

H M RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM ERITREAN PRESIDENT



His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik received a written message from President Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea. The message, dealing with relations between Oman and Eritrea, was handed over to Sayyid Badr bin Hamad al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, when he received Osman Saleh Mohammed, Eritrean Minister of Foreign Affairs, on Monday. Also on Monday, H M the Sultan sent a written message to Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani, Emir of Qatar, related to bilateral relations between the two countries. The message was delivered by Sayyid Ammar al Busaidi, Oman's Ambassador to Qatar, during his meeting with Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad al Thani, Deputy Emir of Qatar (ONA)

Chinese firm plans \$700mn solar PV cell factory in Oman

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Oman is working on setting up its first-ever photovoltaic cell factory with an investment of US\$700mn. Chinese photovoltaic cell maker Hainan Drinda New Energy Technology announced recently that it is planning to build a factory for the production of up to 10GW of TOPCon solar photovoltaic (PV) cells annually in Oman. The project will expedite the sultanate's goal to become a major green hydrogen producer.

Earlier engaged in car interiors, Drinda entered the solar energy sector two years ago and inked a project investment intention deal with Oman Investment Authority last month. The Haikou-based firm plans to build the plant in two phases, each with a scheduled annual capacity of 5GW of N-type TOPCon cells.

The project will help Drinda speed up its overseas production layout to meet international customers' demand and enhance its products' global market influence, the company stated.

Oman has committed to net zero emissions by 2050 and the government is looking to expand its electricity-generation capacity through renewable power projects, with plans to derive at least 30% of electricity from renewables by 2030, mainly through



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onshore wind and solar projects.

The net zero target depends on the use of renewable energy as a primary energy source, the use of carbon capture for decarbonisation, and production of large

quantities of low-carbon hydrogen to drive exports and growth in the low-carbon industry.

Oman seeks to instal 40mn solar panels and import close to 6,000 wind turbines over the next few years to more than double the country's existing power capacity as part of plans to produce more than 1mn mt/year of green hydrogen by 2030.

Drinda ranked fourth worldwide in solar cell shipments with

29.96GW last year and first in N-type high-efficiency cell shipments with 20.58GW, according to its annual earnings report.

Last year, Drinda became the world's first specialised solar cell manufacturer to mass produce N-type TOPCon cells, considered one of the top cell technologies with high bifaciality. This novel feature allows for additional energy to be generated from the reverse side of the module.

Balushi claims gold at Arabian meet

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Within a few days of securing a spot in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, Omani sprinter Ali bin Anwar al Balushi clinched gold in the 100m race at the U-23 Arabian Athletics Championship held in Egypt from July 6 to 9.

The Omani delegation at the meet included Hamza al Jabri, Hussain al Farsi, Mubeen al Kindi and Muneer al Busaidi, besides Balushi.

Earlier this month, Balushi secured a place in the 100m race of the Paris Olympics based on his world rankings.

Speaking to Muscat Daily from Egypt, Balushi's coach Fahad al Mashaikhi praised the sprinter's remarkable achievement of winning gold in the 100m race clocking 10.00 secs, buoying up his



chance of a good performance in Paris.

The Arabian championship is crucial for young athletes as the season draws to a close. Balushi's victory was anticipated after his second-place finish in the inaugural edition of the championship held in Tunisia last year. He is widely regarded

as one of the top Arab athletes and is the sole Arab qualifier for the 100m dash in Paris.

The championship served as Balushi's final preparation ahead of his participation in Paris. Twelve countries participated in the event, including Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Kuwait and Algeria.

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Water coolers a ‘blessing’ to outdoor workers

Our Correspondent
Muscat

As the temperature soars in Oman, philanthropists step up to provide relief by installing water coolers for public use. Mid- to high-40°C temperatures are overwhelming, especially for outdoor workers.

Water coolers have been installed for them and other thirsty people in lanes in Ruwi, Hamriya, Darsait, Seeb and Amerat. These provide much-needed relief to a wide range of people, including construction workers, children playing outside and walkers, and even birds and strays.

Sarfraz Khan works in Ghala as a helper, living almost 35 minutes from his accommodation. He’s usually drenched in sweat in the heat by the time he reaches where he works. “Water taps in



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the homes of the wealthy offer a solace in this heat. This gesture is indeed a form of *sadaqa*. I often take some water back home in a bottle.”

Among those making this kind gesture are Seeb resident Mohammad Amri. He installed a cooler at the entrance of his house last year, while this year, it’s in the rear wall. “Every evening, I see boys playing foot-

ball in the sun. The joy on their faces when they drink cold water from the cooler is immensely satisfying. I have also created a small pool-like area for birds and cats; these suffer the most in the heat. I refill the pool every evening.”

Another good Samaritan who has installed a water cooler outside her house is Amerat resident Ameera Rashid. “In a place like Oman, where the summer heat is relentless, a water cooler for the public can make a significant difference. I am happy I can help those who work outdoors in this heat,” she said.

Mohirrul Hossain, a Bangladeshi construction worker, described these water coolers as a “blessing”. He must drink a lot of water to stay hydrated. “I can’t afford to buy bottled water. The outdoor water coolers are a great relief and I can drink as much as I

like without worrying about the cost.”

Hossain sometimes takes the liberty of pouring cold water on his head to freshen himself. “I also carry a few bottles back to my room. I am very grateful to those who provide this service.”

Water coolers cost RO100 to RO140 with additional costs of installation, electricity and water. Once installed, these require minimal maintenance; filter changes cost around RO5 every few months.

Some communities raise the money to install and maintain such coolers collectively.

Sunil Kumar, an Indian expatriate got together with his friends – including Omanis and Pakistanis – to instal a cooler in Darsait this summer. He described the satisfaction and happiness from helping others as “invaluable”.

Ministry of Health unveils health plan for accident victims during khareef

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Ministry of Health (MoH) has announced a plan as part of its commitment to provide healthcare for visitors during khareef.

The ministry stated that the move is aligned with the increased demand for healthcare services among visitors passing through Al Wusta, in addition to needs of citizens and residents.

“The Ministry of Health, through its Emergency Management Centre, has implemented a

support and management plan for healthcare services across the governorates of Dhofar and Al Wusta,” said Dr Mohamed bin Saif al Busafi, Director of centre.

He added that statistics show a rise in accidents on the road connecting Dakhliyah and Dhofar via Al Wusta during the khareef compared to other months.

He further informed that this increase in accidents leads to higher visitor numbers in health facilities in Dhofar during the season. “This influx of visitors amplifies the workload on these

institutions, necessitating enhanced support measures.”

In response to the urgent need to treat injuries following accidents and minimise pressure on healthcare facilities in Dhofar, MoH has devised and is overseeing a comprehensive support plan for Dhofar and Al Wusta during khareef 2024.

Elaborating on the plan, Dr Busafi said it includes deploying doctors, nurses and pharmacists in both governorates in areas with manpower shortages. These healthcare teams have been se-



lected from various MoH directorates and hospitals across Oman to ensure adequate healthcare services for citizens, residents and visitors alike.

He added that Emergency Management Centre will monitor operations of healthcare institutions in both governorates and assess effectiveness of this year’s plan through field visits and meetings with medical teams. Additionally, the National Medical Emergency Team is on standby ready to provide immediate assistance whenever necessary.

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Seminar held for revival of Mudayrib Souq

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Muscat

The Governorate of North Sharqiyah, in collaboration with Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, hosted an interactive seminar titled ‘Mudayrib deserves it’ on Monday in the wilayat of Al Qabil.

Sheikh Mahmoud bin Rashid al Saadi, Wali of Al Qabil, emphasised the significance of the initiative, highlighting the historical importance of Mudayrib Souq.

The urban renewal initiative is part of broader efforts to rejuvenate and rehabilitate areas in alignment with Ministry of Hous-

ing and Urban Planning’s Regional Urban Strategy 2040.

The wali highlighted the fact that the interactive seminar, involving various public and private institutions, besides local community members, aimed to generate ideas, initiatives and proposals to revitalise the market and safeguard its archaeological elements. The goal is to preserve the rich historical legacy of the market, renowned as one of the oldest and most esteemed local markets in the sultanate.

The seminar featured a visual presentation of the souq and included practical training activities for all participants.

Omani duo triumphs in jiu-jitsu championship in Philippines

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Fahad al Araiimi and Mohammed bin Khamis al Farsi won four medals in the AJP Tour Philippines National Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2024 held on July 6 in Manila.

Speaking to Muscat Daily from Manila, Farsi – who is coach of Oman Jiu-Jitsu – said, “The tournament is held annually and attracts the best players from around the world. This edition saw around 1,000 participants.”

Farsi secured two golds – Gi and without Gi or No-Gi – in the under-69kg professional category, while Araiimi claimed silver and bronze medals in the under-77kg professional category in Gi and No-Gi.

Explaining Gi, Farsi informed that jiu-jitsu is traditionally performed and practiced in a gi – a heavy martial arts uniform also known as kimono. “Grapplers can grip their opponent’s gi to execute a wide variety of techniques, from simple guard passes to complex sweeps to a multitude of submissions. Many practitioners, when putting on the gi for the first



time, are surprised to learn that their own gi can be used against them to apply chokes.” While the ultimate goal remains the same in Gi and No-Gi – to control your opponent – it is often much slower and more complex in Gi.

Unlike Gi, No-Gi competitors are prohibited from gripping their opponent’s clothing. As a result, No-Gi is often much faster-paced with plenty of scrambles and rapid changes in position.

“No-Gi permits a wider range of submission holds, including heel hooks, twistors and neck cranks,” Farsi added. He has won 29 medals, and Araiimi 22 so far.

“Winning in this championship was not easy; there was intense competition. The financial burden of tournament participation added to the challenge,” Farsi said.

“Looking ahead, we hope to secure financial backing and establish a dedicated committee or federation to support this sport. This will ensure sustained participation in international competitions, allowing us to proudly represent the sultanate and enhance its recognition on the global stage.”



MoSD sets criteria for elderly care in foster families

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) issued new regulations on Monday governing the care of the elderly in foster families.

The regulations define ‘the elderly’ as individuals who have reached the age of 60, and a ‘foster family’ as a household responsible for the elderly person’s care.

MoSD has set strict criteria for providing this foster care, mandating that elderly recipients must be Omani nationals lacking sufficient familial support, as determined by records, and must be medically certified free of infectious diseases.

In the foster family, at least one member must be Omani, and it must demonstrate social stability and capability to meet the elderly person’s needs. All family members must be disease-free and without behavioural disorders. Financial stability, a suitable residence and exceptions for individual caregivers who meet these criteria are also detailed in the regulations.

Requests for elderly care will be processed within 30 days of receiving all necessary documents, with a 60-day appeal window following rejection

notifications. The regulations emphasise the protection of elderly individuals from neglect or abuse and ensure they receive necessary care.

Under the regulations, foster families are responsible for providing comprehensive care, including food, clothing and monitoring the elderly person’s health in a safe environment.

Provision of care may end upon the foster family’s or elderly person’s request, determination of neglect by competent authorities, or in the event of death of the applicant or elderly individual.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health in association with Oman Geriatric Society hosted a seminar on Sunday to highlight elderly abuse in Oman.

The seminar targeted community members and healthcare workers in order to raise awareness to the many aspects of abuse with the elderly. Participants were also presented ways with which they can help prevent, monitor and reduce abuse cases.

June 15 is observed as ‘World Elder Abuse Awareness Day’; it initiates conversation and need for national level strategies for the elderly, including laws and specialised training of first responders.

MCSY opens registration for support programme of youth initiatives

Our Correspondent
Muscat

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth (MCSY) has announced the opening of registration for youth initiatives during 2024 as part of its efforts to support youth and implement qualitative activities across the sultanate.

In statement, MCSY said the initiatives, facilitated by the Directorate General of Youth, aim to empower Omani youth. These community-driven initiatives offer innovative solutions and foster leadership in serving society.

Support will be provided in the form of cognitive, logistical or financial assistance, based on the specific needs of initiatives.



To qualify for MCSY support, the following conditions apply:

the initiative must be proposed by an Omani youth for a youth-

driven project; applicants must complete a form detailing the activity’s description, duration and location; and the proposed activity should address a social need, solve a problem or promote development.

Additionally, the initiative must align with the ministry’s goals and not aim for financial profit or involve commercial activities.

Activities must adhere to the laws and regulations of the sultanate, avoiding any content that may incite conflict.

Additionally, the initiative must have a clear workplan outlining the steps required for its successful execution.

Interested participants can register via <https://events.mcsy.om/> initiatives/

PRAYER TIMINGS



Fajr	4:00am
Sunrise	5:27am
Duhr	12:17pm
Asr	3:36pm
Maghrib	7:02pm
Isha	8.24pm

Mwasalat transports over 127,000 during Eid al Adha holiday

Muscat - During the recent Eid al Adha holiday, Oman National Transport Company – Mwasalat – achieved significant milestones in passenger and cargo transport.

Mwasalat buses transported 120,000 passengers, including over 19,000 on the second day alone. On the Shannah-Masirah ferry route, more than 7,000 passengers were served, alongside the transport of 1,625 tonnes of cargo and 1,878 vehicles.

One standout achievement was the transportation of 17,800 passengers on Route 1 – Ruwi to Mabela. These figures underscore a notable increase in both passenger and cargo transport compared to 2023.

Mwasalat is set to host the 2024 International Association of Public Transport MENA Conference in Salalah on July 16 at Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Entertainment. The conference aims to explore sustainable cities, green technologies and intelligent systems in public transport.

Bisya and Salut archaeological site draws over 7,000 visitors till May

Our Correspondent
Muscat

The Bisya and Salut Visitor Centre in Bahla, Dakhliyah has welcomed 7,546 visitors since its opening in February 2023, according to statistics released by Ministry of Heritage and Tourism.

Setting up this centre was part of the ministry’s initiative to prepare archaeological sites for tourism, providing visitors with insights into the historical significance of the Bisya and Salut archaeological area, and the region’s rich history.

Ahmed bin Muhammad al Tamimi, Director of Bisya and Salut Archaeological Site, said establishment of the centre was integral to the ministry’s efforts in rehabilitating and maintaining archaeological sites in the area. “This includes restoring access to the sites, showcasing the history of the sites, settlement patterns, cemetery types, and trade relations through interactive displays and modern informational tools.”

Tamimi explained that the centre supports the ministry’s surveys, scientific documenta-



tion and ongoing monitoring of archaeological sites. It also oversees archaeological missions and provides assistance to researchers and history enthusiasts.

The centre features three

main sections: the Bronze Age Hall, Iron Age Hall and World Heritage Section. The three display 344 artefacts, representing various periods of human settlement in the region and illustrate economic activities such as agriculture, trade and mining. The exhibits range from tools, stone and pottery utensils, seals and bronze artefacts.

Tamimi further added that the centre conducts workshops, training programmes and camps throughout the year. In 2023, 13 events were successfully held, while diverse programmes have been prepared for this year.

GROWTH THROUGH TOURISM



TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Oman Tourism Development Company (OMRAN Group) would like to invite competent and experienced companies to participate in the following Tender:

Tender No.	21/2024
Tender Title	Construction of Stormwater Drainage System at the InterContinental Hotel - Muscat.
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UAE launches Satgate project to enhance maritime mapping

Dubai, UAE - The UAE's Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MoEI) has announced the launch of the Satgate project in collaboration with the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) for maritime mapping.

The project aims to employ satellite and AI technologies to improve the efficiency of locating ships, monitoring sea condition, and forecasting the weather to enhance the UAE's position as a top-notch maritime hub globally.

The Satgate project seeks to develop a database of ships that call at UAE ports and help maintain the security of maritime facilities and coasts by tracing the location of ships that are not connected to tracking devices.

Satgate is a transformational project that is part of the performance agreements for 2023-24, aiming to implement national priorities and achieve the requirements of the next phase of development in the UAE.

Suhail Mohamed al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, emphasised the project's importance in driving maritime security, improving the competitiveness of the national maritime sector, and attracting



international investors.

"This move comes within the UAE's approach to leverage its leading space technologies to achieve growth and progress across the board. Improving our tracking systems using advanced technology will enhance maritime transport and mitigate risks, which will contribute to increasing trade and transport traffic through UAE ports," Mazrouei said.

"Innovations in the maritime sector don't only benefit

the economy but also help us achieve a sustainable development through preserving and developing the marine environment."

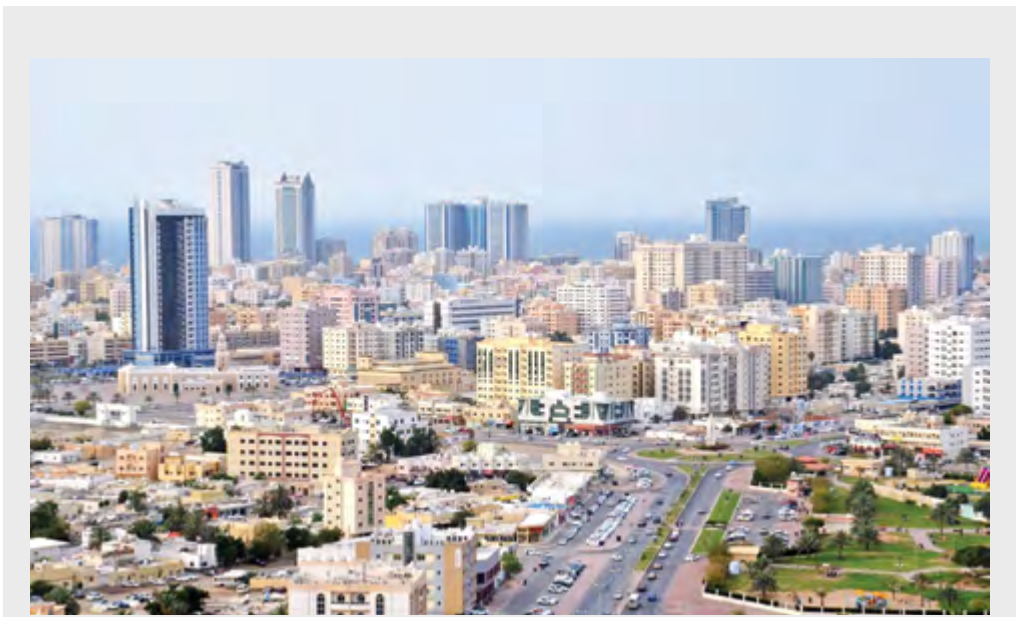
The minister reiterated the UAE's commitment to supporting and helping the maritime sector grow further. Such projects provide accurate and updated data that support the decision-making process and enhance processes' efficiency.

Hamad Obaid al Mansoori,

Chairman of MBRSC, said, "The launch of the Satgate project in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure represents a significant advancement in utilising space technology to benefit the maritime sector."

He added that this project embodies the UAE's vision of harnessing advanced technology to achieve sustainable development and strengthen the country's position as a leading maritime hub.

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Economic licences in Ajman rise 15% in '24

Ajman, UAE - A report issued by the Department of Economic Development in Ajman (Ajman DED) recorded a significant growth in business activity during the first half of 2024, where the licence growth rate reached 15% compared to the first half of 2023, amounting to 37,755 active licences.

The increase in these indicators confirms the sustainability and vitality of the business sector in the emirate.

The report also indicated a 5% growth in the issuance of licences, with a total of 3,000 new licences issued during the first half. The percentage of issuance of new industrial and commercial licences increased by 14%.

The top new licenced activities issued by the Department were: the sale of ready-made women's clothing, building maintenance, and restaurants.

The report also showed that more than 15,000 licences were renewed, with a growth rate of 9%. Industrial licences led the renewal activity with a rate of 10%, followed by professional and commercial licences at 9% compared to the same period last year.

Additionally, more than 34,000 commercial permits were issued during that period.

On this occasion, Abdullah Ahmed al Hamrani, Director-General of the Ajman DED, stated, "These figures reflect the remarkable improvement

in the business environment in the Emirate of Ajman, which enhances its position as a preferred investment destination for both local and international investors. These results embody the emirate's efforts to facilitate business operations and streamline administrative and legislative procedures."

Hamrani added, "We are committed to continuing to support and enhance the business environment in the Emirate of Ajman, and to providing promising opportunities for investors and entrepreneurs, to achieving sustainable economic development and reaching new levels of economic prosperity."

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Oman introduces guide on budget to enhance efficiency

Our Correspondent
Muscat

The Ministry of Finance has launched the 'Programme Budget and Performance Guide', marking a significant step forward in public financial management in Oman.

This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency of public spending and ensure optimal results from budget allocations across gov-

ernment units. The guide introduces comprehensive topics on programme and performance budgeting, including principles for establishing programmes and activities, performance measurement, decision-making support systems, and advanced financial analysis tools.

It focuses on the implementation of the state's general budget in a structured manner aligned with programme objectives and

activities. The guide further outlines methodologies for preparing programme and performance budgets within a medium-term financial framework and through consolidation efforts. It includes detailed guidelines for budget implementation, reporting, and auditing, serving as a standardised reference for all government units to streamline the adoption of programme budgeting and performance.



UAE hosts training for GCC regulatory bodies

Abu Dhabi, UAE - The UAE Accountability Authority has on Monday launched a regional training programme for the GCC officials involved in audit works.

The training course 'Oversight of the Outcomes of Internal Audit Work in Subject Entities' underway in Abu Dhabi, saw

participation from representatives of regulatory bodies from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries as well as local regulatory bodies within the UAE.

This course is part of the annual training programmes for financial oversight and accounting

bodies for 2024, which have been approved by the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The two-day course covers the principles and standards of internal auditing. It delves into evaluating the work and outcomes of internal audits and

their influence on governance, risk management, and internal control systems within subject entities.

Additionally, the course provides a platform to review and discuss the experiences of regulatory agencies in these areas.

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Embassy of India
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The Embassy of India, Muscat invites applications for the post of Clerk (Media & IT).

Job Description:

The Clerk will be responsible for a variety of administrative tasks, including but not limited to:

- Liaising with media and other external parties
- Creating and designing posters, brochures, and other visual content using Photoshop and other design tools
- Editing videos and using video editing tools for official purposes
- Assisting with the organization of events and official functions
- Preparing reports, letters, and other official documents
- Handling routine office tasks and providing general support to the embassy staff

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate/Postgraduate Degree in any subject from a recognized University.
- Good command of both spoken and written English and Hindi.
- Proficiency in the use of Computers.
- Knowledge of using social media, Photoshop or equivalent photo editing tools, poster designing, and video editing.
- Age should be between 21-40 years as on 31st July 2024.

Additional Criteria:

- Knowledge of Arabic will be considered an added advantage.

Pay/allowances/other benefits: The Pay Scale of Clerk is 335-10-485-15-635-19-825 with starting salary of RO 335,000 per month.

Interested candidates with a valid Omani Residence Permit may kindly fill out the form on the link provided by 12th July 2024.

Link: <https://forms.gle/ghwcZP7skXuZwqSM8>

Dubai Customs introduces 'Voluntary Disclosure System' for prior errors

Dubai, UAE - Dubai Customs today revealed the Customs Policy No. (58/2024) on 'Voluntary Disclosure System' to enable clients to disclose prior errors made when declaring information in customs declarations, abide by procedural requirements, and facilitate paying resulting customs dues.

The policy aims to foster a culture of compliance, transparency and participation among clients.

Article 141 (ibid) of the Common Customs Law allows for the partial or full exemption from customs fines when companies voluntarily disclose violations before detection by Dubai Customs.

The policy comprises nine articles, prominently the 'Voluntary Disclosure System', which is a



disclosure statement submitted by a client to duly inform Dubai Customs of any inadvertent errors and/or violations committed during customs clearance and the declaration of informa-

tion related to declarations and customs data according to the conditions and regulations specified herein.

Customs fines may be fully or partially waived for customs vio-

lations if voluntary disclosure is made before they are discovered by Dubai Customs.

Additionally, the voluntary disclosure applies to the following violations: import and export violations, customs declaration violations, transit violations, warehouse violations, violations in areas supervised by customs, Temporary import violations, re-export violations, and any other customs violations.

The policy states that the Customs Audit Department is responsible for implementing and interpreting its provisions. It also notes that the voluntary disclosure request can be accessed through the electronic channels of Dubai Customs and Dubai Trade.

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Oman issues Treasury Bills worth RO20mn

Muscat - The Sultanate of Oman has issued a total RO20mn Government Treasury Bills amounted to RO20mn.

The value of the allotted Treasury bills amounted to RO4mn, for a maturity period of 28 days. The average accepted price reached RO99.640 for every RO100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at RO99.640 per RO100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 4.69286% and 4.70981%, respectively.

The value of the allotted Treasury bills amounted to RO16mn, for a maturity period of 91 days. The average accepted price reached RO98.730 for every RO100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at RO98.730 per RO100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 5.09396% and 5.15948%, respectively.

The Treasury Bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 6.00% while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 6.50%.

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

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Sultanate takes part in green hydrogen meet in Netherlands

Amsterdam, Netherlands - Represented by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, the Sultanate of Oman participated in a symposium on hydrogen that was held in the city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

In his speech during the symposium, H E Salim Nasser al Aafi, Minister of Energy and Minerals, showcased Oman's strategy for the green hydrogen sector. He outlined the important steps Oman took to establish a competitive and sustainable hydrogen economy.

In this context, H E Aafi stressed the significance of consolidating international cooperation to develop trade corridors of hydrogen and its derivatives.

The Omani delegation that took part in the symposium held meetings with different establishments, including the Port of Amsterdam and companies operating in the transportation of hydrogen. The meetings were aimed at enhancing the existing partnership between Oman and the Netherlands in the energy and logistics sectors, notably the transportation of liquid hydrogen.

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H E Salim Nasser al Aafi

Dubai briefs WTO on 'Future of Trade' report in Geneva

Geneva, Switzerland - DMCC - the world's flagship free zone and Government of Dubai Authority on commodities trade and enterprise - briefed a select group of trade experts on its latest Future of Trade 2024 report at an event held at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.



The briefing featured high-level officials and regulators including WTO Director-General Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala.

The report outlined how a new era of global regionalisation will lead businesses to restructure their supply chains amid escalating geopolitical tensions, conflicts, climate change, economic nationalism and trade protectionism. There will be opportunities to diversify export markets and sourcing networks.

DMCC recognised the role of the WTO in providing the open and stable global trading environment required to capitalise on new trade opportunities, and called on the WTO to provide leadership and innovation to meet new challenges to international trade. In particular, the rapid advances of technology such as AI and environmental goods trade to facilitate the green transition will present economic opportunities. In that regard, the WTO is needed to facilitate global consensus and standards to ensure trade resilience.

Addressing delegates, Ahmed bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DMCC, said, "Since joining the WTO almost thirty years ago, the UAE's relationship has developed from one of integration to participation, and now, one of leadership and influence. Through the adoption of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement, the WTO's framework has played a strategic role in Dubai's emergence as a global trade hub and a centre for finance, tourism and logistics, and therefore features prominently in our 2024 Future of Trade report.

"With over 75% of the global goods trade made directly on WTO terms, the world depends on an efficient WTO to ensure a fair trade landscape, especially as businesses contend with new disruptive forces like AI and climate change. Combined with the UAE's growing Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPAs), DMCC looks forward to continuing its engagement with the WTO and supporting greater global trade facilitation."

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO, was elated to note that the Future of Trade report rightly highlighted that amid all the challenges facing global trade in the decade ahead, there are also opportunities. "Trade can deliver benefits

creasingly shock-prone world. At the WTO, we are working and reforming to build the enabling environment for seizing these opportunities," he informed. "Recent successes with multilateral agreements and decisions at our 12th and 13th Ministerial Meet-

During this period of profound change, it is essential that businesses, governments and regulators work together to harmonise standards and ensure innovative regulatory frameworks for today's trade challenges. Here we believe the WTO has a key role to play in promoting and maintaining global trade stability, thereby sustaining trade resilience and economic growth in the long term."

As part of the Future of Trade's Commodities Trade Index, Switzerland rose to third place for the first time since the index was established in 2018. Switzerland scored strongly on its locational and institutional advantages, signalling its status as one of the most important players in the global commodities trade landscape.

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The report outlined how a new era of global regionalisation will lead businesses to restructure their supply chains amid escalating conflicts, climate change, trade protectionism

to people and places that missed out on the recent wave of globalisation," the WTO chief stressed. "It can be an even stronger force for decarbonising our economies; and for making supply chains more diversified and hence more resilient in our in-

ings provide the underpinnings needed by members to capitalise on emerging opportunities."

Feryal Ahmadi, Chief Operating Officer, DMCC, added, "DMCC is delighted to be at the WTO in Geneva to present our Future of Trade 2024 report.

Boeing agrees to pay \$243mn over 737 MAX crashes

Istanbul, Türkiye - Boeing has reached a deal with the US Justice Department over two fatal 737 MAX aircraft crashes over five years ago, according to media reports on Monday.



The American aircraft manufacturer has agreed to pay a US\$243.6mn fine in connection with the crashes in Indonesia in October 2018 and Ethiopia in 2019. The two crashes, occurring less than five months apart, claimed the lives of a total of

346 people on board.

While Boeing will be overseen by an independent compliance monitor for three years in a probationary period, the company is also required to invest at least US\$455mn in compliance and safety programmes.

The Justice Department said in May that the company broke a 2021 settlement over the fatal 737 MAX crashes by failing to establish a compliance pro-

gramme.

The aircraft manufacturer in January 2021 had agreed to pay US\$2.5bn to settle a conspiracy charge with the Justice Department, which included US\$500mn fund for victims' family members.

In September 2022, it also agreed to pay US\$200mn to settle charges for misleading investors about its 737 MAX aircraft.

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What the leftist New Popular Front's win means for French economy

On the evening of June 9, President Emmanuel Macron seemed adamant that dissolving France's lower house of parliament, the National Assembly, was the right thing to do.

His party had just suffered a crushing defeat in the European parliamentary elections with former presidential candidate Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally (RN) skyrocketing in the ballot.

"[Today's] challenges require clarity in our debates, ambitions for our country and respect for each of our citizens - that's why I've decided [...] to give you again the choice of our parliamentary future," Macron said from his office in the Elysee Palace.

But the results of France's snap legislative elections have now provided everything but clarity.

The country's leftist alliance New Popular Front (NFP) is now set to become the biggest group in a new parliament, after beating the resurgent RN into third

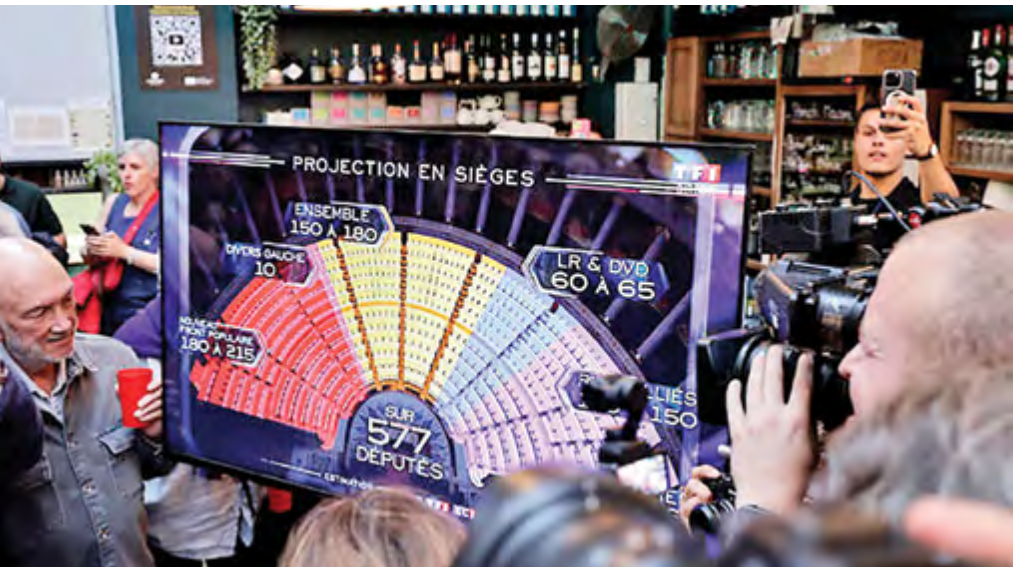
place. The NFP is still short of an overall majority. Macron's centrist alliance held up better than expected and is set to end up in second place, albeit with dozens fewer members of parliament.

Macron's snap election came as a surprise to most people, including investors, recalls Philippe Crevel, economist and head of Paris-based Cercle de L'Epargne thinktank. "France's stock market index CAC 40 went down by about 8% within a week and interest rates for French public debt went up," he told DW.

On Monday, as investors digested the runoff results, the CAC opened 0.4% lower but quickly recovered ground.

NFP's plans have investors nervous

Despite the prospect of weeks of political uncertainty, the newly founded NFP has already started detailing its post-election plans. The alliance includes the far-left movement France Unbowed, the Socialist Party, the Greens and



the Communist Party.

The new largest group in the National Assembly is promising generous measures to boost voters' purchasing power. They are planning on withdrawing Macron's 2023 controversial pension reform that raised the minimum retirement age from 62 to 64 years. The NFP intends to reduce that threshold to 60

years.

"It's surreal - France faces a financially dire situation, and yet, all the parties, including Macron's, are trying to lure voters by promising to lavish money on them," Crevel said. "Politicians have been doing this for the past 40 years, but now we're close to the precipice."

France's public debt in 2023

stood at about 110% of GDP with its budget deficit amounting to 5.5%. The EU recently opened an excessive deficit procedure against France, as the EU's Stability and Growth Pact only allows for a public debt of 60% of GDP and a 3% budget deficit.

But despite a spendthrift agenda from the NFP and Le Pen's RN, investors seem to pre-

fer the far-right party's economic platform, Crevel said, going into Sunday's runoff.

"The NFP are anti-capitalist and anti-European, as they want to leave the Stability and Growth Pact and international free trade agreements, whereas the RN is no longer openly displaying anti-EU views - although their platform is incompatible with

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European rules," Crevel said.

If elected, the RN had planned to exit the EU electricity market and reduce France's contribution to the EU budget. The party also said it would introduce systematic immigration controls at national borders, which would go against border-free Schengen area rules.

Christopher Dembik, senior investment advisor at Pictet Asset Management France, concurred the RN's election platform was less of a concern to investors than the NFP's.

"The financial world is more alarmed by the NFP's showcased opposition to EU rules than by the RN's plans to, for example, reduce VAT on electricity, gas and fuel from currently 20% to 5.5%, which he would have merely required a negotiation with the EU. "Plus, the far right has pledged to audit public finances, which indicates their intent to bring down France's debt," Dembik added.

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Malabar Gold opens 2nd showroom in Leicester

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally, with a retail presence of 350 showrooms across 13 countries, has just unveiled its second showroom in the UK in Leicester.

The new showroom was inaugurated by Peter Soulsby, mayor of Leicester in the presence of

Abdul Salam K P, vice chairman of Malabar Group, Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold and Diamonds, Mohammed Ziad, head of Operations - UK and Europe, Santhosh T, regional head, Nurfal Thadathil, zonal head, and other management team members, a press release said.

Located on Belgrave Road's Golden Mile, the new showroom spans over 2,000sq ft and features an impressive collection of over 20,000 jewellery designs from 20 countries, catering to bridal, occasional, daily, and office-wear in gold, diamonds, and precious gems.

"We began our operations in the UK a year ago with our first showroom in London, and it gives me immense pride that we are launching our second showroom in the UK, in Leicester, within such a short span, which is a testament to the trust placed by our customers. We remain committed to elevating the jewellery shopping experience for customers with world-class products and assurances like



transparency, 100% value for exchange, lifetime maintenance, etc. With every new store opening, we are inching one step closer to our vision of becoming the leading global jewellery retailer," said Mr M P Ahamed, Chairman, Malabar Group.

"There is a very vibrant Indian sub-continent community here in the UK who deeply appreciate the artistry of Indian handcrafted jewellery. This has inspired us to expand our footprint with a new

showroom in Leicester. This opening is more than an addition to our global retail presence; it signifies our unwavering commitment to excellence, craftsmanship and unparalleled customer service. We have ambitious expansion plans in the UK and Europe with immediate openings planned in Southall and Wembley, in London, as well as Birmingham and Manchester," Shamlal said.

In pursuit of promoting India's

renowned indigenous craftsmanship on a global scale, Malabar Gold and Diamonds has embarked on an ambitious expansion plan, which involves strengthening their retail presence in existing regions with more showroom launches, as well as charting their expansion into new countries such as South Africa, Egypt, Bangladesh, Turkey and New Zealand.

Abdul Salam K P, vice chairman of Malabar Group, said,

"Responsibility and sustainability are woven into our business fabric, from sourcing LBMA-certified bullion and conflict-free diamonds to ensuring transparency with customers, fair labour practices, and contributing to society through ESG initiatives. In line with the 'Make in India' and 'Market to the World' initiative, we will remain committed to bringing Indian handcrafted jewellery to a global audience".

Malabar Gold and Diamonds is renowned globally for offering an unparalleled jewellery buying experience with the 'Malabar Promise' of incomparable quality and service assurance, including transparent pricing, assured lifetime maintenance from any of the showrooms across 13 countries, guaranteed buyback, tested and certified diamonds, 100% value on diamond and gold jewellery exchange, UK hallmarked jewellery, responsi-

ble sourcing, fair price policy, and fair labour practices.

ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) initiative has been the primary commitment of Malabar Group since its inception in 1993, with 5% of net profits set aside towards such initiatives in each country of operations. The key focus is in the areas of Health, Hunger Free World, Housing, Education, Women Empowerment and Environment.



Revenue director of Sheraton Oman awarded

Justin Jacob, the accomplished revenue director of Sheraton Oman Hotel, has been honoured with the prestigious Future Leader Of The Year award by Hotelier Middle East at the GM Awards ceremony.

The event focused on the Middle East and North Africa's general managers and their leadership teams on May 28, a press release said.

The GM Awards is a landmark event celebrating exceptional leadership and management talent in the hospitality industry. The shortlists for each category were meticulously crafted from over 500 nominations, with the final winners and highly commended individuals and teams selected by a distin-

guished panel of industry and leadership experts.

Justin Jacob's recognition is a testament to his outstanding achievements and unwavering dedication to excellence. Over the past nine years, Justin has taken on nine different roles, earning 18 awards and nominations along the way. His impressive credentials include eight certifications from prestigious institutions such as Cornell and Harvard on industry topics such as Global Business, Asset Management Executive Leadership and he has successfully led seven state-of-the-art projects.

Justin's father, PJ Jacob, had been a hotelier during UAE's formative years and was a prominent finance professional.

Badr Al Samaa hosts CME at Sohar

Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar, successfully hosted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) event, organised by the Department of General and Laparoscopic Surgery.

This event was part of the hospital's ongoing commitment to share medical expertise and foster continuous medical education to enhance the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals in the region aimed at benefitting the patients, a press release said.

The CME event featured a series of insightful presentations from distinguished speakers who are experts in their respective fields. Dr Sukumaran Vengail,



consultant in laparoscopic and general surgery and Proctology, delivered an engaging presentation on the evolving trends in hemorrhoid treatment, highlighting the latest techniques and ad-

vancements in this area.

Dr K K Jayakumar, specialist general surgeon, shared his expertise on advanced management techniques for treating pilonidal sinus. Additionally, Dr

Akbar S, specialist general and laparoscopic surgeon, discussed the management of gallbladder stones, emphasising the importance of innovative surgical approaches.

Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar welcomed special guests from the Ministry of Health (MoH) Sohar Hospital, including Dr Hatem al Saadi, assistant director general of MoH Hospital Sohar, Dr Khalid al Balushi, head of the Surgery Department at MoH Hospital Sohar, and D. Taher al Balushi. These guests were received with a special welcome by the regional head, Manoj Kumar, zonal marketing head, Shaik Basheer, and branch head, Mithelesh Murali.

The event commenced with a welcome speech by Dr Prathibha Ajayakumar, ENT Surgeon. The programme was moderated by Dr Preetha Mohan, dentist.

MCBS gets Global University Impact ranking

Modern College of Business Sciences (MCBS) announced its significant achievement in the academic realm as it secures a notable position in the prestigious 'Times Higher Education' Global University Impact Ranking for the year 2024.

This recognition marks a momentous milestone in MCBS's journey toward excellence in education and underscores its commitment to fostering global standards of academic excellence, a press release said.

Established as Oman's premier private institution, MCBS has consistently strived to pro-



vide top-tier education, empowering students to excel in the constantly evolving global envi-

ronment. This accomplishment in the Times Higher Education's Global University Impact Rank-

ing is a testament to MCBS's unwavering commitment to academic innovation, research, and community engagement, notably ensuring a promising future for our students and stakeholders.

The Times Higher Education's Global University Impact Ranking evaluates universities worldwide based on their contributions to addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including quality education, gender equality, climate action, and sustainable cities and communities. MCBS acknowledges and celebrates the collective efforts of

the entire MCBS community in making the college more sustainable. This achievement reflects the strength of our commitment to change and the pivotal role of our community. The new MCBS Center for Sustainability is a testament to our shared vision. It brings together researchers, industry, the public sector, and civil society to provide insights into what businesses should adopt socially and environmentally sustainable practices to secure a better future for all. Sustainable topics are published in highly thought-of journals, including SCOPUS.

The National Museum organises 'Palestinian Melody' event on July 4

The National Museum in collaboration with Sayyida Wafa bint Hilal al Busaidi, a specialist in clinical psychology, organised on July 4 the 'Palestinian Melody' event, as an expression of love for the brotherly Palestinian people.

The event was attended by H E Dr Taysir Farhat, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to the Sultanate of Oman, as well as several high level dignitaries, distinguished guests, a group of visual artists, musicians, and those

interested in cultural and artistic affairs, a press release said.

Sayyida Wafa delivered a speech in which she explained that the event was a cultural and humanitarian solidarity initiative reflecting the good relations between the two peoples. It aims to show support and solidarity, highlight Palestinian heritage and culture, and convey messages of peace and justice, reaffirming the Palestinian people's right to freedom and independence, she said.

The event included a variety



of cultural and artistic segments featuring students and Omani musicians, in collaboration with the Department of Educational Supervision at the Ministry of Education. The highlights included a poem titled 'Message to a Child in Gaza' written by Sayyida Wafa and recited by student, Waad bint Mohammed al Hadhab, and the song 'Mawtini' performed by students from Muscat Governorate schools accompanied by a group of musicians including Tahira bint Jamal al

Balushi, Nabras bin Youssef al Mallahi, Jaifar bin Mohammed al Nadabi, Abdullah bin Juma al Farsi, Yahya bin Rashid al Jabri, Mahmoud bin Ali al Balushi, Taj bint Mohammed Noor al Balushi, and Nourhan Qadri Saad Ali.

Poet Youssef bin Abdulkader al-Kamali recited his poem titled 'The Call to Prayer from al-Aqsa'. The event featured a musical piece - Melody from Oman - by the musical band, and the song 'Meel Ala Baladi' by student Raqia AwladThani with a choir.

KR Eshraqa signs deals for Musandam projects



In line with its transformative initiatives that have impacted communities across the sultanate, the Eshraqa Foundation, Khimji Ramdas' (KR) social development arm, has signed several social project agreements to support the Musandam governorate.

The signing witnessed the presence of Sayyid Ibrahim bin Saeed al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam governorate, Anil Khimji and Nailesh Khimji from the KR Board of Directors, walis of the Musandam Governorate, as well as General Directors from various ministries.

The agreements include a diverse range of sectors: Education, Health, Community Wellbeing, and Training. It is noteworthy that the Eshraqa Foundation has covered seven

wilayats since its inception in 2016, including Samail, Izki, Bidbid, Ibra, Bidyah, Dima Wa Tayeen, and Bahla.

Discussing the significance of the signing, Nailesh Khimji, Director, Khimji Ramdas, said, "The Eshraqa Foundation is dedicated to uplifting communities through sustainable development, under the statutes set by Oman's Vision 2040.

"Our commitment to Musandam Governorate symbolises our mission to continue fostering growth, and enhance the quality of life of individuals and families across the sultanate."

Mahmoud bin Khalifa al Saqri, CEO of Eshraqa Foundation, said that the Eshraqa Foundation is committed to developing social responsibility initiatives that en-

sure sustainability and impact. "Our efforts align with the strategic plans and objectives of Oman Vision 2040, as we provide assistance to those in need, in coordination with charitable organisations in Musandam. We have focused on four key sectors: Health, education, community wellbeing and training. This includes the integration and rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, the empowerment of Omani women, and support for the 'Istiqrar' programme, that was recently launched by the Ministry of Social Development."

Highlighting the importance of partnerships between the public and private sectors, Sayyid Ibrahim bin Saeed Al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam Governorate said, "The support from

the KR Eshraqa Foundation is invaluable for the progress of our Wilayats. These projects will not only improve infrastructure and services but also empower our community members by providing them with the necessary tools and opportunities to thrive."

The KR Eshraqa Foundation remains committed to driving positive change and supporting the holistic development of Musandam Governorate through their comprehensive initiatives in 2024-2025.

Under the project, their contribution to 'Education' will include: The enhancement of government school infrastructure, the provision of smart interactive boards, equipping a multi-purpose hall, and refurbishing school playgrounds.

Bank Muscat's Green Sports Programme develops another project

In line with its commitment to enhance its leading role in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the sultanate, remains committed to support youth sports teams through its annual Green Sports programme.

Recently, the Bank celebrated the inauguration of the lighting system project for Azaiba Sports and Cultural team in the wilayat of Bawshar, Muscat Governorate. The event was held in the presence of Sheikh Saif Ahmed al Khalili, Chairman of Bawshar Club, Said Ahmed al Salmi, Regional Manager of Meethaq Branches and team members.

During the ceremony, Said Ahmed al Salmi, Regional Manager of Meethaq Branches, said, "The Green Sports Programme continues to achieve success in supporting sports and youth across the Sultanate. The programme witnesses a great turn out each year as the local teams compete to benefit from the support provided that includes greening of football pitches, water desalination and lighting."

"I would like to congratulate the team for the successful execution of the lighting project and we wish them all the best."

Speaking on the occasion, Salim Said al Rahbi, Head of Azaiba Sports and Cultural team,



said: "I am pleased to extend my appreciation to Bank Muscat for the continuous support given to develop local sports teams. We are happy to see the completion of the lighting system project which will help the team to further take advantage of the space and develop their sports skills.

"The field will also represent a suitable venue for the team to launch events in the evening and to organize different cultural and sports activities."

The Green Sports programme is one of Bank Muscat's key sustainable social responsibility initiatives. It aims to promote entrepreneurship, partnership, and community empowerment

by supporting talented Omani youth in sports and culture. The programme also enhances the role of cultural sports teams in supporting national sports by improving sports stadium infrastructure across Oman. To date, the programme has supported 183 teams and benefited over 50,000 team members in Oman.

Since its inception in 2012, the Green Sports programme reaffirms the Bank's commitment to providing ample opportunities for young Omanis to develop their talents. It goes a long way in developing the sporting skills and talents of Omani youth, thereby leading to all-round development of the sport.

Oman Air reinforces sustainability with earphone packaging

As part of ongoing efforts to increase the sustainability of its onboard experience, Oman Air has redesigned the packaging for its Economy Class earphones, replacing single-use plastic PET foil with a recyclable Kraft paper envelope. Working with Linstol, a global eco-friendly in-flight products provider, the airline anticipates the change will enable it to eliminate 6.48 tonnes of non-recyclable waste material each year, an amount which equates to saving an estimated 110 trees from deforestation or conserving 207,360 litres of water.

"We are delighted to introduce this latest initiative on board, which represents our ongoing commitment to our planet by reducing the environmental impact of air travel, while ensuring our guests enjoy a comfortable and convenient experience



that aligns with their values," said Con Korfiatis, Chief Executive Officer. "We believe that small changes make a big impact and we continue to look for innovative solutions in all corners of our operations, while promoting and advocating for initiatives that support both the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Oman's national objectives."

13th Paperworld Middle East to take place in Nov

Paperworld Middle East, the largest international exhibition for paper and office supplies, will return to the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) from November 12 to 14. Co-located with Gifts and Lifestyle Middle East, the dual trade show is expected to welcome 12,000 visitors after achieving record attendance numbers in 2023.

The paper and pulp industry in the Middle East and Africa is expected to experience substantial growth in the next few years, with a projected value of US\$19.32bn by 2028. The upcoming edition will showcase over 480 exhibitors from 40 countries, highlighting the theme 'Crafting Global Connections', which emphasises the event's significance as an international hub for professionals in paper, stationery, and office supplies.

A global sourcing platform, Paperworld Middle East will include international pavilions from India, Germany, China, Hong Kong, Jordan and Türkiye



and will showcase leading names in the industry, such as Ittihad Papermill, Asia Pulp Paper and Eric Krause. The exhibition will feature a wide array of products, including office and school supplies, writing printing paper, arts and crafts supplies and writing instruments.

This year, Paperworld Middle East will introduce a new Kraft & Packaging section, further cementing the event's commitment to highlighting the

importance of sustainable materials. This innovative event feature will showcase a variety of sustainable packaging materials that minimise environmental impact while producing high-quality results.

"Now in its 13th edition, Paperworld Middle East has firmly established itself as the leading international show for the paper industry, presenting a diverse product range from hundreds of international exhibitors. Drawing

an ever-growing number of participants each year, the event is strategically timed at the beginning of the buying cycle for the Middle East, Europe and Africa regions, giving visitors access to the latest products and trends for the season ahead," said Syed Ali Akbar, Show Director for Paperworld Middle East and Gifts and Lifestyle Middle East.

He added: "With the new addition of the Kraft and Packaging section, the show now covers the

entire spectrum of paper, ranging from writing paper and kraft paper to paperboard and specialty paper."

Since launching in 2021, Gifts and Lifestyle Middle East has quickly grown into a significant event for the gifting sector, with corporate gifting being an important focus.

The event will showcase a wide portfolio of products, including leather goods, corporate gifts, lifestyle accessories, and homeware, and will feature international pavilions from South Africa and China.

"Gifts and Lifestyle is an ideal complement to Paperworld Middle East, bringing together world-renowned brands and regional players for a dynamic three-day showcase. Beyond the extensive product displays, the co-located shows offer valuable networking opportunities, educational sessions and interactive workshops, which combined, bring a truly comprehensive offering," said Akbar.

Alila Jabal Akhdar gets Oman's first hydroponic farm of luxury hotel

Oman's first hydroponic farm in a luxury hotel was inaugurated in Alila Jabal Akhdar, perched majestically at 2000m above sea level on the cliffs of the Hajar mountains.

The hotel, which has always been a beacon of luxury and eco-consciousness, has set a new benchmark for sustainability in the region by opening the farm on July 4.

This innovative initiative has been structured in two phases. Phase 1, which began earlier this year spread over 646sqm area, saw its first harvest in March. This phase includes the cultivation of lettuces, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchinis, and bell peppers, with blueberries currently in process.

Utilising hydroponics - a soil-free method that employs nutrient-rich water - allows for

year-round production of fruits and vegetables at an accelerated rate.

The hydroponic farm at Alila Jabal Akhdar showcases its dedication to enriching guest experiences with distinctive Alila Moments. "Guests can personally harvest fruits and vegetables, followed by a dinner at the Open Kitchen picnic area, where chefs will prepare a tailor-made menu," the hotel management stated.

This innovative concept, envisioned by general Manager Puneet Singh, underscores Alila's core value of sustainability and their promise to deliver exceptional and unique experiences to guests. "We are incredibly proud to lead the way in sustainable agriculture in the Omani hospitality sector," said Singh. "Our hydroponic farm is not just an investment in the environment; it's



a pledge to our guests and the local community that we are committed to fostering a sus-

tainable future."

The hydroponic farm, the first of its kind for any hotel in Oman,

promises to expand in Phase 2, introducing a wider variety and increased volumes of fruits and

vegetables. This initiative that aims to redefine farm to table concept, is intended to complement local produce, providing jobs and sustaining the local economy.

Alila Jabal Akhdar plans to offer educational tours for guests and local schools, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices and inspiring the next generation to embrace eco-friendly innovations.

The hydroponic farm was officially launched on July 4 by Dr Hasil Obaid al Mahrouqi, CEO of Omran Group, in the presence of other official delegates, marking a significant milestone in the resort's sustainability journey.

In addition to the hydroponic farm, Alila Jabal Akhdar is engaged in several other sustainability initiatives. The resort boasts an organic farm produc-

ing seasonal fruits and vegetables, and is home to hundreds of pomegranate, plum and rose plants, with ongoing cultivation of figs, apricots, and olive trees.

Two beehives on the property allow for the harvesting of fresh honey for guests. The resort also prioritizes water conservation through a dedicated treatment plant and water recycling systems. Furthermore, solar energy is utilized to heat water in guest rooms, and energy-efficient lighting is implemented throughout the resort.

As the sun sets over the majestic Hajar mountains, the hydroponic farm stands as a symbol of a greener future. Alila Jabal Akhdar invites you to join them on this remarkable journey towards sustainability, where luxury and environmental stewardship go hand in hand.

UK launches new Border Security Command to fight illegal immigration

London, UK - Britain announced a new Border Security Command on Sunday to strengthen its border security and 'smash the criminal (people) smuggling gangs making millions out of small boat crossings'.

The move, as promised by the Labour Party during its election campaign, came only days after its election victory and after new Home Secretary Yvette Cooper took office. "Rapid recruitment for an exceptional leader used to working in complex and challenging environments - for example, at senior levels of policing, intelligence or the military - will kick off tomorrow (Monday), with the new recruit expected to take up their post in the coming weeks," a statement from the Home Office said.

The border security commander, who will be appointed by Cooper, will 'provide strategic direction to work across agencies, drawing together the work of the National Crime Agency (NCA), intelligence agencies, police, Immigration Enforcement and (the) Border Force, to better protect our borders and go after the smuggling gangs facilitating small boat crossings,' it said.

It said that 'early legislation is being prepared to introduce new counter terror style powers and stronger measures to tackle organised immigration crime'.

Cooper has also 'commissioned a bespoke investigation from the department and the NCA into the latest routes, methods and tactics used by people smuggling gangs across Europe to inform a major law enforcement drive over the coming months'. The home secretary will also have further calls this week with European interior ministers and with the director general of Europol to discuss strengthening security cooperation, the statement added.

"Criminal smuggling gangs are making millions out of small boat crossings, undermining our border security and putting lives at risk," Cooper said.

"We can't carry on like this. We need to tackle the root of the problem, going after these dangerous criminals and bringing them to justice. The Border Security Command will be a major step change in UK enforcement efforts to tackle organised immigration crime, drawing on substantial resources to work across Europe and beyond to disrupt trafficking networks and to coordinate with prosecutors in Europe to deliver justice," she said.

Anadolu Agency

Hungary PM concludes China visit

Beijing, China - Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban departed Beijing en route for Washington on Monday after meeting Chinese President Xi Jinping on a self-proclaimed 'peace mission 3.0'.

Orban's visit to the Chinese capital came on the back of recent trips to Kyiv and Moscow in which he has attempted to position himself as a mediator pushing for an end to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.

While in Beijing, Orban emphasised China's role as a 'key power in creating the conditions for peace' in the conflict which began as far back as 2014 but erupted into full-scale war when Russia launched an all-out invasion of its neighbour in February 2022.

In an interview with German tabloid newspaper BILD published on Monday to coincide with his Beijing visit, Orban repeated his calls for a ceasefire and warned of further escalation in the conflict in the coming months.

"Believe me: the next two or three months will be much more brutal than we think," he said in comments which will have been made directly on the back of his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin and before his arrival in China.

"There are more weapons (involved) and the Russians are more determined. The energy in the confrontation, the number of dead, the number of victims will become more brutal than in the last seven months."

He insisted that he is 'not arguing about who is right and who is wrong' and his 'aim is peace and a ceasefire'.

Orban 'does not speak for bloc'

Orban is the only European Union leader to have maintained close relations with Putin since Russia's full-scale invasion. He has refused to send weapons to Ukraine and has regularly opposed and challenged EU support for Kyiv.

Hungary took over the rotating presidency of the EU earlier this month but, as Orban left Beijing on Monday, German vice-chancellor Robert Habeck echoed other European leaders in insisting that the Hungarian populist does not speak for the bloc. The EU's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said Orban's recent trip to Russia was purely a bilateral affair and he 'has not received any mandate from the EU Council to visit Moscow'.

'Resume direct dialogue'

China's President Xi, for his part, used Orban's visit to call on the international community to 'create conditions and provide assistance for the two sides to resume direct dialogue and negotiations', according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

"Only when all major powers exert positive energy rather than negative energy can the dawn of a ceasefire in this conflict appear as soon as possible," he reportedly said.

Despite Xi's calls for peace, China didn't take part in the recent Ukraine-led international summit in Switzerland, preferring instead to promote its own six-point peace plan, issued together with Brazil in May and which Moscow has supported.

China presents itself as a neutral party in the war, but strategic relations with Russia have strengthened since the invasion. Beijing has offered a crucial lifeline to Russia's increasingly isolated economy, purchasing large quantities of Russian natural gas albeit at reduced prices.

Meanwhile, China has continued to deepen economic ties with Hungary, which has remained open to Chinese investment despite EU sanctions imposed on Beijing, in particular on imports of Chinese-made electric vehicles.

While the EU is trying to reduce its dependence on the world's second-largest economy, which it fears could undercut European economies by flooding the market with cheap goods, Hungarian foreign minister claimed that Chinese investment in Hungary's electromobility sector could create 25,000 jobs.

Since returning to power in Budapest in 2010, Orban has been seeking closer economic ties to China, Russia and other Asian countries as part of his 'eastern opening' foreign policy.

The Hungarian government recently boasted of ongoing economic projects originating in China worth around 15bn (US\$16bn).

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Orban's visit to the Chinese capital came on the back of recent trips to Kyiv and Moscow in which he has attempted to position himself as a mediator pushing for an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine

Philippines, Japan sign military agreement

Manila, The Philippines - Japan and the Philippines on Monday signed a military agreement in Manila that allows troops to deploy on each other's soil, an official statement said.

The Philippines-Japan Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) was signed by the two countries' foreign and defence ministers in a ceremony attended by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the statement from the Filipino presidency said.

The agreement will allow soldiers from both countries to train and operate in each other's territories under Visiting Force status. The signing of the pact comes amid tensions in the disputed South China Sea between the Philippines and China.

Japanese Foreign Minister Kamikawa Yoko and Defence Minister Kihara Minoru will also hold a 2+2 meeting with their Filipino counterparts Enrique Manalo and Gilberto Teodoro Jr.

The 2+2 format, the highest consultative mechanism between Tokyo and Manila, was established in April 2022 to 'further deepen security and defence policy coordination between the two nations', the statement added.

Missiles hit Ukraine cities

Kyiv, Ukraine - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that some 40 missiles were fired at cities across the country, including the capital where several people were killed.

The strikes come on the eve of a three-day NATO summit in Washington. People were still trapped underneath rubble at a children's hospital in Kyiv that was hit by a Russian airstrike on Monday, Zelensky said.

"There are people under the rubble, and the exact number of casualties is still unknown. Right now, everyone is helping to clear the rubble - doctors and ordinary people," Zelensky wrote on Telegram. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko called the strikes 'one of the worst attacks' since the war began. "You can see: it's a children's hospital," he told a Reuters reporter.

One of the biggest strikes was in the southern city of Kryvyi Rih where at least 10 people were killed and dozens more wounded.

"Ten people were killed, 31 wounded are already in the hospital - 10 of them seriously injured. All emergency, utility and medical units are working," Mayor Oleksandr Vilkul said on social media.

Meanwhile, the Russian FSB security service said on Monday that it had foiled an attempt to convince a Russian pilot to land his strategic bomber in Ukraine as part of a defection.

The FSB said 'the secret services of NATO countries' had been involved in the plan to capture the TU-22M3 plane.

The pilot had allegedly been promised financial compensation and an Italian passport in an attempt 'to persuade him to land the strategic bomber in Ukraine'.

Hurricane Beryl makes landfall on Texas coast

Texas, US - Hurricane Beryl made landfall on Monday on the coast of the southern US state of Texas near the town of Matagorda.

Earlier on Monday, Storm Beryl intensified and once again became a hurricane before hitting on Monday, as residents were evacuated amid a risk of flooding and power outages.

The National Hurricane Centre (NHC) reported that the storm moved over land at around 4am Central Standard Time, saying that the hurricane was about 85 miles (135km) south-west of Houston, packing maximum sustained winds of 80mph (130kph).

Residents hunker down

Residents on the Texas coast boarded up windows and evacuated beach towns.

"We have to take Beryl very, very seriously. Our worst enemy is complacency," Houston Mayor John Whitmire said.

He added that he wanted residents in Houston 'to know the conditions that you go to sleep under tonight will not be the same that you wake up to in the morning'.

Major ports close operations

The largest ports in Texas suspended operations and vessel traffic on Sunday as the threat from Hurricane Beryl loomed.

The ports of Corpus Christi, Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City said they shut down after condition 'Zulu' was set by Coast Guard captains on Sunday.

Corpus Christ is the leading crude oil export hub in the country. Texas City and Freeport are also major centres for shipping oil and refined products on the US Gulf Coast.

Port closures could bring a temporary stop to crude exports, oil shipments to refineries, and motor fuels from those hubs.

A hurricane warning was declared for a large stretch of the Texan coast. Tropical storm warnings were issued for other areas.

Texas officials warned coastal residents to prepare for possible flooding, heavy rain and wind.

"We're expecting the storm to make landfall somewhere on the Texas coast sometime on Monday if the current forecast is correct," NHC specialist Jack Beven was cited by the Associated Press news agency as saying.

"Should that happen, it'll most likely be a Category 1 hurricane," he said.

As of Saturday night, Beryl had sustained winds of 60 miles per hour (95km per hour), according to the NHC. The storm caused at least 11 deaths as it passed through the Caribbean earlier this week.

It hit Mexico as a Category 2 hurricane but did not cause any casualties. It weakened to a tropical storm as it passed through southeastern Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Atlantic hurricanes getting stronger

Scientists say that Atlantic region has seen more severe storms in recent hurricane seasons, with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicting an 85 per cent chance of an 'above-normal' season this year.

The United Nations' weather and climate agency WMO said Beryl developed into a category 5 storm substantially earlier than expected.

Tropical cyclones gain most of their energy from the evaporative heat of the water vapor they pick up over the ocean, meaning that warming sea temperatures due to climate change are creating better conditions for the emergence of hurricanes.

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Left-wing alliance wins French election, promises to recognise State of Palestine

Paris, France - Jean-Luc Melenchon, a prominent leader of the left-wing New People's Front alliance, has reiterated his commitment to recognise the State of Palestine following his coalition's victory in the recent French general election.

The early election, prompted by President Emmanuel Macron, concluded with the New Popular Front securing the most seats in parliament.

In the second round of voting, the New Popular Front, an alliance comprising four left-wing parties, emerged as the leading force with 178 deputies.

The largest party within the alliance, France Unbowed, is headed by Melenchon.

Celebrating the election victory, Melenchon indicated their readiness to form a government, asserting: "We will have a prime minister from the New Popular Front."

Melenchon highlighted the potential for significant decisions to be made 'by decree' on both national and international fronts, emphasising that recognising the State of Palestine would be one of their first actions 'as quickly as possible'.

In the closely contested second



Head of French left-wing party La France Insoumise (LFI) Jean-Luc Melenchon attends an event after France's legislative election in Paris on Sunday (Xinhua)

round, the leftists and Macron's supporters tacitly co-operated against the far-right.

Despite this, no alliance achieved the absolute majority required to form a government independently.

Macron's Together for the Re-

public alliance secured 150 seats, while the far-right National Rally alliance garnered 125 seats.

The absence of an absolute majority, defined as 289 deputies in the parliament, necessitates collaboration among various political parties and al-

liances to establish a new government.

The formation of this government will depend on the New Popular Front's ability to forge a coalition with centrist parties without internal division.

Recognising the State of Pales-

tine was a central promise of the New Popular Front during their campaign, reflecting their stance on international issues and commitment to change in French foreign policy. The election results mark a significant shift in the French political landscape, with

the left-wing alliance poised to influence the future direction of the country.

PM asked to continue

Meanwhile, President Macron asked Prime Minister Gabriel Attal on Monday to continue working on his position 'for now'.

Attal went to the Elysee Presidential Palace to meet with Macron to submit his resignation, but instead of accepting it, he

evening after the first results were announced.

He hailed that 'no extremes', referring to the far-right party National Rally (RN) and the left-wing alliance New Popular Front (NFP), won a significant number of seats in the lower house.

The first round was held on June 30, and 76 candidates were elected without a second round. Macron dissolved parliament and announced early elections after

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was asked to stay as prime minister 'for now' in order to 'ensure stability in the country', sources in Elysee Palace told broadcaster BFMTV.

The president also thanked the premier for his work during the election campaign. "Tonight, the political formation that I represent in this campaign has no majority, I will submit my resignation to the president tomorrow morning," Attal said on Sunday

the RN won more than 31 per cent of the vote in the European Parliament elections on June 9, defeating his centrist bloc.

Besides, various leaders including Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva expressed how 'happy' they feel over the election results in France.

Anadolu Agency

'Russia biggest threat to Sweden until 2030'

Stockholm, Sweden - Sweden on Monday said that Russia poses the most serious threat to the Nordic country's security until 2030, local media reported.

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Defence Minister Pal Jonsson and National Security Adviser Henrik Landerholm presented a new national strategy at a Stockholm press conference stating that currently 'the threat to Sweden is broad and serious'.

"Russia is the biggest and most serious threat to our national security," said Jonson, according to local media outlet Expressen.

Although Russian forces have suffered heavy losses in Ukraine, Moscow's military strength remains significant, according to the new strategy. "Russia has a low threshold for the use of military force, is prepared to take great political and military risks and has

also expressed high ambitions for its rearmament," Jonson added.

According to the politician other 'authoritarian' states, such as China, are trying to strengthen their influence and challenge the 'rules-based world order'.

"We can state that China is now carrying out an extensive rearmament that affects regional stability in the Indo-Pacific region," said the defence minister.

The strategy also identified organised crime and violent extremism as threats to the country.

The officials further stated that large migration flows pose a risk as migrants could be used as tools to create instability as a means of putting pressure on Sweden. "This means that we have a very complex security situation to deal with," Jonsson noted.

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6-year-old boy dies of malnutrition in Gaza

Gaza City, Palestine - A six-year-old Palestinian boy, Hikmat Raad Badir, died on Monday of severe malnutrition caused by a crippling Israeli blockade in the central Gaza Strip, according to his uncle.

Ahmed Badir said his family had been displaced from northern Gaza to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the central city of Deir al-Balah.

"We went there in the hope of getting the necessary medical care and essential nourishment for Hikmat," he told Anadolu.

"Unfortunately, here too, there are no suitable foods for children or even treatment, so his health deteriorated.

"It's not only children who suffer from malnutrition, but adults too amid harsh living conditions due to the Israeli war," he added.

Last month, Dr Husam Abu Safiya, the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza, announced the tragic deaths of four children due to severe malnutrition.

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hospital had witnessed over 250 cases of malnutrition among children within just two weeks.

"Gaza faces a genuine health catastrophe, one that begins with children but could ultimately affect adults as well," he warned.

The situation in Gaza remains dire, with the healthcare system crumbling amid relentless Israeli attacks in the besieged enclave.

At least 40 more Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip, pushing up the overall death toll to 38,193 since last October 7, the Health Ministry in the battered territory said on Monday.

A ministry statement added that some 87,903 other people have been injured in the Israeli onslaught.

"Israeli forces killed 40 peo-

ple and injured 75 others in three 'massacres' against families in the last 24 hours," the ministry said.

"Many people are still trapped under rubble and on the roads as rescuers are unable to reach them," it added.

Flouting a UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire, Israel has faced international condemna-

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tion amid its continued brutal offensive on Gaza since an October 7, 2023 attack by Palestinian group Hamas.

Nine months into the Israeli war, vast tracts of Gaza lie in ruins amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water and medicine.

Israel stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice, whose latest ruling ordered Tel Aviv to immediately halt its military operation in the southern city of Rafah, where over a million Palestinians had sought refuge from the war before it was invaded on May 6.

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Masoud Pezeshkian: What to expect from Iran's new president

Tehran, Iran - Iranians on Saturday elected the relatively moderate Masoud Pezeshkian as their next president in the runoff vote that pitted him against ultraconservative, anti-Western former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili.

Pezeshkian, a heart surgeon, has been a member of the Iranian parliament since 2008.

He served as the country's health minister from 2001 to 2005 under then-president Mohammad Khatami, known as a reformist figure.

The 69-year-old president-elect has vowed to build trust between a 'possible moderate government' and the population.

He had sought to win over the disheartened supporters of the reformist camp.

Iran's main reformist coalition supported Pezeshkian, with endorsements by former presidents Khatami and Hassan Rouhani.

Who calls the shots in Iran?

During the campaign, Pezeshkian promised no radical changes to Iran's Islamic clergy-dominated theocratic regime.

He pledged his loyalty to the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and has no intention of confronting the powerful security hawks and clerical rulers.

In the Islamic Republic's political system, the president is not the head of state, but just the head of government, despite being elected by universal suffrage.

Most authority lies with the country's supreme leader, who since 1989 has been Khamenei.

The president cannot make any changes to Iran's nuclear programme or policies concerning foreign and security affairs, as Khamenei has the final say on all these matters.



Almost all branches of the Iranian government are also still largely held by hard-liners, limiting the president's sway over the country's governance.

"The foreign policies of the Islamic Republic, as stated by Ali

Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, don't fall within the decision-making of the president," said Ighan Shahidi, an Iranian researcher at the University of Cambridge.

"These policies pertain to the

decisions of the supreme leader and the high-ranking security institutions, which have long-term plans to expand Iran's regional influence, as a necessary tool to increase its bargaining power and impact on regional dynam-

ics," he told DW.

Massive economic challenges

Even though it's unclear if Pezeshkian will be able to implement even modest changes, as the top most elected official in the country, the president still can have a say in and influence the tone of Iran's policy.

Furthermore, he will be closely involved in selecting the successor to aging Khamenei, who is now 85.

The election came against a backdrop of heightened regional tensions over the war between Israel and Iranian allies Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Escalation on that front could potentially drag Iran into a direct conflict with Israel.

There is also massive domestic discontent over the poor state of Iran's economy.

The country is facing high job-

lessness, while inflation has been hovering at around 40 per cent and the Iranian rial hitting a record low.

A third of the country's around 90mn people now live in poverty, according to official data, marking a jump of 11mn over the past 13 years.

Hamid Babaei, assistant professor at the IESE School of Management in Paris, told DW that boosting growth and controlling inflation are the biggest challenges facing Pezeshkian on the economic front.

"Over the past 15 years, the cumulative economic growth has been almost zero. Inflation in Iran is a chronic issue, primarily caused by the budget deficit and monetary expansion," he said.

Babaei believes it's 'highly unlikely' that Pezeshkian will be able to address the economic challenges.

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INDIA



Indian PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin

Modi arrives in Moscow for talks

Moscow, Russia - Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Moscow in Monday at the start of a two-day visit to the Russian capital during which he will meet with President Vladimir Putin, according to the TASS state news agency.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a news briefing that the two leaders would meet informally on Monday evening with the opportunity to talk 'with a free agenda one-on-one'.

The trip is Modi's first to Russia since 2019, when he met Putin in the far-eastern city of Vladivostok, although the pair did meet at a Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan in September 2022, seven months into Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Putin visited New Delhi in 2021.

"I look forward to reviewing all aspects of bilateral cooperation with my friend President Vladimir Putin and sharing perspectives on various regional and global issues," said Modi in a statement.

Russia's war in Ukraine has complicated relations between Moscow and New Delhi, who have traditionally enjoyed

strong ties dating back to the Cold War.

While India has become an even more important partner for Russia amid its increasing diplomatic and economic isolation, so has China, one of India's major regional rivals. Modi was conspicuous by his absence from last week's Chinese-led SCO summit in Kazakhstan.

"Russia's relations with China have been a matter of some concern for India in the context of Chinese increased assertiveness in the region," Bala Venkatesh Verma, a former Indian ambassador to Russia, explained to the Associated Press news agency. Ukraine's Western partners also urge Modi's government to denounce Russia over Ukraine, something India has avoided doing in public.

Russia is an increasingly important trading partner for India, with Indian Foreign Minister Vinay Mohan Kwatra telling reporters ahead of Modi's trip to Moscow that trade between the two powers is set to be worth close to US\$65bn for the 2023-24 financial year. DW

Monsoon rains lash Mumbai

Mumbai/New Delhi - Following a deadly heatwave, intense monsoon storms have reached India, with heavy rain causing flooding across the subcontinent. Rains hit India's financial capital Mumbai early on Monday morning, disrupting travel and forcing schools to close.

City officials said more than 300mm of rain fell in just six hours, leaving rush hour commuters to wade through knee-deep water.

"There is heavy traffic on the roads and rail lines too have been affected," Eknath Shinde, the chief minister of Maharashtra said on X. He also told residents to stay indoors.

Train services were cancelled on inundated tracks and airports had to suspend runway activities for more than an hour.

Schools and colleges were closed for the day as more heavy rain was forecast to hit the city of 12mn. India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of 'heavy to very heavy rainfall'.



Vehicles wade through a waterlogged King Circle area after heavy rains, in Mumbai on Monday (ANI)

In the northeastern state of Assam, more than two million people were impacted by overflowing rivers. Six of the rare one-horned rhinos also drowned in their Kaziranga National Park home, authorities said on Sunday.

Flight operations affected

Flight operations at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) were affected due to heavy rainfall on Monday morning.

In a statement, CSMIA said: "Today heavy rains and low visibility led to the suspension of runway operations from 2:22am to 3:40am. 27 flight diversions were reported. Flights diverted to Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Indore, etc. Currently, priority is

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being given to arrivals, delaying departures, and consequential changes that were made to accommodate diverted flights."

Besides, Chief Minister Shinde chaired a high-level meeting to review the situation in the state. He also directed all emergency agencies to be on high alert.

"I have directed all emergency agencies to be on high alert. Citizens should go out only if necessary. I am also appealing to the Mumbai Municipal Cor-

poration, Police Administration and Emergency Services to co-operate," CM Shinde added in his post.

Grim situation in Assam

Meanwhile, Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi expressed sorrow over the grim flood situation in Assam, saying that the devastation caused by the deluge is heartbreaking and urged the central government to extend assistance to the state

expeditiously.

In his post on X, Rahul Gandhi condoled the loss of lives in the deluge and offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

"The extreme devastation caused by flooding in Assam is heartbreaking - with innocent children like 8-year-old Avinash being taken away from us. My heartfelt condolences to all the bereaved families across the state," read his post.

As per the current flood situation in Assam, 58 people have died and 53,429 are seeking refuge in shelter camps across the state. As many as 23.9 lakh people have been affected across 3,535 villages so far. 68,769 hectares of total crop area have been submerged. DW/ANI

A MEETING WITH VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi meets with victims of Manipur violence during his visit to Jiribam Higher Secondary School relief camp, on Monday (ANI)

J&K: Army convoy attacked

Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir - After concluding recent operations in the Kulgam and Chinigham areas, an Indian Army convoy was attacked by terrorists in Machedi area of the Kathua district on Monday.

"After firing by terrorists, our troops also retaliated. More details are awaited," defence officials said.

Meanwhile, after six terrorists were killed in two different encounters in the state, Brigadier Prithviraj Chauhan, Commander Isec RR, said on Monday that the killing of terrorists is a significant blow to Hizbul-Mujahideen. ANI

CM Hemant Soren wins floor test in Jharkhand Assembly

Ranchi, Jharkhand - Days after he was sworn in as the chief minister of Jharkhand for the third time, Hemant Soren won the floor test during a special session of the state assembly on Monday.

Hemant Soren won the vote of trust with the votes of 45 MLAs in his favour. He was sworn in as the 13th chief minister of Jharkhand in Raj Bhavan, Ranchi on July 4.

Hemant Soren was released from the Birsu Munda Jail on June 28 after nearly five months following bail from Jharkhand High Court in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. He had resigned as chief minister before his arrest on January 31. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in



Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren (ANI)

January on charges related to an alleged land scam and money laundering.

Champai Soren who had taken over as the CM following the arrest, resigned from the post just five months after taking the oath, setting the ball rolling for Hemant Soren to again take over the role on Wednesday.

Champai Soren had taken oath as the 12th chief minister of Jharkhand in the Raj Bhavan on February 2 this year.

Earlier in a video message Hemant Soren had accused the BJP of levelling false allegations against him.

"In the 2019 Jharkhand Assembly elections, the people of Jharkhand gave our party mandate but the conspirators were unable to digest how an Adivasi youngster can sit in such a high position. At last, on January 31, they (the BJP) made false allegations against me and removed me from the post of chief minister. Because of the people's blessings, I'm out here sitting in front of you. We will always be the voice of the people." ANI

Bangladesh PM Hasina on four-day visit to China to elevate partnership

Dhaka, Bangladesh - A fortnight after Sheikh Hasina's visit to India, the Bangladesh Prime Minister on Monday departed from Dhaka for Beijing on a four-day official visit to China at the invitation of Chinese premier Li Qiang, local media reported.

Hasina's China visit, is believed to elevate the 'strategic partnership' between Bangladesh and China to a 'comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership', the Dhaka Tribune reported.

Xi Jinping had visited Bangladesh in October, 2016, during which the two countries upgraded their relationship to

'Strategic Partnership' while Sheikh Hasina last visited Beijing in July 2019.

A special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying Hasina and her entourage departed from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 11:05am on Monday, as per the Bangladesh newspaper The Daily Star.

During her China visit, Hasina will hold separate meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang and join a summit meeting on Trade, Business and Investment Opportunities between the two countries.

Dhaka and Beijing are likely to



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

sign some 20 or so MoUs and announce inauguration of some development projects after a bilateral meeting between the two sides to be led by the two premiers, the Daily Star reported.

Bangladesh will seek China's assistance in areas of investment and trade, financial assistance and repatriation of Rohingyas to their homeland, Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud told reporters at a press briefing on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Hasina visited India on June 21-22 on the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held bilateral discussions. The two countries signed

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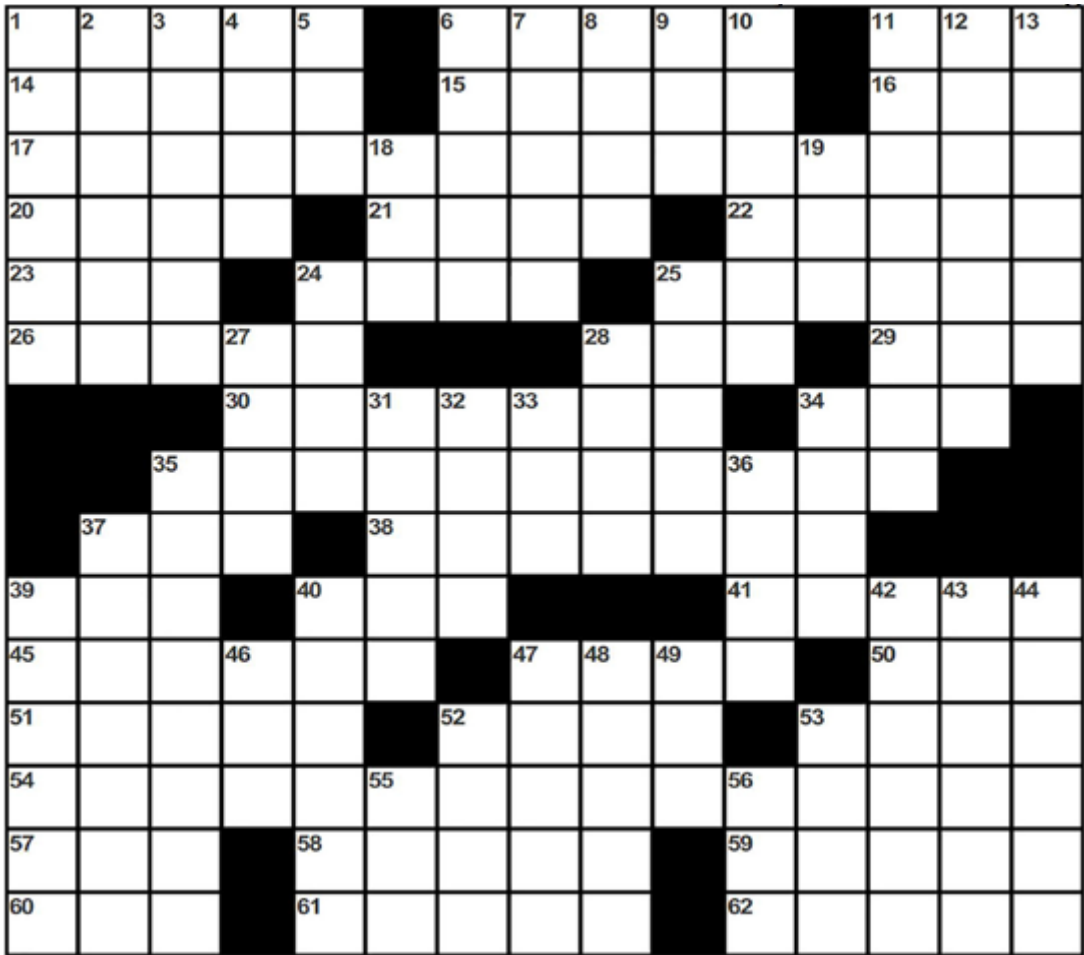
10 MoUs, including that of management and conservation of the Teesta River in Bangladesh.

Earlier addressing an event in Dhaka ahead of Hasina's visit to China, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader described India as Bangladesh's 'political friend' and China as its 'development partner'.

"China has contributed significantly to the development of many sectors in our country. Why will we not accept support from China for the sake of the country's overall progress?" Quader said.

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DAILY CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1) "... la vista, baby"
 - 6) Burst into flower
 - 11) Impressive degree
 - 14) Up and moving about
 - 15) Book, in France
 - 16) Height for Heidi
 - 17) Thingamajig
 - 20) Unaccompanied
 - 21) Golden calf, infamously
 - 22) Catcher in the Rhine?
 - 23) Chapter of history
 - 24) Football props
 - 25) Fair-haired chaps
 - 26) Continue without interruption
 - 28) _ Jewelers
 - 29) Acquire
 - 30) Annoying
 - 34) Pre_ (major for future doctors)
 - 35) Any one
 - 37) Prefix with "solve" or "respect"
 - 38) Somersaulting drinking vessel?
 - 39) Couple thousand pounds
 - 40) The Almighty
 - 41) "Over my dead body!"
 - 45) Make lovable

- 47) "It's OK after all" in editing
 - 50) Eggs, to Nero
 - 51) Parts of necks
 - 52) "Boy, am I tired!"
 - 53) Deep drink
 - 54) Definitely old enough to know better
 - 57) Driller's syllable
 - 58) Man of fables
 - 59) "It follows that ..."
 - 60) Take in, as sights
 - 61) Singer LaBelle
 - 62) Barely defeated
- DOWN**
- 1) Parts of ship bows
 - 2) Not on board
 - 3) German prison camp
 - 4) Jazz great Puente
 - 5) Rainbow shape
 - 6) Fan part
 - 7) Long vehicles, for short
 - 8) Charlotte Motor Speedway, e.g.
 - 9) "The Two Towers" monster
 - 10) Contemptibly small, as a tip
 - 11) Fake an illness to avoid work, e.g.
 - 12) Affected by glare
 - 13) Most suitable
 - 18) Flee quickly
 - 19) DiCaprio of films
 - 24) "Desperate Housewives" star Hatcher
 - 25) Brunch selection
 - 27) Sounds of the disgruntled
 - 28) Door feature, often
 - 31) 19-down, for one
 - 32) Sound of a bad joke?
 - 33) Suffix with "skeptic"
 - 34) "A_ fonnality"
 - 35) Throat
 - 36) Come up for air, as a whale
 - 37) Former Winfrey rival
 - 39) Agents' cuts, often
 - 40) Valve in some fireplaces
 - 42) Making promises
 - 43) Show proof of
 - 44) Frayed and worn
 - 46) Always, poetically
 - 47) Fire a weapon
 - 48) Speeds, to a conductor
 - 49) Certain mama on a farm
 - 52) Sound uttered by the secretive
 - 53) Place for a shovel
 - 55) "Nay" opposite
 - 56) Common title starter

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE



ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 19

A partner or a dear old friend, someone you either share your deepest thoughts or your bank account (or both) with, could make you a rather odd yet extremely wonderful offer. The kind you absolutely couldn't refuse even if you wanted to. Which you don't. Fortunately, it's the perfect time for just such an activity. And if there's a bit of secrecy involved, so much the better.



LEO JULY 23-AUGUST 22

Your routine is about to be seriously disrupted, yes, again, but just this once you won't be too upset about it. It's going to be for a sentimental reason and as you've no doubt noticed, emotions seem to be first and foremost on your mind lately. While you've still got a couple of rational, untouched brain cells to rub together, better make plans with your sweetheart. Either that or ask them to drive.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21

Your mantra, should you choose to repeat it, is this: "Yesterday never happened. Today will be wonderful." Keep it up until you absolutely believe it, although after a certain person makes contact with you this morning, it shouldn't be too hard to talk you into it. Those arguments never happened and if they did, they certainly didn't involve anything that was worth ruining your day over.



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Which company carries the construction of submarines, missile-boats and destroyers and so on for the India navy and offshore supply vessels and well-head platforms and so on?
- A. Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL)
 - B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE)
 - C. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
 - D. None of the above



TAURUS APRIL 20-MAY 20

You've never been good at taking orders, especially if they're delivered by a higher-up with a chip on their shoulder. Under those circumstances, you'll go out of your way to do exactly what you've been told not to do, and you'll go about it with gleeful irreverence. You're in just that type of mood right now, so if you don't absolutely have to be around an authority figure you're already at odds with, do something else.



VIRGO AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

It may seem as though you're being nagged about romance, but it's only because you have a reputation that's carved in stone as the most romantic sign in the heavens. You certainly wouldn't want to blow it because you were preoccupied with something as trivial as work, paying the bills, or cleaning the house, right? Well, get busy!



CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 19

In your not so humble opinion, life is meant to be a series of extended vacations, which certainly explains why you move so much, so easily and with such great abandon. It's not that you're irresponsible, exactly -- it's that you don't want to miss seeing anything. This type of attitude will make your earth-sign friends crazy, but if any of them are undergoing a time period now where things aren't entirely under their control -- their least favorite state of affairs -- share this philosophy. It might help and it can't hurt.



GEMINI MAY 21-JUNE 21

If you can manage to get through whatever the Universe has decided to toss your way at the moment, which will be considerably interesting, you can get through anything. So if your boss or an equally intimidating authority figure happens to ask you to drive 700 miles on your day off to deliver a package, you'll be up for it, and you'll grab the package and run. With a smile on your face.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

You may still be a bit irritated about recent events, but it really is time just to let go and forget it. Besides, if a certain person you're quite fond of has anything at all to say about it, the type of secrets and intrigue you'll be dealing with will be far from unpleasant. Dim lights, soft music, and sweet whispers, that sort of thing just might be what they have planned. There. Better?



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18

Self-control has never been high on your list of the qualities you admire in yourself. More like the "qualities I wish I had" list. So don't beat yourself up if you're not exactly the soul of willpower when it comes to money right now. The best you can do is to ask a friend to go along with you whenever you go anywhere close to a store, especially if you genuinely need something.



CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

As the song says, you're in the mood for love simply because they're near you. You won't settle for just any old red-roses-candle-lit-dinner type thing, though. You're in the mood for a whole lot more. You want it all! Deep, meaningful conversations and intense flirtation are the stuff dreams are made of. Fortunately, with the planets aligned the way they are at the moment, settling for less isn't just out of the question; it's totally unnecessary.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

Don't even try to hide your feelings from the ones who love you, or from anyone you just met a few minutes ago for that matter. The mood you're in is the one that inspired that ancient phrase about wearing your heart on your sleeve. Basically, if it's on your mind, it will be quite obvious to one and all. The good news is that right now, according to the Universe, it's supposed to be.



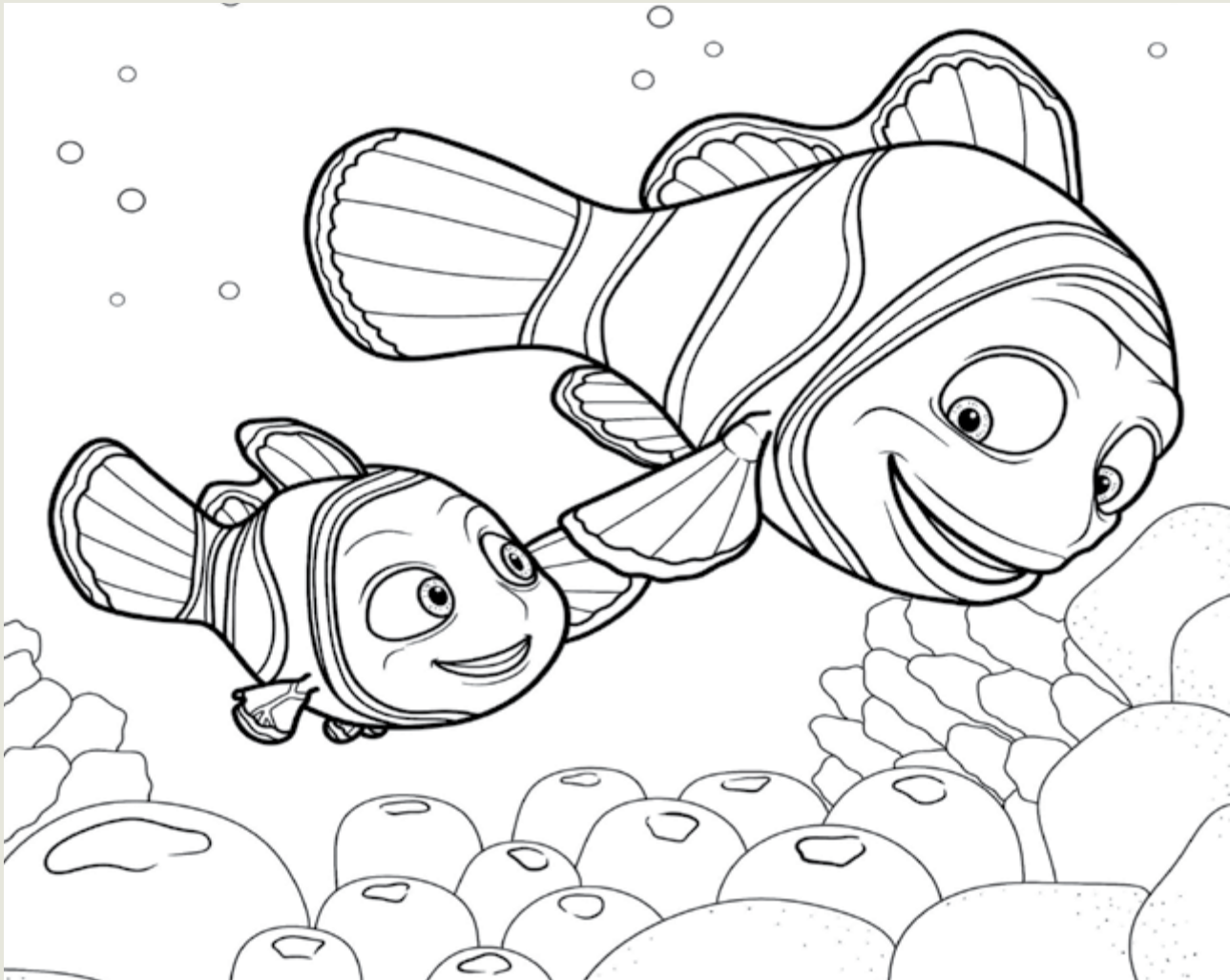
PISCES FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20

It's not exactly that you're aiming to aggravate everyone you cross paths with, especially the ones you love. The situation is you just can't hold back your feelings and, more importantly, your ideas. So if someone asks for your opinion, why bother trying to pretend that you can hold back? Just issue a disclaimer before you start to speak. Once they pick their jaw up from the floor, they'll be fine with it.

3. When was Shakespeare born?
- A. 1564 AD
 - B. 1618 AD
 - C. 1642 AD
 - D. 1776 AD

Answers: 1.A 2.C 3.A

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BOGGLER

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Each game will present you with a matrix filled with letters. The objective is to form words by linking adjacent letters - to the left, right, on top, bottom, or diagonal to each other. The Boggles Classic game uses a 4 x 4 matrix. Words are valued at one point for each letter in excess of two letters. A three letter word is worth one point, a four letter word is worth two points, and so on. Valid words must be at least three letters long.

SOLUTION
20-25 words: Excellent,
15-20 words: Very good,
10-15 words: Good,
5-10 words: Average

DO YOU SUDOKU?

LEVEL EASY: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 and only one instance of each number

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WORD BUILDER



You have three minutes to find all the words contained in this word.

Rules: Words should be at least four letters long, proper nouns and duplicates don't count

SUDOKU EASY ANSWER

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BATTLE OF BIG GUNS

France face Spain for spot in Euros final

Munich, Germany - Goal-shy France will be looking to silence the critics when they take on Spain in their Euro 2024 semi-final clash on Tuesday in Munich, while their opponents hope to keep their impressive campaign going even without key players.

With Kylian Mbappe leading their talented squad, France were among the favourites when they arrived in Germany.

But they have come under fire from fans and pundits alike for a string of unimpressive performances and have reached the last four without scoring a single goal in open play.

Despite reaching the final of the last two World Cups, winning in Russia in 2018 and losing only on penalties to Argentina in Qatar four years later, their Euros record under coach Didier Deschamps is less impressive. In his 12 years, their best result was a runner-up spot in 2016 on home soil.

On Friday they only edged past Portugal on penalties, with Mbappe substituted after another match where he spent more time fiddling with his mask than setting up his teammates.

Deschamps' France often manage to be dour and dramatic

at the same time - defensively solid, they tend to waste chances up front, and they survived against Portugal partly thanks to similarly wasteful Cristiano Ronaldo.

Mbappe's form after sustaining a broken nose in France's opener and that of Antoine Griezmann remain big question marks ahead of the clash with Spain, who overcame a raucous Stuttgart Arena crowd to beat the hosts with a goal in the final minutes of extra time.

"Personally I don't give a damn" about the critics, midfielder Youssouf Fofana told a press conference on Sunday.

"We are semi-finalists. Questions about the level of Antoine and Kylian? We have to realise that that's enough to be in the semi-finals. So I don't see why we would nitpick."

However, it remains to be seen if it is enough to get past a highly aggressive Spain, who are in imperious form with five straight wins so far at Euro 2024 but who will be missing several key players in Munich.

Midfielder Pedri is out of the tournament after sustaining a knee injury in a nasty clash with Germany midfielder Toni Kroos

in their dramatic win on Saturday.

Substitute Mikel Merino's header in the 119th minute gave Spain a 2-1 win in a nerve-racking encounter that ended with 16 bookings including a yellow card for centre back Robin Le Normand and a red for fullback Dani Carvajal, meaning both are suspended for Tuesday's game.

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YOUSSEUF FOFANA

Real Madrid defender Nacho will play centre back alongside Aymeric Laporte and 38 year-old full back Jesus Navas, the last player of Spain's golden generation who won the 2010 World Cup and back to back Euro titles in 2008 and 2012.

Navas will share the right-hand channel with 16-year-old winger Lamine Yamal, one of the players of the Euros so far harassing opponents' defences together with Nico Williams, 21.



France, with a famed attack comprising players like Kylian Mbappe and Antoine Griezmann, are in the last four without scoring a single goal in open play

Spain's Cucurella enjoying 'fruit of many years of working in silence'

Munich, Germany - Spain full back Marc Cucurella has been one of the brightest spots of Spain's Euro 2024 campaign and credited his performances to his diligent work ethic during an underwhelming spell at club side Chelsea.

Preparing to face fellow contenders France on Tuesday for a spot in the final, the 25-year-old defender said on Sunday that he was proud to be benefiting from grinding away during two turbulent seasons in West London.

"It doesn't matter if it's sooner or later, if people talk about you, it's good. What is happening is the fruit of many years of working in silence," Cucurella told a press conference on Sunday.

"Nobody has given me anything so I am very happy right now. I knew that if I worked hard and gave my best, this could happen. It's a dream to be here and a lot of people would give everything they have to be here where I am.

"There are a couple of steps left. If we don't play in the final on Sunday, it won't do any good. We have to make one more effort to get there."

Cucurella's impressive Euros is a massive turnaround for a player who struggled following



Marc Cucurella

his arrival at Stamford Bridge two years ago on a 62 million pounds (\$79.41 million) transfer from Brighton & Hove Albion.

After a poor first campaign and an injury-hampered start to his second season, Cucurella had a strong end to the campaign playing both on the left and as an inverted full back.

That led him to be included in Spain's squad for Euro 2024,

with coach Luis de la Fuente surprisingly picking him ahead of Alejandro Grimaldo and he has repaid the manager's faith with some standout performances on the left.

With right back Dani Carvajal set to miss Tuesday's match against France due to a suspension, Cucurella's versatility that helped Chelsea kick into gear could also be helpful to Spain.

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MARC CUCURELLA

"I've had to try a bit of everything in my career and that has helped me a lot to know how to counteract, because I've also played further forward," Cucurella said.

"My position is left back. At Chelsea, due to circumstances, I had to play on the right. But wherever I play, I will try to do my best because the important thing is to win.

"We are a group of players that give everything for our teammates and that's one of the secrets. I think we have created a great group.

"We have a mix of veterans and very young players and that makes it all very enjoyable, the key is to be like a family. We may not have superstars, but as a team we are good, we are doing well and I hope we keep that way."



Hakan Calhanoglu is distraught after Turkey's defeat to the Netherlands

Turkey's Calhanoglu regrets 'sitting back after taking lead'

Berlin, Germany - Turkey captain Hakan Calhanoglu was left with a bitter aftertaste despite a tenacious display as his side let a one-goal lead against Netherlands slip in their Euro 2024 quarter-final on Saturday, sending them home from the tournament.

In front of a raucous crowd of Turkish fans at Berlin's Olympiastadion, Turkey took a first-half lead through Samet Akaydin, but a header from Stefan de Vrij and an own goal by Mert Muldur breached their defences and saw the Dutch advance.

"When we look at the tournament in general, teams that take a 1-0 lead generally sit back. I don't know why this is the case,

but it was the same for us today. We sat back a lot," he said.

"We conceded two goals in seven minutes, which of course hurt us a little. In the end, we tried to try and had a chance with long balls, but we couldn't take advantage. "Sometimes things like this happen in football. We need to learn from this. I am proud of everyone."

With Turkey set to co-host the tournament with Italy in 2032, German-born 30-year-old Calhanoglu said his side had learned a lot that they could use to build towards the future.

"As long as we are united, as long as we are together, we can achieve anything."



Bukayo Saka

Saka buries Euro 2020 ghosts with stunning performance

Düsseldorf, Germany- Subjected to racist insults after missing the decisive penalty of England's shootout defeat in the Euro 2020 final, Bukayo Saka buried that nightmare on Saturday with a superb individual goal and spot-kick success against Switzerland.

"To come back from something like that was really difficult. I used that to make me stronger. Today I took the chance and I'm happy," said England's man-of-the-match.

Only 19 during that infamous shootout loss to Italy at Wembley, Saka's confidence could have been shattered by the invective he and other Black players received online.

But he recovered quickly - helped by coach Gareth Southgate's support, a massive groundswell of public affection, and a backlash against the abusers - and continued to show fine form for Arsenal in the Premier League and for England.

Now Saka is a popular figure and, at age 22, almost a veteran of the national team, with 38 appearances and 12 goals.

Saturday's game may have been the most special of them all.



Captain Granit Xhaka played a key role for the Swiss

Switzerland exit Euros with head held high

Duesseldorf, Germany - For a country that has become a permanent fixture in football's major tournaments, Switzerland leave Euro 2024 anguished over what could have been, but with a new air of confidence over what the future holds.

While some top teams erred or muddled through the tournament, the underrated Swiss were among a handful of sides truly at their best in Euro 2024, exiting on penalties to an England team they could have beaten, and were once again denied their historic semi-final place.

In an unjust twist of fate, it was ever-dependable stalwart Manuel Akanji whose shootout

miss cost the Swiss, but there was no blame on the Manchester City centre-back, whose leadership, composure and calming influence was pivotal in their march to their second-successive quarterfinals.

Facing a hostile home crowd in Frankfurt, they took an early lead against hosts Germany and

held them off until the last seconds of the game to deny them a perfect group-stage record.

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RETURN OF RODRIGUEZ

Colombian maestro silences doubters with stellar show at Copa America

Glendale, US - James Rodriguez has looked back to his brilliant best at the Copa America and the Colombian said he is determined to take his side to their second trophy in the competition after they beat Panama 5-0 in the quarter-finals on Saturday.

The 32-year-old has impressed in the run by 2001 champions Colombia to the semifinals, with his outstanding vision and defence-splitting passes leading to him notching five assists - tied with Lionel Messi (2021) for most assists in a single edition of the tournament.

Rodriguez's creative ability once again caught the eye in the win over Panama, as he sent in a pin-point corner for the opener, before scoring an emphatic penalty and then providing the assist for Colombia's third goal with a bit of quick thinking.

"A tough match, they are very strong, but we came in in a good way, we knew how to score the goals quickly and that gave us control of the match," Rodriguez said after picking up his third player of the match award in four games.

"Did I want to be the best player of the Copa? Yes, I wanted to have a very good Cup,



I wanted to have a very good Cup, help my teammates to go far. We are going until the last day, let's hope we can reach that great final, we are going through a good moment too.

JAMES RODRIGUEZ

help my teammates to go far. We are going until the last day, let's hope we can reach that great final that we all want, we are going through a good moment too."

Rodriguez is once again

Colombia's main man, but he has had to fight to get here.

He burst into the limelight by winning the Golden Boot during the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, which earned him a high-profile move to LaLiga giants Real

Madrid. However, his club career never quite managed to reach the level he displayed for Colombia, and after a difficult stint at Real and an underwhelming loan spell at Bayern Munich, Rodriguez joined Everton in 2020.

He competed in the Premier League for one season and had equally short spells at Qatar side

Al-Rayyan and Olympiakos, before joining Brazilian side Sao Paulo last year.

Rodriguez was left out of Colombia's squad for the 2021 Copa America due to a lack of fitness, but has been fully reinstated in the team by Nestor Lorenzo.

Under Lorenzo, Colombia

have evolved into one of South America's best teams, going on a 27-match unbeaten run in which they have claimed massive wins over teams like Brazil and Germany.

"He is a great player, nothing to explain. He is a player who is happy on the pitch," Lorenzo told reporters on Saturday.



Michael Olise

Bayern sign Olise from Crystal Palace

Munich, Germany - Bayern Munich have signed winger Michael Olise on a five year deal from Crystal Palace, the Bundesliga club said on Sunday.

According to German media reports, Bayern will pay 60 million euros (\$64.15 million), including add-ons, to bring the 22-year-old London-born player to the Allianz Arena.

Olise scored 10 goals and provided six assists in 19 appearances last season, despite a campaign impacted by injuries.

"I want to prove myself at this level and play my part in ensuring that we win as many titles as possible with our team in the coming years," Olise said.

Despite being born in England, Olise has played seven matches for the France Under-21 side, having a French-Algerian mother.

He has been selected for the France squad for the Paris Olympics, which start in July.

Search still on for two missing Moroccan footballers lost at sea

Rabat, Morocco - Two Moroccan players from top-flight soccer side Ittihad Tanger have been missing at sea since Saturday after strong currents drifted their small yacht, a club official said on Sunday.

They were in a group of five players from the club who went cruising off the northern city of Tangier when strong currents and heavy winds drifted their yacht away as they were swimming in deep waters, club deputy president Anass Mrabet told Reuters.

"Three players have already been rescued on Saturday, while research is still ongoing for the missing Salman Harraq and Abdellatif Akhrif," he said.

The players did not have buoys on them when they jumped from the small yacht to swim, he said citing recounts by rescued players.

While Akhrif, 24, is already a full member of the squad, Harraq, 18, was about to move up to the senior team this year, Mrabet added.

Bielsa salutes Uruguayan spirit after victory against Brazil

Paradise, Nevada - Uruguay's diligence and resilience under pressure after going a man down against Brazil in Saturday's Copa America quarterfinal victory put the team's distinctive character in the spotlight, coach Marcelo Bielsa said.

Uruguay lost Nahitan Nandez to a red card on a VAR review, which reduced their side to 10 men for the final stages of the second half, but they shut shop and defended resolutely to take the match to penalties where they prevailed 4-2.

"Everything that happens, happens Uruguayan style, because the players are the ones that give their all to the team," Bielsa told reporters.

"It was a match with very little goal opportunities, highly contested, very close, even with very little changes in possession. When we were one man down, we decided to dedicate ourselves to defending in our half.

"So holding on to that result as the team did shows the profile of Uruguayan football. And they were very calm in the penalty



Marcelo Bielsa

shootout that demands not only accuracy but also character."

Bielsa's teams are usually characterised by relentless attacking football and no team has scored more goals in the tournament than Uruguay, who netted nine times in the group stage.

But three straight clean sheets have also helped Uruguay book a semi-final against Colombia and

Bielsa was quick to praise his squad's mentality rather than take credit for their defensive record. "I am a bit more drawn to the offensive than the defensive game, but in a match that was as tight as this one, we created one more opportunity than our opponent and we defended well."

"There was a Uruguayan coach that said that... I would learn how

to defend on the pitch and that is true because Uruguay is very consistent in defence.

"They played against Mexico (in a friendly), USA and Brazil, and kept clean sheets. I do think that defensively, not because I achieved it but because the players are inherently good at defending, that they are very good at keeping a clean sheet."

Hong Myung-bo back as South Korea head coach

Seoul, South Korea - South Korea have brought back Hong Myung-bo for a second spell in charge of the national team, ending a five-month wait for a new coach after Juergen Klinsmann was sacked in February, the Korea Football Association (KFA) said on Monday.

Hong, who made 136 appearances for South Korea and captained them to the semi-finals of the 2002 World Cup on home soil, had signed a contract until the 2027 Asian Cup, Yonhap news agency reported.

The 55-year-old last took charge of the side for 19 games between 2013 and 2014, leaving the role after their group stage exit at the 2014 World Cup.

Hong's return to the national team comes after he led Ulsan HD to back-to-back K



Hong Myung-bo

League titles in the past two seasons.

He has been tasked with taking South Korea to an 11th straight World Cup, with the team having progressed to the third round of qualifiers for the 2026 tournament in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Hong replaces German coach Klinsmann, who left following the team's shock semi-final defeat by Jordan at the Asian Cup. Hwang Sun-hong and Kim Do-hoon served as interim coaches while the KFA searched for a permanent replacement.

According to reports in South Korean media, Canada coach Jesse Marsch, ex-Norwich City manager David Wagner and former Greece coach Gus Poyet were among the candidates considered for the role.



Al Shorta defeated Duhok to win their third straight Iraqi Stars League title

Al Shorta win third straight Iraqi title

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - Al Shorta retained the Iraqi Stars League title in style, completing a hat-trick of triumphs with a match to spare.

Al Shorta clinched their third successive Iraqi Stars League title with a match to spare after edging Duhok 1-0 on Thursday.

The win, coupled with Air Force Club only managing a 1-1 draw with Al Qasim, gave Al Shorta an unassailable five-point lead with only one round of fixtures remaining.

Abdoul Madjid Moumouni struck the decisive goal for Al Shorta in the 52nd minute as they clinched their seventh title.

In Uzbekistan, FC Pakhtakor moved within four points of leaders FC Nasaf while Abdysh-Ata Kant maintained their relentless pace in Kyrgyz Republic.

Defending champions FC Pakhtakor proved too good for Neftchi Fergana, clinching a 2-0 win in the sole Uzbekistan Super

League match played over the week.

Goals from Dostonbek Khamdamov and Doniyor Abdumannopov lifted Pakhtakor to fourth spot with 22 points from 13 matches, with FC Nasaf in pole position on 26 points at the half-way stage.

FC AGMK are second with Sogdiana Jizzakh third with both on 23 points.

Abdysh Ata Kant maintained their winning momentum, regis-

tering comprehensive victories in both their matches the past week to remain top of the Kyrgyz Premier League.

Abdysh-Ata were in sublime form in a 4-0 victory against Neftchi Kochkorata, and then followed it up with a clinical 3-0 win over Talant.

Abdysh-Ata sit pretty at the top on 36 points from 12 matches, followed by Dordoi Bishkek on 34 points from 14 matches.

'HOPE SPAIN GET THE SAME RESULT'

Alcaraz wants La Roja to replicate his win in Euro semifinals against France

London, England - Carlos Alcaraz hopes his Wimbledon win over France's Ugo Humbert on Sunday will be repeated by Spain's football team in their Euro 2024 semi-final against Les Bleus.

The defending champion and third seed won 6-3 6-4 1-6 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals although he was fully stretched by an inspired 16th seed Humbert.

Football fan Alcaraz, who has been keeping a careful eye on Spain's progress at Euro 2024, will play his quarterfinal on Tuesday on the same day Spain meet France in Munich.

"Hopefully they're going to get the same result as me today," the 21-year-old told reporters.

"I won in the tennis part, so hopefully the Spanish team are going to win the football part."

Alcaraz missed the first half of Spain's quarter-final victory over Germany this week after needing five sets to see off American big-hitter Frances Tiafoe.

The three-time Grand Slam champion is hoping that the



Carlos Alcaraz

schedulers are kind to him on Tuesday with Spain kicking off against France at 1900 GMT.

"The first thing is I am supporting Spain because it's Spain," he said. "I have a really good relationship with a few players of the team. In particular, with Alvaro Morata.

"He's a really good friend. So right now it's time to support them, as I know they supporting me when I'm playing matches or I'm playing tournaments. It's my turn.

"Hopefully on Tuesday we are not going to play at the same time. But let's see. Hopefully I will be able to see a little bit from the match."

The 21-year-old will face American Tommy Paul in his ninth Grand Slam quarter-final.

Paul raced against the fading light on Court Two to dispatch Spanish veteran Roberto Bautista Agut 6-2 7-6(3) 6-2.

The 27-year-old took just over two hours to beat Bautista Agut who was bidding to reach his second Wimbledon quarterfinal in his 10th appearance here.

Paul had just too much power and variety for the 36-year-old, now ranked 112.

Italian Jannik Sinner, who could face Alcaraz in the semi-finals in a rematch of their Roland Garros meeting, was also impressive in his 6-2 6-4 7-6(9) win over 14th seed Ben Shelton.



Alex De Minaur

De Minaur enters quarterfinals

London, England - Australia's Alex De Minaur reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the first time as he beat rising Frenchman Arthur Fils 6-2 6-4 4-6 6-3 on Monday.

The ninth seed looked in control for two sets against the 20-year-old but Fils, bidding to become the youngest Frenchman in the professional era to reach a Grand Slam quarter-final, responded superbly to extend the Court One contest.

De Minaur, watched by his girlfriend Katie Boulter, the British number one, moved clear in the fourth set though to nip the Fils comeback in the bud.

Worryingly for the 25-year-old, who will play seven-time champion Novak Djokovic or Denmark's Holger Rune in the quarter-finals, he appeared to be in some discomfort at the end.

"I'll be alright," De Minaur said on court when asked if he had sustained an injury. "I made it harder than I should have and happy to get over the finish line."

De Minaur has previously reached two Grand Slam quarter-finals, losing to Dominic Thiem at the 2020 U.S. Open and Alexander Zverev at the French Open this year.

Earlier on Monday, Italian Lorenzo Musetti turned party pooper as he ended the dream run of big-serving Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard on the Frenchman's 21st birthday.

Musetti, the 25th seed, lost the opening set on Court Two but showed his extra quality to win 4-6 6-3 6-3 6-2 and reach the quarter-final of a Grand Slam for the first time.

Armed with a formidable serve, Mpetshi Perricard had taken full advantage of being a lucky loser from qualifying to advance to the second week on his Wimbledon main draw debut.

In the first round he banged down 51 aces during his defeat of 20th seed Sebastian Korda and had already gone into treble figures ahead of his clash with Musetti.

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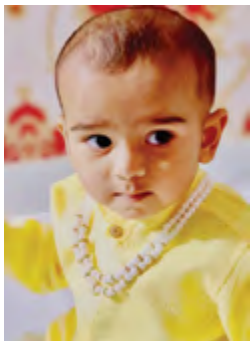


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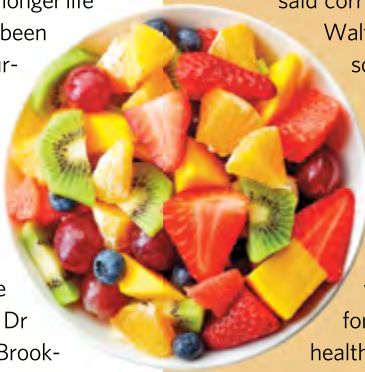
WHAT IS PLANETARY HEALTH DIET?

People who eat a healthy, sustainable diet may substantially lower their risk of premature death in addition to their environmental impact, according to a new study led by Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health.

It is the first large study to directly evaluate the impacts of adherence to recommendations in the landmark 2019 EAT-Lancet report. The researchers have named the dietary pattern outlined in the report - which emphasises a variety of minimally processed plant foods but allows for modest consumption of meat and dairy foods - the Planetary Health Diet (PHD).

"Climate change has our planet on track for ecological disaster, and our food system plays a major role," said corresponding author Walter Willett, professor of epidemiology and nutrition. "Shifting how we eat can help slow the process of climate change. And what's healthiest for the planet is also healthiest for humans."

While other studies have found that diets emphasising plant-based foods over animal-sourced foods could have benefits for human and planetary health, most have used one-time dietary assessments, which produce weaker results than looking at diets over a long period of time.



Healthy aging

A study presented at a major nutrition conference this week builds on years of research that a daily diet filled with highly nutritious foods can reduce the risk of developing common chronic diseases and help maintain cognitive functioning in older age.

Harvard researchers analysed 30 years of data on over 106,000 participants from the Nurses' Health Study and the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study. The study included 70,467 women and 36,464 men. At the beginning of the study in 1986, the participants were at least 39 years old and free of chronic disease.

As part of the long-term study, the participants filled out an extensive food frequency questionnaire every four years, from 1986 to 2010, registered dietitian Anne-Julie Tessier, lead author and research associate at Harvard School of Public Health, said.

The Harvard researchers tracked every participant's personal diet over time to see how well they matched to eight highly nutritious dietary patterns. The diets they compared the food questionnaires to included:

The DASH diet

A meal plan intended to prevent or lower blood pressure by focusing on vegetables, fruits and whole grains. The eating plan, developed by the National Institutes of Health,

is considered a flexible diet because it doesn't eliminate any food groups and also helps with weight loss.

Alternative Healthy Eating Index (AHEI)

This closely adheres to the US dietary guidelines by encouraging more legumes, nuts and vegetables and lower amounts of red meat and processed meats. The research found the strongest correlation be-

of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, unsaturated fats, nuts, legumes and low-fat dairy had greater odds of aging well. People whose diets consisted of more trans fats, sodium, red and processed meats had lower odds of healthy aging.

What is 'healthy aging'?

Based on the women and men's self-reports in the database, the researchers interpreted 'healthy aging' as surviving to at least age

unimpaired physical and cognitive health.

The participants who most closely adhered to a healthy eating pattern were, however, associated with 43% to 84% greater chances of aging well compared with those who did not.

What we eat now affects how we feel later

The new research has limitations. Similar to most nutrition research, the study is observational and based on self-reports. It doesn't prove that following a nutritious dietary pattern closely will lead to longer life or healthier aging. It hasn't yet been published in a journal but is currently under peer review, Tessier said.

Yet numerous studies have already demonstrated that diet and physical activity reduce the risk of all of these conditions and thus can increase the likelihood of 'healthy aging', Dr R Sean Morrison, chair for the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, said.

"It's important to take into consideration that those who have healthy diets are more likely to exercise, more likely to live in socially advantaged neighbourhoods, have access to support that others do not have, and are likely to have better access to health care," said Morrison, who was not associated with the new study. (Courtesy: nbcnews.com)

If you eat well now, you may live better later. A diet rich in fruits and vegetables, whole grains and unsaturated fats in midlife can improve the chances of good mental, physical and cognitive health decades later, a new report shows

tween the AHEI diet and healthier aging, Tessier said.

Planetary health diet

An eating plan that minimises animal products and emphasises fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats. It allows modest amounts of meat and dairy.

Overall, they found that a higher intake

of 70 and having good cognitive function, mental health, physical function and being free of chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, kidney failure and most cancers.

After analysing the 30-year data, the researchers found approximately half of the participants had died, with only 9% surviving to age 70 or older free of disease and



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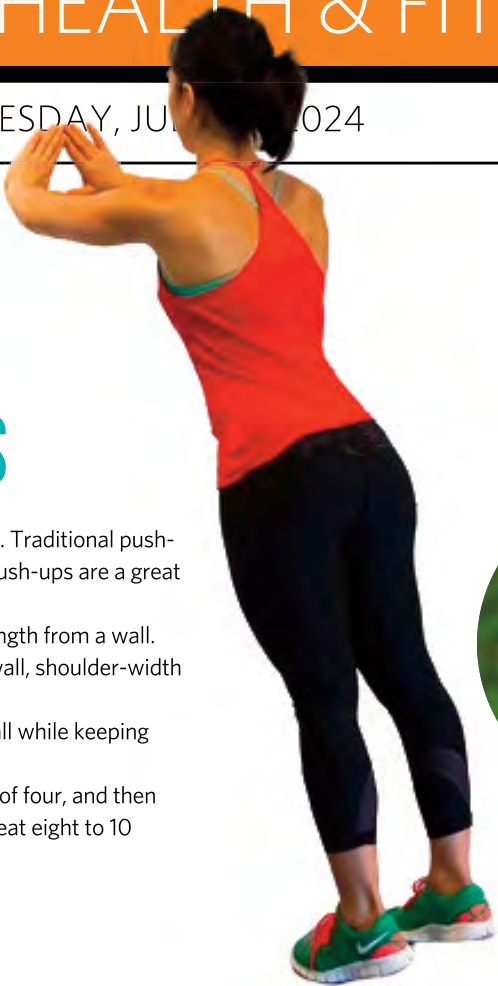
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WALL PUSH-UPS

Push-ups work your chest, arms, and shoulders. Traditional push-ups are often done lying on the floor, but wall push-ups are a great beginner modification. Here's how to try them:

- STEP ONE:** Stand a little more than an arm's length from a wall.
- STEP TWO:** Place your palms flat against the wall, shoulder-width apart. Keep hands at shoulder height.
- STEP THREE:** Slowly push your chest to the wall while keeping your back straight.
- STEP FOUR:** Move toward the wall for a count of four, and then push yourself back to the starting position. Repeat eight to 10 times for one set.



GRIPPING

This simple exercise increases your grip and hand strength. You can practice gripping anything, but for this version, you'll need a tennis ball. Here's how:

- STEP ONE:** Hold a tennis ball in your hand, and slowly squeeze it as hard as you can. Slowly release.
- STEP TWO:** Repeat eight to 10 times, and then do the same with the other hand for one set.

TOE STANDS

Toe stands strengthen your ankles and calves, and you can do them anywhere. You can do this movement almost anywhere to strengthen your lower legs.

- Here's how:
- STEP ONE:** Face the back of a chair with your feet shoulder-width apart. Hold onto the chair for balance.
 - STEP TWO:** Slowly lift yourself up on your toes for a count of four. Pause. Lower slowly. Repeat eight to 10 times for one set.



Muscular strength is an important part of overall wellness and can improve your health, in addition to boosting your confidence. You don't need heavy duty gym equipment for strength training, the accessories needed are all around you

A CHAIR, A BALL AND A WALL

STRENGTH TRAINING

SQUATS

Classic squats work your buttocks, hips, and thighs. The basic squat can help build muscular strength in your lower body. All you'll need for a variation is a chair. Here's how to do it:

- STEP ONE:** Stand in front of the chair with your back toward it and your feet a little more than shoulder-width apart.
- STEP TWO:** Lower into an almost-seated position while keeping your weight in your heels. Lean slightly forward from the waist.
- STEP THREE:** Count to four on the way down. Pause, and then slowly stand up. Repeat eight to 10 times for one set.



BENEFITS OF STRENGTH TRAINING

Making your muscles stronger can enhance balance, help you keep a healthy weight, and improve your range of motion. Strength training can boost your confidence and may help lower mild depression. It can also help you keep blood sugar and cholesterol levels healthy.

You may feel better during your day-to-day activities. Strength training targets your muscles, but it also helps your bones become stronger, which can help you avoid injury. Your joints may ache less, too. You may avoid injury by learning how to do the exercises correctly. A professional trainer can help. Try to work all your major muscle groups at least twice a week. You can work out for as few as 20 minutes at a time and go longer as you get stronger.

PLANKS

A plank exercise, also known as 'planking', increases your core and lower back strength. It's a little like a traditional push-up, but you hold yourself straight - like a plank - instead of raising and lowering to work your arms. Here's how to do planks:

- STEP ONE:** Lie on your stomach, and put your forearms on the floor. Make sure your elbows and shoulders are aligned.
- STEP TWO:** Flex your feet, and use your toes to help push your legs off the floor. Tighten your abdominal muscles, and lift your body so it's almost hovering over the floor.
- STEP THREE:** Hold the position as long as you can. Time yourself to mark improvements. You can also do this exercise on your knees to make it easier.





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