCAT: BankDhofar, the second largest bank in the Sultanate of Oman in terms of branches, is empowering Oman's youth with its innovative Youth Account, designed to provide the tools and resources needed for financial suc-

cess. Committed to supporting the next generation, the Bank offers a range of tailored benefits to help young adults navigate the world of finance with confidence.

Recognising the unique needs of young people, BankDhofar has created a modern banking experience

that combines convenience, accessibility, and valuable rewards. The Youth Account is a part of its ongoing commitment to promote financial inclusion and literacy through products that help young individuals kickstart their financial journeys.

This account offers a suite of features designed to make banking easy and rewarding. From free mobile transfers to exclusive discounts, the Youth Account helps young adults manage their money effectively and build a strong financial foundation.

Key benefits include up to four free mobile transfers each month, freedom and flexibility to manage funds with no minimum balance fees, and a globally accepted personalised vertical Visa Debit Card with enhanced security features for online shopping and international transactions. Account holders can also avail exclusive merchant offers and discounts across various categories, including beauty, lifestyle, shopping, leisure, and dining.

The Youth Account provides access to different saving and deposit

accounts, allowing young adults to start planning for their future financial goals. BankDhofar's extensive network of over hundred branches and 24/7 mobile and internet banking ensure convenient access to services anytime, anywhere.

Commenting on the Youth Account, Amjad Iqbal bin Hassan Al Lawati, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BankDhofar, said "We believe in empowering young people with the financial knowledge and tools they need to thrive. The Youth Account is a testament to this commitment, offering a range of benefits and resources to help them achieve their financial aspirations. We are proud to support Oman's next generation as they embark on their journey towards financial independence."

BankDhofar's Youth Account underscores its commitment to young customers, fostering financial responsibility and building long-term relationships. As the second largest bank in Oman in terms of branches, BankDhofar continues to shape the future of banking for generations to come.

DIGITAL SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Arctic Star Company, represented by "Hi Shopping" app, officially launches operations in the Sultanate of Oman



MUSCAT: Arctic Star Company, represented by the "Hi Shopping" application, celebrated the official launch of its operations in the Sultanate of Oman at the Grand Millennium Hotel in Muscat. The ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Omar bin Ali Al-Junaibi, Member of the Shura Council representing the Wilayat of Bahla, and was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, alongside a large gathering of guests exceeding 1,000 attendees.

The event also welcomed prominent public figures, social media influencers, and a group of major investors from China, Taiwan, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates.

This event marked a significant step in strengthening cooperation between consumers in Oman and local merchants. The "Hi Shopping" app serves both parties by offering a fully integrated digital shopping experience through its dedicated online platform. The grand event featured massive raffles, awarding luxurious prizes including several Geely cars, dozens

Hundreds attend grand launch event with prizes including cars, iPhones and dozens of electronic and home appliances

of smartphones — particularly the iPhone 16 Pro Max — and a wide range of electronic and household appliances such as washing machines, electric ovens, blenders, microwaves, and more.

The evening also included a lively entertainment program filled with artistic performances and surprises.

In his speech during the ceremony, Sheikh Hamad Al Ghais Al Suwaidi, Chairman of Hi Shopping, said: "It is a great honour to welcome you all to this special evening where we express our sin-



cere appreciation and gratitude. On behalf of the Hi Shopping team, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and the Ministry of Labour for their kind support and vital role in our journey and progress."

He added: "Since our official launch on January 26 in Oman, we have achieved significant growth thanks to our audience. The number of active users has surpassed

30,000, and the number of registered merchants has exceeded 2,000. These achievements could not have been reached without your cooperation and trust."

Al Suwaidi emphasised: "Our vision goes beyond traditional e-commerce. At Hi Shopping, we are building a comprehensive super app that integrates shopping, digital services, and e-payment into one seamless experience. We aim to become a gateway to smart



digital living in Oman and across the region."

During the event, it was highlighted that Hi Shopping offers a unique and distinguished online shopping experience that is user-friendly and aligned with the digital era, where electronic platforms have become the norm.

It was noted that Hi Shopping is not just an app — it aspires to become a regional hub for digital commerce. Every aspect of the app

is designed to deliver mutual benefit and ensure a rewarding and enjoyable shopping experience that drives fast growth and returns for all participants.

The business model of Hi Shopping is based on three core elements:

1. Localised digital experiences tailored for each country, recognising that every market is different.
2. Smart payment systems, specifically point-based payments.
3. A profit-sharing model that ensures benefits are distributed fairly so that everyone — not just the platform — gains.

As for why the journey began in the Middle East, they explained: "We chose this region because of its strong emphasis on shopping, its high levels of technology and internet adoption — which exceeds 92% — and the growing use of electronic devices and smartphones. Moreover, countries in the region have made great strides in digital transformation, making our work much more efficient. Oman and Saudi Arabia, in particular, are among the best models in this regard."

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