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OMAN TAKES MAJOR STEPS TOWARDS FOOD SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

Dairy sector attracts promising investments

Over 90,000MT of raw sugar received for refining



MUSCAT: The dairy sector in the Sultanate of Oman is one of the promising sectors that contributes to achieving food security and enhancing local added value.

The sector is currently witnessing significant development in light of the growing demand for high-quality local products, supported by growing investments in production lines and expansion into retail markets, amid a growing commitment to global standards of quality and sustainability.

Modern Dairy Factory, a subsidiary of Oman Flour Mills Group, is a prominent player in this sector. The company achieved revenues of OMR1.45 million during the first half of 2025, a 142 percent increase compared to the same period last year, reflecting strong performance and growing market share for national products.

The company announced the commencement of operations at its new factory in the Rusayl Industrial Area, as part of an expansion plan aimed at doubling production capacity, developing production lines, and launching a wide range of new products to meet local market needs and enhance export opportunities.

Haitham bin Mohammed Al Fannah, CEO of Oman Flour Mills Company, emphasised that the new plant represents a qualitative leap in manufacturing technologies. It relies on advanced pasteurisation, homogenisation, and fermentation processes, along with modern automation systems for packaging, which contribute to increasing operational efficiency and ensuring the safety and quality of final products.

In a statement to the Oman

News Agency, he indicated that the company is committed to implementing internationally accredited quality systems and adopting hygiene and quality control procedures at all stages of production, from the receipt of raw materials to distribution, while relying on approved local suppliers.

He explained that sustainability is a key focus of the company's strategy, through reducing energy and water consumption, implementing effective waste management solutions, and working to introduce renewable energy technologies in cooperation with the Oman Flour Mills Group, in a move aimed at enhancing the environmental efficiency of production facilities. He said that, as part of its drive towards innovation, Modern Dairy Factory is developing new products that suit healthy lifestyles. **>A3**

SOHAR: In a major step towards food security, the Sultanate's first sugar refinery has received raw sugar weighing more than 90,000 metric tonnes.

It is a strategic move aimed at diversification of the national economy.

This shipment marks the beginning of a new phase of expansion in food manufacturing operations, which will contribute to providing promising opportunities in training and employment, particularly for new graduates and local technical personnel, in addition to supporting the local supply chain and developing industrial skills.

Nasser bin Ali Al Hosni, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sugar Refinery, said that the refinery is the first of its kind in the Middle East, covering

an area of 180,000 square metres in the Sohar Industrial Port.

It is equipped with the latest technology and has a production capacity of up to one million tonnes of high-quality refined white sugar annually.

The production will serve local, regional, and export markets.

He added that the first shipment from Brazil, with a total weight of more than 90,000 metric tonnes, is currently being unloaded directly into the refinery's warehouses using automated mobile cranes and high-speed weighing and conveying systems. He pointed out that the warehouses' storage capacity amounts to more than 500,000 metric tonnes of raw sugar and 70,000 metric tonnes of refined white sugar in an integrated automated storage facility.

He stressed that, after the completion of construction work, the refinery was able to connect its gas supplies from the OQ Group, enabling the start of operations.

This achievement represents a pivotal step in the trial operation phase. He explained that sugar smelting operations are scheduled to begin this August, in preparation for the launch of commercial white sugar production next September.

The Chairman of the Sugar Refinery's Board of Directors emphasised that the receipt of the first shipment of raw sugar comes within the framework of enhancing self-sufficiency and relying on renewable resources and advanced technologies, thus contributing to supporting food security. **— ONA**

BALANCE MAINTAINED

Energy Ministry working on long-term sustainability

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Energy and Minerals is seeking to maintain a stable level of oil and gas production and reserves in the Sultanate of Oman, thereby achieving a balance between optimal utilisation of resources and also ensuring long-term sustainability.

Dr. Saleh bin Ali Al-Anbouri, Director General of Exploration and Production at the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, said that all companies operating in concession areas are balancing production with reserve compensation programmes throughout the year.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency, he added that the Sultanate of Oman's average production of crude oil and conden-



sates in 2024 amounted to approximately 993,000 barrels per day, while natural gas production amounted to approximately 149 million cubic metres per day, re-

flecting stable supplies over the past years.

He pointed out that the Ministry of Energy and Minerals is working to market several open

concession areas and attract new investments to intensify exploration in the coming period, based on market demand and in parallel with Opec+ efforts to maintain global balance.

He said that the ministry is currently focusing on marketing offshore areas, which is expected to open up promising prospects that will support in maintaining production and reserve levels in the future by introducing advanced technologies in these areas.

He explained that the investment environment in the oil and gas sectors in the Sultanate of Oman is promising and has successfully been able to attract many international and local companies. **>A3**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Opportunity for Omani, Bahraini SMEs

1 The Omani-Bahraini Friendship Association is organising events and exhibitions in Oman and Bahrain to strengthen relations between the two countries in the trade and investment fields. **>A2**

WORLD Europe's airports to ease liquid rules

2 Strict liquid limits for air travel hand luggage may soon be history in the European Union, as new scanners capable of detecting liquid explosives receive official approval. Currently, air travellers are limited to carrying liquids in containers of no more than 100ml. **>A7**

SPORTS Inter Miami coach hopes Messi will stay

3 The Leagues Cup is in full swing, but talk around Lionel Messi's possible contract extension with Inter Miami continues to grab headlines. Speculation is growing that the Argentine legend could stay on with the club till 2028, according to Goal.com. **>B6**

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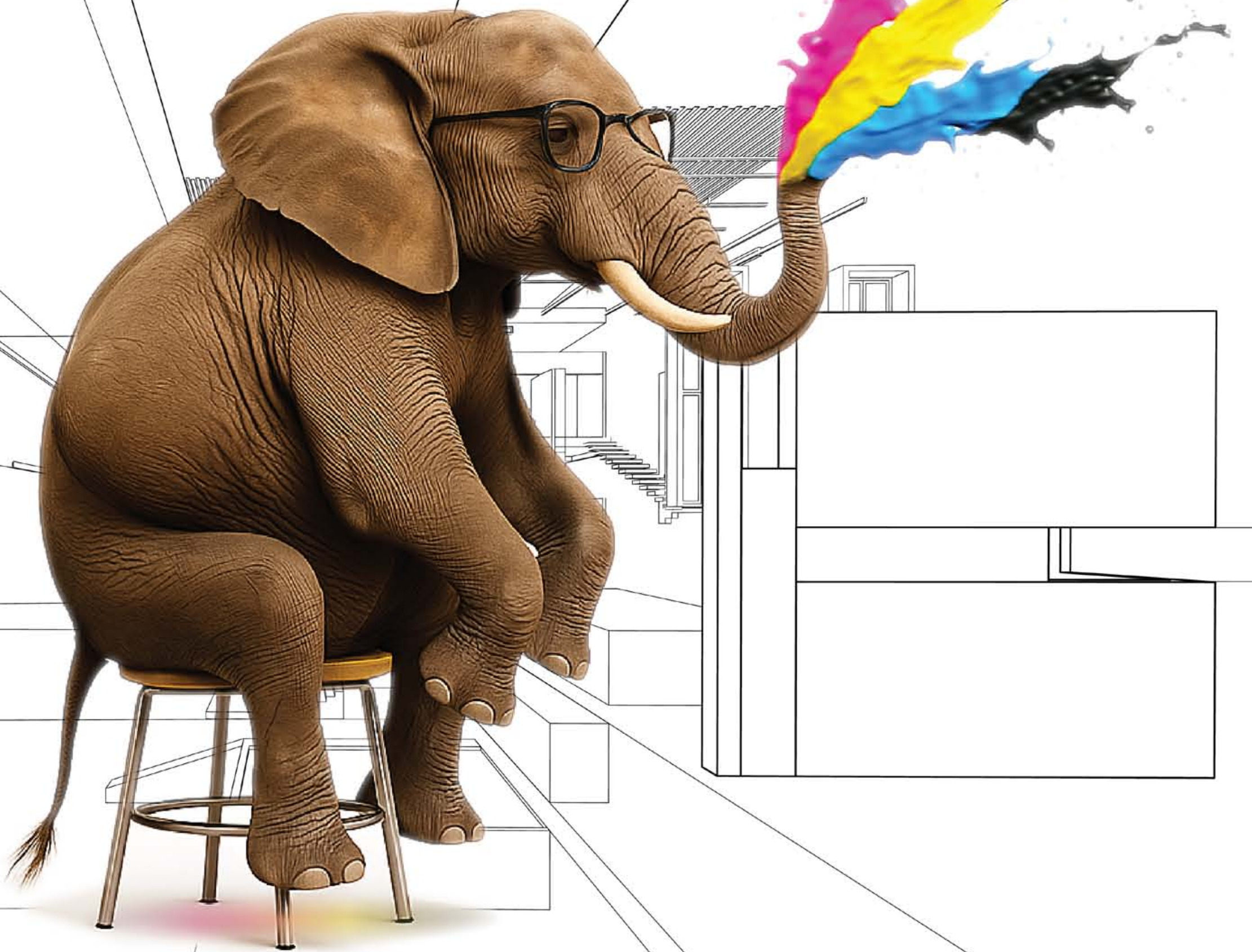
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HEAVY TO MODERATE RAINS IN WILAYAT OF YANQUL

Several villages in the Wilayat of Yanqul in the Governorate of Al Dhahirah received heavy to moderate rainfall, which led to the flow of valleys and ravines on Saturday. -ONA



Opportunity for SMEs to display their products

33 Omani and Bahraini entrepreneurs are expected to take part in the event

SALALAH: The Omani-Bahraini Friendship Association is organising events and exhibitions in the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Bahrain to strengthen relations between the two countries in the trade and investment fields.

It will provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs in small and medium enterprises to display their products and improve their production.

The association will be organising the fifth edition of the Omani-Bahraini Products Exhibition in Salalah, Dhofar Governorate, on August 10.

The 10-day event is being held under the patronage of Faisal bin Abdullah Al-Rawas, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Radina bint Amer Al Hajri , Chairperson of the Omani-Bahraini Friendship Association, explained that the exhibition is being organised by the association in cooperation with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Sultanate of Oman and the Dhofar branch of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry as part of the



Dhofar Autumn Season, an exceptional season for local, Gulf, and Arab tourism.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency, she said that the

organisation of the exhibition stems from the close fraternal and historical relations between the two countries and their brotherly peoples, which reflect the keenness of the wise leadership in both countries and their directives to develop and enhance relations in all fields to reach the highest levels of coordination and cooperation, up to the stage of integration between them.

She noted that the exhibition is witnessing the participation of approximately 33 Omani and Bahraini entrepreneurs representing a range of products, including perfumes and incense, as well as many other diverse products, such as Bahraini sweets, Omani frankincense, dates, Bahraini and Omani dresses and abayas, Omani handicrafts, Omani honey, and other products for which both countries are famous.

SECOND QUARTER OF 2025

Oman sees huge surge in commercial registrations

MUSCAT: Economic and commercial performance indicators across the governorates witnessed a significant improvement during the second quarter of this year, driven by growth in commercial activities and the expansion of the business base across the Sultanate's various governorates, within a stimulating economic environment that supports competitiveness and investment.

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion stated that the total number of commercial registrations during the period from April to June 2025 amounted to approximately 12,043, while the number of licensed commercial activities reached 73,029, compared to 17,494 activities during the same period in 2024, reflecting accelerated economic activity across various sectors.

The ministry noted that Muscat and South Al Batinah governorates topped the commercial scene during the second quarter of this year, with Muscat registering 6,739 registrations, while South Al Batinah saw 1,171 registrations, an increase of 70.2



percent. North Al Batinah and Dhofar Governorates.

The ministry explained that the number of commercial registrations for foreign investors reached 3,783, with Muscat governorate registering the largest proportion of these registrations, accounting for 86.2 percent of the total investment licenses.

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion revealed an increase in cancelled commercial registrations to 12,218, compared to 3,963 during the same period in 2024, representing a growth rate exceeding 208.3 percent. Muscat Governorate topped this indicator with 4,006 registrations, followed by

Mubarak bin Mohammed al- Dohani., Director General of Planning at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, emphasised that these indicators demonstrate that the economic environment in the Sultanate of Oman continues to support businesses and enhance investment attractiveness thanks to flexible policies and an advanced digital infrastructure.

He noted that the Ministry continues to monitor these indicators to enhance strategic planning and achieve the goals of Oman Vision 2040.



BIDIYAH

Registration for 11th edition of Oman Desert Marathon opens

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Organising Committee of the Oman Desert Marathon has announced the opening of registration for its 11th edition, which will be held in the golden sands of Bidiyah, North Al Sharqiyah Governorate, from January 10 to 14, 2026.

Running champions from around the world have confirmed their participation and desire to attend the upcoming edition of the marathon.

The Oman Desert Marathon has received international recognition and is considered one of the most prominent long-distance running events in the world.

The announcement follows the prominent coverage the race received in Runner's World Germany, one of the world's leading running magazines.

This coverage is a significant step that reinforces Oman's position as the world's leading desert running place and highlights its growing reputation as a premium



destination for sports tourism and extreme endurance sports.

The Oman Desert Marathon has been accredited by the international organisation SheRACES. This recognition confirms that the marathon meets the highest international standards for inclusiveness in women's participation in long-distance running races.

This certification addresses a significant gap in the sport, as women's participation still does not exceed 16 percent, despite

their significant superiority in many road and mountain races.

The Oman Desert Marathon is the first event in the Middle East to receive this unique accreditation. The international organisation SheRACES works to achieve equality by supporting organisers in providing a fair and inclusive sporting environment.

The accreditation affirms the marathon's commitment to providing an experience where everyone feels supported throughout the race.

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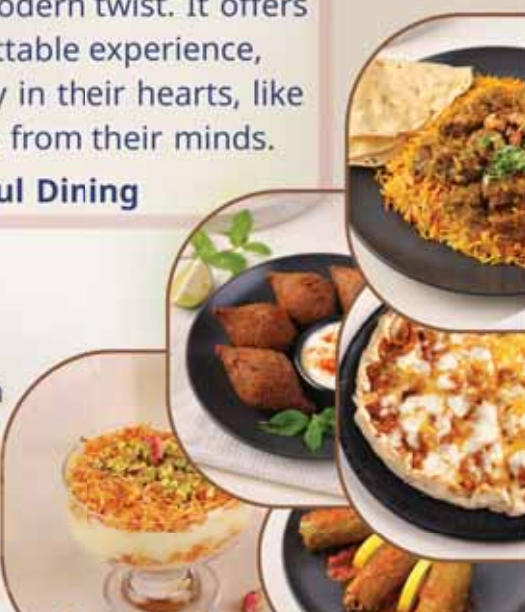
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COMMENTARY

Grounds for deportation: Understanding Oman’s foreigners residency law

The deportation of foreigners from Oman is a formal administrative or judicial process governed by The Foreigners Residency Law. Legally distinct from expulsion which applies to illegal entrants. Deportation involves the forced removal of a foreigner residing legally in Oman when specific, serious grounds outlined in the law are met. Grounds for deportation are extensive and primarily concern threats to the state or public order.

Speaking exclusively to the Times of Oman, a representative of Mohammed Ibrahim Law Firm, a leading law office in Oman, explained that under Article 31 of Royal Decree 60/2021, the Inspector General of Police and Customs holds the authority to revoke residency and order de-



DR. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM AL ZADJALI, Founding partner of Mohammed Ibrahim Law Firm*



portation for reasons including activities harming national security, safety, political/economic/financial integrity, or public order/morals; actions damaging Oman’s international interests; membership in undesirable parties; involvement in armed action against Omani forces; or lacking a clear, legitimate means

of subsistence. Critically, Article 30 mandates deportation as a consequence of a final court judgment for a felony or for a misdemeanor if the judgment specifically orders deportation, implemented only after serving any prison sentence.

The deportation process begins with formally notifying the foreigner, requiring them to leave the Sultanate voluntarily within a specified time frame at their own expense.

Failure to comply within this period results in forced deportation. To facilitate this, authorities are permitted to detain the individual for up to two weeks if necessary. The repercussions of deportation are severe and long-lasting, said Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Zadjali, Founding Partner of Mohammed Ibrahim Law Firm.

He further added that a new entry visa may not be granted to a foreigner who has been deported, except after the lapse of two years from the date of deportation and only with special permission from the Inspector General of Police and Customs. Furthermore, the deportation decision carries significant familial consequences; It automatically extends to the foreigner’s spouse and any dependent children under their maintenance responsibility, leading to the termination of their residency rights as well.

This comprehensive legal framework underscores Oman’s stringent approach to maintaining sovereignty and public order, granting broad discretionary powers to the Inspector General while imposing significant

restrictions and consequences, including family separation and long-term entry bans, on those subject to deportation orders, the expert said.

(Mohammed Ibrahim Law Firm (info@mohammedibrahim.net), (+968 244 87 600) was established 18 years ago and is serving clients through its offices in Muscat and Sohar, as well as operating on a request basis in other areas. It offers legal representation across a wide range of practice areas that include Labour Law, Corporate, Commercial, Contracts, Banking and Finance, International Trade, Foreign Investment, Insurance, Maritime Law, Construction and Engineering Contracts, International Arbitration, Intellectual Property and more).

OMANI-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP FORUM

Commerce Ministry praises Chinese investment in Oman



SALALAH: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion reaffirmed its commitment for the support of the Chinese investments in the Sultanate of Oman.

The ministry valued the role of Chinese companies in national priorities, mainly in the field of manufacturing and local content during the meeting of Dr Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry, with a number of Chinese investors.

The meeting coincided with the third session of the Omani-Chinese Friendship Forum 2025, held in the Wilayat of Salalah in Dhofar Governorate.

The meeting discussed a number of enquiries submitted by the representatives of the mega Chinese companies operating in the Sultanate of Oman, which dealt

with the available investment opportunities, the mechanisms of boosting the value of the local content and the facilities and incentives offered in the promising economic sectors.

Dr. Saleh bin Said Masan said that the efforts for boosting the local content take into account the balance between increasing the percentage of local participation and the efficiency of the projects and achievement of the investment feasibility.

He also pointed to efforts for facilitating the establishment of foreign companies, mainly with the launch of Invest in Oman Centre as a common outlet for offering the investment services, including issuance of the licences, the link with the government departments and availability of translation and technical support for Chinese investors.

He said that the government of-

fers a number of incentives including the reduction of basic services, tax and customs exemptions and flexible facilities related to employment of foreign manpower as per the type of activity.

He said that there are promising investment opportunities in a number of sectors which witness increasing local demand such as building materials, food industries, medical equipment and renewable energy technologies among others.

On the legal procedures for cancellation or transfer of the shares of partners in the joint stock companies when they are outside Oman, he said that the law allows the use of official attested authorisations for this purpose.

The authorisations could be issued in China attested by Oman Embassy in China and through the Investors Services Portal in case of implementation of some online procedures, he added. -ONA

EXPLORATION

<FROM A1 Petroleum pacts

He noted that the Ministry signed three petroleum agreements in 2024 in areas 38, 74, and 15. Saleh bin Ali Al Anbouri added that, given the importance of exploration operations in supporting oil and gas reserves, these efforts have continued at a steady pace.

Seventy-three exploratory and appraisal wells were drilled last year, including 54 oil wells and 19 gas wells. These include those carried out by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) which drilled 24 oil and 9 gas wells as part of its annual plan.

He further pointed out that crude oil and condensate reserves

by the end of 2024 amounted to approximately 4.825 billion barrels while gas reserves rose to 23.3 trillion cubic feet, reflecting the success of ongoing efforts and to achieve long-term resource sustainability.

He affirmed that the Ministry is continuing its approach aimed at achieving a reserve replacement rate of 100 percent by enhancing exploration activities, expanding recovery rates through the application of enhanced steam and polymer injection recovery technologies, and creating an attractive investment environment, ensuring a stable future for the energy sector in Oman. -ONA

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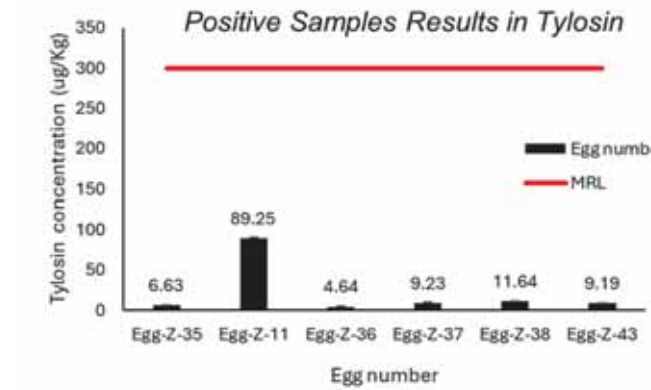
Job opportunities for nationals

<FROM A1 The company is also strengthening its research and development efforts to enrich its product portfolio and enhance the added value of the local industry.

Regarding social responsibility, Haitham Al Fannah added that Modern Dairy Company continues to support the local community by sourcing from Omani institutions, providing national job opportunities, participating in health awareness campaigns, and developing partnerships with educational institutions to support nutritional education and spread the culture of healthy eating among segments of society.

Omani research confirms milk, eggs available in market safe for consumption

The presence of veterinary drug residues in animal-derived foods has raised widespread debate



MUSCAT: A study titled “Evaluation of Antibiotic Residues in Available Milk and Egg in the Omani Market”, led by Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi, Research and Studies Specialist at the College of Pharmacy, National University of Science and Technology, and funded by the Block Funding Program of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, has confirmed that milk and eggs available in the Omani market are safe for consumption, with no harmful levels of antibiotic residues detected.

Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi stated that food safety is a growing global concern with direct implications for public health and food security. The presence of veterinary drug residues in animal-derived foods has raised widespread debate due to its association with increasing antibiotic resistance in humans. As part of the research, public awareness was also assessed. The findings revealed that 25 percent of respondents were unaware that antibiotics are commonly used in animal farms, while 43 percent did not know that residues of these drugs might remain in milk and eggs. These results highlighted the importance of further investigation into food safety and consumer knowledge.

The study involved laboratory testing of three local brown egg brands and five fresh milk brands, including three imported and two local, screening for 35 veterinary

drug compounds from five major antibiotic groups: tetracyclines, macrolides, quinolones, sulfonamides, and beta-lactams. Using Agilent QuEChERS extraction and LC-MS-MS analysis, a total of 124 fresh milk samples were tested, none of which showed detectable antibiotic residues.

According to Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi, the short-term objective of the research was to measure antibiotic residue levels in milk and eggs, both local and imported, and determine whether they exceeded the permitted safety thresholds. The long-term objectives included identifying the safest sources of imported products, providing a clear overview of antibiotic residues in local foods, evaluating their potential impact on public health and antibiotic resistance, and fostering scientific collaboration between academic and regulatory institutions working in the field of food safety.

Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi mentioned that the results showed that none of the milk samples contained any detectable antibiotic residues. In the egg samples, residues were not found except for six samples that contained trace amounts of tylosin, an antibiotic from the macrolide group. However, all detected levels were well below the Maximum Residue Limit, indicating that they pose no threat to consumer health. Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi and her team concluded that the tested milk and egg products currently sold in Oman meet international safety standards. They credited this outcome to the presence of a well-maintained surveillance system in local production farms.

In addition to confirming product safety, the project established a scientific procedure for investigating veterinary drug residues in collaboration with the Food Safety and Quality Center. The researchers emphasized the need for ongoing monitoring to include a wider range of brands and products. They also recommended efforts to raise public awareness about the use of antibiotics in animal farming and the potential health implications.

The research was published in the International Journal of Nutrition, Pharmacology, Neurological Diseases. The research team consisted of Dr. Sumaiya Al Kindi, Prof. Dr. Alka Ahuja, Ph. Mariya Al Hilali, Ms. Razna Al Maimani, Ms. Siham Al Mamari and Ms. Bushara Al Siyabi.



Students told about historical importance of palm trees



The initiative was implemented by the Citizenship Department of the Ministry of Education, with the participation of more than 50 students

IBRA: A student community initiative titled ‘The Palm Tree: A Heritage Throughout History’ was organised on Saturday in the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi, North Al Sharqiyah Governorate.

The initiative was implemented by the Citizenship Department of the Ministry of Education, with the participation of more than 50 male and female students from the summer programme in Al Suwairij village in Samad Ash-Shan.

Subhabint Sulaiman Al Hemaili, Senior Educational Researcher at the Citizenship Department of the Ministry of Education, explained that the initiative stems from the importance of the palm trees in Omani society and aims to preserve its history.

It aims to educate students about its significance, components, and the source of livelihood it has been for Omanis throughout the ages.

She noted that the initiative promotes the values of citizenship and preserves the authentic Omani tradition in dealing with

the palm tree and its exploitation in all its stages.

She stressed that the initiative highlights the components of the palm tree and the importance of each one, introduces the historical heritage of the palm tree throughout history, and introduces participants to its types and varieties, the most prominent industries emerging from it, and its economic importance.

It also highlights the initiative’s role in promoting the need to preserve the palm tree and pursue professions associated with it, considering it an integral part of the national identity and culture of Omani society.

The initiative also included an introduction to ancient irrigation systems such as the aflaj, methods of dividing water among farmers, methods of selling aflaj shares, and traditional irrigation times based on knowing the times in the past by the stars, or what is known as “sawar.”

The initiative concluded with an introduction to the “Qayz Season” and the community events.





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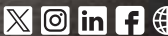
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Omani Angle in Oman Investment Authority’s foreign investments

These efforts of OIA are highlighted in the 14th issue of its quarterly bulletin Enjaz & Eejaz

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Investment Authority (OIA) has played a key role in localising several advanced global technologies and projects through its Omani Angle philosophy, which guides its international investment strategy. Among its achievements, OIA successfully localised a home energy consumption monitoring technology through Sense Lab, enabled a local company to collaborate with a global partner to produce insulin medications through its partnership with Biogenomics, and launched the Oman Innovation Laboratories Centre in coopera-

tion with Gradiant. Additionally, OIA has taken a pioneering role in introducing technology that reduces flare gas emissions through its investment in Crusoe. Beyond its technological initiatives, OIA has also addressed a range of prevailing public perceptions about its affiliated companies, most notably, concerns about unclear governance frameworks, inflated salaries and benefits, competition with the private sector in commercial activities, and overlapping mandates among subsidiaries. These efforts were highlighted in the 14th issue of Enjaz & Eejaz, OIA’s quarterly bulletin.

The issue defines the Omani Angle philosophy as the approach whereby OIA’s foreign investments lead to attracting foreign investment into the Sultanate of Oman, transferring technology to local companies, or encouraging international firms to establish regional offices in the country. OIA has embodied this philosophy through the investments of the Future Generations Fund (FGF). For instance, the FGF invested in Sense Lab, a leading company in smart energy solutions. This enabled the localisation of a home



energy consumption monitoring technology in Oman and laid the groundwork for establishing a research and development center in the Sultanate, an initiative that supports the national economy and creates local job opportunities. Another notable example is Biogenomics, a leading biopharmaceutical and diabetes treatment company. The firm collaborates with a local Omani company to produce insulin medications and is currently planning to establish an insulin production facility within the Sultanate. OIA has also invested in Gradiant, a prominent company in water and wastewater treatment. This investment led to the localisation of water treatment technologies in Oman and a col-

laboration between Gradiant and Nama Water Services to launch the Oman Lab Innovation Centre, which applies cutting-edge solutions to address water-related challenges in the Sultanate. Additionally, one of Gradiant’s subsidiaries is working to enhance the performance of desalination plants in Oman. Moreover, OIA’s investment in Crusoe has led to the localisation of technologies that generate energy by capturing flare gas emissions, gases that contribute to global warming. This not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also positions the Sultanate as a regional leader in bringing this technology to the Middle East.

In addition, the bulletin addressed various public perceptions

that emerged during the transitional phase when companies were transferred from government ownership to OIA. It highlighted how OIA’s actions helped reshape the public image of its subsidiaries.

One such perception was the lack of governance frameworks. In response, OIA issued several policies, notably the Code of Governance for OIA Entities, and launched an Electronic Governance Platform to monitor its companies’ compliance with governance practices. Another concern was inflated salaries and benefits, which OIA addressed through the ‘arsheed Programme, launched in January 2021. This initiative streamlined the compensation system, reducing the number of allowances and benefits from 80 items to just 12, and standardised them across all subsidiaries, creating an integrated salary and benefits structure. Financial underperformance and lack of sustainability among subsidiaries were also common perceptions. OIA tackled this by reducing company debt levels to enhance investment and growth capabilities, and by mandating transparency and

publication of financial indicators. As a result, by the end of 2024, companies’ debt was reduced by 47%, and many transitioned to profitability. The perception that OIA companies were crowding out the private sector was another issue. To change this, OIA launched a divestment program, exiting 18 assets so far, and established the Future Fund Oman (FFO), which attracted OMR885 million in foreign investments during its first year. Furthermore, it capped subsidiaries’ ownership in new projects at 40% to create more room for private sector participation in national development. The issue also addressed concerns about overlapping responsibilities among subsidiaries. OIA resolved this by reviewing and organisational structures, leading to the restructure, dissolution, or merger of several companies in the electricity, transportation, and food sectors. It also launched the Rawabet programme, which generated 41 integration and synergy initiatives and identified 8 shared strategic priorities to align all subsidiaries on a unified path.

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PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

Oman officially joins World Free Zones Organisation

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz) has officially joined the World Free Zones Organization (World FZO), which is dedicated to supporting and developing free and economic zones worldwide.

This membership aligns with the Authority’s ongoing efforts to enhance the competitiveness of the special economic zones, free zones, and industrial cities under its supervision.

It opens new avenues to promote them internationally as leading investment destinations characterised by flexibility, readiness, and advanced infrastructure, reflecting Oman’s commitment to strengthening the global presence of its economic zones.

By joining the World FZO, the Authority aims to create more opportunities for knowledge exchange and the adoption of best practices with elite international partners.

It also seeks to improve opera-



tional efficiency, develop promotional and marketing tools, and support efforts to attract high-quality investments and projects with significant added value.

Through this international partnership, the Authority intends to expand its economic network and leverage global trends in the management and development of special economic zones,

free zones, and industrial cities.

It is worth noting that Oman currently operates 23 special economic, free, and industrial zones, with cumulative investments reaching approximately OMR21 billion by the end of 2024.

The World Free Zones Organisation includes over 1,600 zones and economic institutions from more than 140 countries. — **ONA**

ROYAL OMAN POLICE

Five arrested for kidnapping and extortion

MUSCAT: Five citizens were arrested for defrauding and extorting from a citizen in the South Al Batinah Governorate, Royal Oman Police Command said on Friday.

The Royal Oman Police further said that the suspects contacted the victim posing as a woman through social media platforms.

They then persuaded the victim to travel to Barka during he was kidnapped and taken to a deserted house for extorting money from him.

Legal procedures are currently underway to prosecute the suspects, the ROP further said.

— Times News Service

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Dividend Paid Per Unit (RO)	-	-
Net profit/(loss)	83,755	149,607

For the period ended 30th June 2025, the Fund posted a quarter-to-date return of 3.8%, outperforming the benchmark return of 1.8% by a margin of 2.0%. On a year-to-date basis, the Fund has returned 3.1% versus the benchmark return of 2.0%, continuing to deliver consistent alpha in a complex market environment.

The Fund maintains its high-conviction portfolio of 25–35 stocks with a disciplined focus on quality, valuation, and long-term growth potential. No dividend was paid during the period.

Markets Performance

Global equity markets staged a broad-based rally in Q2 2025, reversing the cautious tone from earlier in the year. The MSCI World Index gained +11.0% during the quarter, driven by resilient economic data, reduced trade tensions, and renewed hopes for monetary easing in the second half. The Nasdaq rose +17.6%, supported by strong earnings in technology and AI-linked sectors. The S&P 500 climbed +10.6%, while European markets posted modest gains, with the Euro Stoxx 50 up +1.0%.

Emerging markets performed in line, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index also up +11.0%, supported by flows into India and Latin America. China posted a more subdued gain of +3.3%, amid mixed macro signals and continued concerns around property and consumer sentiment.

Despite strong global equity returns, regional markets in the GCC showed muted performance. The S&P GCC Index declined -0.5%, weighed down by a -7.2% correction in Saudi Arabia, where falling oil prices and renewed scrutiny over government spending priorities dampened investor sentiment. Brent crude fell -9.5% in Q2, adding to pressure.

- Other GCC markets delivered positive returns, including:
 - Dubai (+12.0%): Strong momentum in real estate and tourism
 - Abu Dhabi (+6.3%): Support from banks and diversified sectors
 - Kuwait (+4.7%): Strong year-to-date performance led by financials
 - Qatar (+5.0%): Gains in selective large caps and a rebound in sentiment
 - Oman (+3.1%): Modest uptick despite thin liquidity
 - Bahrain (-0.4%): Relatively flat performance

Against this backdrop, the Ahli Global Equity Fund’s strong quarterly performance of +3.8% reflects the benefit of our disciplined bottom-up stock selection. The portfolio’s emphasis on high-quality global businesses with strong balance sheets and pricing power continued to add value in a bifurcated market environment.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24	31-Dec-24
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	RO	RO	RO
ASSETS			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3,261,715	3,081,755	3,253,867
Cash and cash equivalents	30,478	71,836	19,969
Dividend Receivable	-	121	-
Amount due from brokers	3,577	3,578	3,577
Total assets	3,295,770	3,157,290	3,277,413
LIABILITIES			
Accruals and other payables	12,694	15,623	12,897
Amount due to unitholders	677	684	619
Total liabilities	13,371	16,307	13,516
Net assets attributable to the unitholders	3,282,399	3,140,983	3,263,897
Total liabilities and net assets attributable to the unitholders	3,295,770	3,157,290	3,277,413
Net assets per unit attributable to the unitholders	0.861	0.825	0.860

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24	31-Dec-24
	RO	RO	RO
Income			
Dividend income	79,173	86,741	128,074
Net unrealized gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	169,324	140,077	97,089
Net realised (loss)/gain on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(130,536)	(40,837)	141,564
Other income	4,102	2	-
Net investment income	122,063	185,983	366,727
Expenses			
Management fees	(19,718)	(19,020)	(39,078)
Custody fees	(6,212)	(1,475)	(6,400)
General and administrative expenses	(12,378)	(15,880)	(37,659)
Total expenses	(38,308)	(36,375)	(83,137)
Profit and total comprehensive income and increase in net assets attributable to unit holders for the year	83,755	149,607	283,590
Profit per unit	0.022	0.041	0.078



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Strict liquid limits for air travel hand luggage may soon be history in the EU

Currently, air travellers are limited to carrying liquids in containers of no more than 100 millilitres

BRUSSELS: Strict liquid limits for air travel hand luggage may soon be history in the European Union, as new scanners capable of detecting liquid explosives receive official approval.

Currently, air travellers are limited to carrying liquids in contain-

ers of no more than 100 millilitres, but the technology could mark the beginning of the end for one of air travel's most disliked rules.

Why are the liquid rules being relaxed?

The scanners utilise medical-grade CT imaging, providing high-resolution 3D visuals that allow security staff to examine the contents of luggage layer by layer without slowing the screening process. They can detect both solid and liquid explosives.

An EU Commission spokesperson told the DPA news agency that the technology now permits airports to lift the rule. But it remains up to each hub whether and when to implement the change.

The rules won't be relaxed immediately, with most airports not equipped with the technology. However, the German Airports



Association (ADV) told the AFP news agency that air travellers at certain airports in Germany may soon be able to carry up to two liters of liquids in their hand luggage.

"This is a major step toward greater convenience and faster

procedures at airports," said ADV chief executive Ralph Beisel, calling the technology "safe and reliable."

Meanwhile, most German air passengers will have to wait. A mix of old and new equipment, inconsistent software readiness, and

the inability to notify passengers in advance about which scanner will be used mean travelers must continue sticking to the previous rules. Items must still be placed in resealable plastic bags of up to one litre.

The original 100ml liquid rules have often confused travellers — particularly when first introduced — with unclear guidelines, inconsistent enforcement, and frustration over what's allowed.

Do airports already have the scanners?

Germany's largest airport in Frankfurt has installed the new scanners at 40 of its nearly 190 screening lanes, with 40 more devices on order. But for now, no policy changes are planned due to the uncertainty about scanner assignment for individual passengers.

In Munich, Germany's second-

biggest hub, the scanners are already available in large numbers, but according to a government spokesperson, necessary software upgrades will be postponed to avoid disrupting the summer travel season. Therefore, the liquid restrictions remain, especially in lanes still using conventional technology.

The EU Commission says about 700 of the CT-based scanners are already in use or being installed across airports in 21 EU countries. The liquid rule was introduced in 2006, following a foiled terror plot involving the use of liquid explosives onboard a plane.

CT scanners have been around for years and were at times already used to permit larger liquid containers. However, doubts emerged last year about their reliability, prompting the EU to mandate additional testing. — **nw**

PHARMA SECTOR



Fake medication a rising problem across the world

NEW YORK: Amid rising demand for popular medications, experts and industry groups are concerned regulators may not be able to keep pace with the speed of counterfeiters.

"A doctor simply writes down the prescription. They don't care where the patient buys the drug," said Saifuddin Ahmed, a public health practitioner and epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University in the US.

"It is critically important that a health care provider should be engaged. The [regulators are] not enough," Ahmed told DW.

Nowhere else is the challenge more obvious than with the huge demand for products like Wegovy and Zepbound.

They contain active compounds called semaglutide or tirzepatide, which were originally designed to treat type 2 diabetes. But these drugs were found to have a side effect that triggered substantial, sustained weight loss. Demand rose from people wanting to lose weight, and that caused a shortage. Fakes have filled the gap.

Fake drugs are a global problem

Drug counterfeiting is a major global problem. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that one in 10 pharmaceuticals are fakes that carry no guarantee of any health benefits.

While this is mainly a problem in low-and-middle income countries, especially parts of Africa and Asia, around 1% of people in high-income nations also obtain medication from unregulated sources. In some cases, these drugs may have no effect. In other cases, however, ingredients in the fake medication may lead to adverse reactions or create new health problems.

"Purchasing medicine online from unregulated, unlicensed sources can expose patients to potentially unsafe products that have not undergone appropriate evaluation or approval, or do not meet quality standards," said the US regulator, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2023, when it issued its first warnings about the problem.

In 2024, the WHO issued a global warning that batches of fake Ozempic were flooding the black market.

More recently, in July 2025, data from the UK National Pharmacy Association found one in five Britons had attempted to obtain weight loss treatments in the previous year.

It warned that the high demand for these medicines carried the risk that people would "resort to unregulated online suppliers instead of regulated pharmacies."

Where are people buying counterfeit medicine?

Unregulated pharmaceuticals are being sold via online-only pharmacies, international drug shopping and organized criminal distributors.

These digital marketplaces are not online stores for established pharmacies, but sites that seemingly offer medicine at a fraction of the usual cost.

The drugs may look identical to genuine medicines online, but when delivered often have spelling errors on the packet or incorrect ingredient listings.

But it's not only fake drugs or placebos. Regulators have raised concern about compounding, where medicines that have been approved individually can be formulated to produce non-regulated "compounds" for individual patients.

In some regions of the world, including the US, trained pharmacists are allowed to compound medicines, but even then, the practice is less regulated than the stringent approvals that drug manufacturers must meet to bring their products to market.

For example, when the FDA temporarily allowed the compounding of weight loss drugs to address a product shortage, some pharmacists used semaglutide salts — which are not approved by regulators — instead of semaglutide itself. This led to reports of side effects.

And it wasn't just trained compounding pharmacies that were formulating these products in the US. Ahmed said, "this is done in [places] like gymnasiums and spas." The FDA has now stopped allowing compounded versions of these weight loss drugs, but it is concerned that unregulated online pharmacies are still making substandard products available. — **nw**

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NORWEGIAN DEFENDER

Wolves sign David Moller Wolfe from AZ Alkmaar on five-year deal



LONDON [UK]: Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday announced that they have roped in Norwegian defender David Moller Wolfe from AZ Alkmaar on a five-year deal.

The Premier League outfit released a statement to announce the arrival of Wolfe from the Eredivisie side, making him their third acquisition in the ongoing summer transfer window. The lanky 6ft 1in left-wing-back reunited with his international teammate Jorgen Strand Larsen.

At the age of 23, Wolfe boasts 190 senior appearances and remarkably hit double figures for goal involvements last season. He began his journey as a teenager with Bergen Nord in 2017, but his career started gaining momentum with SK Brann in 2019.

After lifting his first title with Brann, Wolfe moved to AZ Alkmaar, getting his first taste of European football. He replaced Milos Kerkez as the Dutch side's regular left-back. Wolfe made 45 appearances, featuring in every Eredivisie and Europa Conference League fixture.

He earned a reputation as an

attacking left-back with his tenacious passes across all competitions. He registered eight assists, including against Roma in the Europa League. He also flaunted his prolific goal-scoring form and netted three goals against Galatasaray, PEC Zwolle and Almere City.

"It feels amazing. I'm so, so happy and so proud to be a part of Wolves, so I'm over the moon right now. I felt incredibly wanted from the second I talked to Domenico and the second I talked to the coach. Obviously, the Premier League is a big, big league, especially in Norway," Wolfe said while speaking to the club.

"It's the biggest league that people watch, so when a Premier League club came in, and Wolverhampton came in for me, I was extremely keen on joining. I'm really looking forward to playing for Wolverhampton in front of the fans and I can't wait to see them," he added.

In the international circuit, he started all four games for Norway and was a vital cog in his nation's flawless start to World Cup qualification. -ANI

Akash Deep joins Warne, Imran, others to have a 10-for, 50 on England trip

Deep, with a first-class average of 11.48 before the Oval Test, is just the fourth Indian to score a men's Test fifty at No.4 in England

LONDON: Akash Deep, walking as a night watchman in the third session of the fifth and final Test on Day 2 of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England on Friday, made the most of a reprieve and went on to score a gritty half-century.

With his maiden Test 50, Akash Deep joins an elite list along, Hugh Trumble, Shane Warne, Imran Khan, Keith Miller and Richard Hadlee to become the 12th player with a ten-fer during a match and a fifty on an England tour.

Deep, with a first-class average of 11.48 before the Oval Test, is just the fourth Indian to score a men's Test fifty at No.4 in England this century, joining Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill.

Deep mesmerised one and all with a ten-wicket haul in a critic-silencing, era-defining win over England at Edgbaston by 336 runs, their first-ever Test win at the venue last month. During the Test match, Akash set a massive record, delivering India's best spell ever in England.

The pacer etched his name in the record books by registering



the best bowling figures in a match for India in England, surpassing the long-standing record held by Chetan Sharma. Deep's match figures of 10/187 edged past Sharma's 10/188.

Indian batter Yashasvi Jaiswal and Akash Deep slammed a brilliant 100-run stand for the third wicket in the fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy against England on Saturday, at the Oval.

This was the 18th hundred partnership in this ongoing Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the most in a Test series in this century (since 2000), surpassing 17 in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in 2003-04.

The duo added 107 runs for the third wicket before Atkinson removed Deep on the stroke of lunch for a brilliant 66 off 94 balls, including 12 fours.

Deep is also the first Indian night watchman to score 50-plus runs since Amit Mishra (84 runs) against the same opponent at the

same venue back in 2011.

Coming to the match, Young Indian opener Yashasvi Jaiswal's exceptional innings of 118 runs gave India an upper hand after the end of the second session in the fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy 2025, which is being played at the Kennington Oval in London on Saturday.

At the stroke of Tea on Day 3 of The Oval Test, Team India are 304/6 with Ravindra Jadeja and Dhruv Jurel unbeaten on the crease. After the end of the session, the Shubman Gill-led side led by 281 runs.

The visitors started the second session from 189/4 with Jaiswal (85*) and Gill (11*) unbeaten on the crease.

India didn't have a good start to the session as they lost the wicket of Gill (11 runs off 9 balls). He was dismissed by the bowling of Gus Atkinson.

Team India touched the 200-run mark in their 48th over. In the 51st

over, Yashasvi Jaiswal completed his ton in 127 balls.

In the 55th over at the score of 229, Karun Nair (17 runs from 32 balls) was sent back to the pavilion as he was dismissed by Atkinson.

On the fourth ball of the 58th over, Jaiswal slammed a boundary, which brought his team's 250 in the innings.

In the 65th over at the score of 273, Jaiswal (118 runs in 164 balls) was dismissed on the bowling of Josh Tongue.

Following Jaiswal's dismissal, the team's wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel came out to bat. He joined left-hand batter Ravindra Jadeja on the crease.

The Indian cricket team touched the 300-run mark just before Tea as Jurel smashed 13 runs in an over, which was bowled by Tongue.

Both batters, Jurel and Jadeja, built an unbeaten 31(40) partnership before going back after the end of the second session.

For the Three Lions so far, Atkinson has snapped three wickets (3/99 in 23 overs), Tounge has grabbed two wickets (2/100 in 26 overs), and Jamie Overton has bagged one wicket (1/74 in 18 overs) in their respective spells.

'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar and the cricket fraternity lavished praise on the "most talented" left-handed batter Yashasvi Jaiswal after he slammed his fourth overseas hundred in a critical moment for India on the third day of the fifth Test against England at Kennington Oval.

Sachin heaped praise on the 23-year-old for his "outstanding" knock on a surface that tested a player's concentration and courage. The former batting stalwart penned a special note for Akash Deep, who batted his heart out and finished with a valiant 66 (94). -ANI



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DECLINE IN PASSENGER DEMAND
Middle Eastern carriers saw a 0.4% year-on-year decrease in passenger demand in June 2025. While capacity increased 1.1% year-on-year, and the load factor was 78.7%, according to a new report by IATA.

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Muscat Stock Exchange trading value jumps to OMR467.8mn

The number of transactions executed increased by 42.1 percent, rising to 49,030 compared to 34,489 transactions in June 2025



MUSCAT: The Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) recorded several gains in July, with trading value rising to OMR467.8 million, marking the best trading value this year. The stock market benefited from increased purchases by local investment funds and institutions amid optimistic expectations of further improvement in the performance of public joint-stock companies, which announced improved financial results and higher net profits in the first half of the year. The number of transactions executed increased by 42.1 percent, rising to 49,030 compared to 34,489 transactions in June 2025. The market capitalisation of the Muscat Stock Exchange recorded gains of OMR862.2 million rising to OMR29.132 billion by the end of July. Investors focused in July on OQ Basic Industries, which saw trades worth OMR111.8 million, representing 23.9 percent of the total trading value. Bank Muscat came in second with trades worth OMR90.1 million, while Asyad Shipping saw trades worth OMR54.1 million. Bank Sohar International saw trades worth OMR48.3 million, and OQ Gas Networks saw trades worth

OMR36.9 million, representing 7.9 percent of the total trading value. In July, 61 securities rose, 39 declined, and 13 remained unchanged. Sembcorp Salalah topped the gainers, rising 54.3 percent to close at 159 baisas. Fincorp Financial Centre rose 45.1 percent to close at 45 baisas. Dhofar Power Generation Company rose to 77 baisas, recording a 37.5 percent increase. Ooredoo rose by 33 percent to close at 250 baisas, while Muscat Insurance rose to 873 baisas, recording a 32.2 percent increase. Oman Chlorine's stock was the biggest loser, falling 20 percent to close at 240 baisas. National Aluminium Products' stock fell 15 percent to close at 85 baisas, while Barka Water and Power's stock fell to 179 baisas, recording a decline of 10.5 percent. The month of July also witnessed the subscription to the pre-emptive rights shares offered by Ahli Bank to its shareholders between July 24 to 28, at a value of OMR50 million, with the aim of increasing its capital to OMR294.9 million. July also witnessed the delisting of Oman Investment and Finance Company following its merger with Dhofar International Development and

Investment Company. Public joint-stock companies announced a number of positive developments last month, including Asyad Shipping Company's announcement that it had received a new 308,000-tonne crude oil tanker as part of a \$206 million deal to acquire two crude oil tankers. Liva Group, a leading insurance company, announced that it has restructured and consolidated its existing loans into a new OMR63 million credit facility with Bank Sohar International. The company noted that this restructuring offers the company several advantages, most notably lower borrowing costs, improved cash flow management, and enhanced ability to allocate capital more flexibly. OQ Exploration and Production announced that, starting August 9, it will buy back a portion of its shares listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange, ranging between 45 and 60 million shares, as part of its plan to enhance market and shareholder confidence in the strength of the company's stock and its financial and operational performance. The company's stock rose 12 baisas last month, closing at 333 baisas after 5,827 transactions were executed, valued at OMR36.1 million. - ONA

MSX market capitalisation tops OMR29bn in weekly trading

MUSCAT: Market capitalisation Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) rises by OMR311 million reaching OMR29.1 billion by the end of Thursday's trading session. The gains were driven by higher share prices, the listing of the 75th issue of government development bonds (GDBs) and the rise in the market value of closed companies. The market capitalisation of public joint-stock companies at the close of weekly trading reached OMR13.5 billion, representing 46.5 percent of the total market capitalisation of the MSX. The market capitalisation of the bonds and sukuk market reached OMR4.6 billion and the market capitalisation of the closed market reached OMR10.9 billion. During the week, the MSX listed the 75th issue of GDBs, with a value of OMR72.7 million, divided into 727,000 bonds, each worth OMR100, and carrying an annual interest rate of 4.3 percent. The market witnessed positive performance, with the main index continuing its upward trend, rising 62 points to close at 4,780 points. The financial sector index rose 46 points, the industrial sector index rose 55 points, the services sector index added 7 new points to its tally, rising to approximately 1,808 points, and the Sharia index rose 9 points to close at 466 points. MSX maintained high trading levels in the week, reaching approximately OMR98.9 million, with more than 10,380 transactions executed. Bank Sohar International attracted investors, witnessing trades worth OMR25 million, representing 25.3 percent of the total trading value. OQ Basic Industries came in second with trades of approximately OMR21.3 million, while Bank Muscat came in third with OMR16.8 million. OQ Gas Networks came in fourth with trades worth OMR12.1 million and Asyad Shipping came in fifth with trades of approximately OMR8.9 million, representing 8.9 percent of the total trading value. The week also witnessed an increase in the prices of 37 securities, the prices of 37 others declined while 18 securities remained unchanged at their previous levels. Sembcorp Salalah's share was the top gainer, rising by 13.5 percent to close at 159 baisas. Al Maha Ceramics' share rose to 322 baisas, recording a 5.5 percent increase, while Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles' share rose by 5.1 percent to close at 183 baisas. Building Materials Industries led the decliners, falling 15.1 percent to close at 67 baisas. Phoenix Energy fell to 88 baisas, recording a 12 percent decline, while Oman Cement fell to 450 baisas, recording a 10 percent decline. - ONA

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Jetour strengthens customer trust with nationwide service network and genuine parts availability

MUSCAT: Jetour, the fast-growing automotive brand that made its debut in Oman on December 21, 2022, under the exclusive distributorship of MHD Automobiles, assures customers of comprehensive after-sales support, including readily available genuine parts and a nationwide network of professional service centres. The launch of Jetour in Oman, in collaboration with the MHD Group, introduced the dynamic X70, X70 PLUS, X90, Dashing, T1 & T2 models to the local market. Since then, Jetour has rapidly established itself as a preferred choice for customers seeking performance, style, and value. A key part of delivering on this promise is ensuring long-term reliability through dedicated service and parts availability — a commitment that MHD Automobiles takes seriously. From day one, MHD Automobiles has prioritized building a robust infrastructure to support Jetour owners throughout their ownership journey. Jetour customers have access to a network of modern service centers located across key regions of the Sultanate, including Azaiba, Mabela, Wadi Kabir, Sohar, Nizwa, Sur, Buraimi,



Barka and Salalah. Whether it's routine maintenance or more complex diagnostics, every Jetour vehicle is serviced by certified technicians using the latest tools and technologies. Most importantly, genuine Jetour spare parts are always in stock, ensuring quick turnaround times and peace of mind for customers. Preventive maintenance for a smooth ride Regular maintenance is essential for preserving your vehicle's

performance, safety, and value. Jetour's after-sales services ensure comprehensive care through essential checks, including: Oil and filter changes to keep the engine running smoothly Tire inspection to extend tire life and improve handling Brake inspections and fluid top-ups for safety and reliability Battery health checks Air & A/C Filter replacements to maintain clean airflow to the engine and cabin

Windshield wiper and lighting inspections to ensure visibility and safety Inspection of Vehicle through Jetour diagnostic tools By following the manufacturer's recommended schedule and maintaining a clear service history, Jetour owners can enjoy a hassle-free driving experience backed by expert care. "At MHD Automobiles, our relationship with the customer doesn't end with a sale. It begins there," said Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO, MHD Automobiles. He also remarked, "We understand that service excellence and the availability of parts are key pillars of customer satisfaction. That's why we've built a strong support ecosystem across Oman to ensure Jetour owners receive the best care — wherever they are." With a growing number of Jetour vehicles on Oman's roads, MHD Automobiles is continually expanding its service capabilities and investing in parts inventory to match the rising demand. For Jetour customers in Oman, the message is clear: you're not just buying a car — you're joining a brand that stands with you every mile of the way.

STATISTICS



Oman's crude oil exports decline by 1.1% in June

MUSCAT: Oman's crude oil exports fell by 1.1 percent to 151,602,800 barrels by the end of June 2025, compared to 153,362,300 barrels in the same period in 2024. Preliminary statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) show that the average price of crude oil fell by 10 percent to \$74 per barrel by the end of June 2025, compared to \$82.2 during the same period last year. Statistics showed that average daily oil production decreased by 0.6 percent to 989,200 barrels per day by the end of June 2025, compared to 995,300 barrels per day during the same period in 2024. Oman's total oil production decreased by 1.2 percent, reaching 179.45 million barrels by the end of June 2025, compared to 181.14 million barrels during the same period in 2024. - ONA

MARKET

Middle East carriers register slowdown in passenger demand

Military conflict particularly impacted traffic on routes to North America (-7% year-on-year) and Europe (-4.4% year-on-year), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said in its June 2025 global passenger demand report

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Middle Eastern carriers saw a 0.4% year-on-year decrease in passenger demand in June 2025. While capacity increased 1.1% year-on-year, and the load factor was 78.7%, according to a new report by IATA. "Military conflict particularly impacted traffic on routes to North America (-7% year-on-year) and Europe (-4.4% year-on-year)," the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said in its June 2025 global passenger demand report. Total demand, measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPK), was up 2.6% compared to June 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASK), was also up 3.4% year-on-year. The June load factor was 84.5% (-0.6 ppt compared to June 2024).



International demand rose 3.2% compared to June 2024. Capacity was up 4.2% year-on-year, and the load factor was 84.4% (-0.8 ppt compared to June 2024), the IATA report said. Domestic demand increased 1.6% compared to June 2024. Capacity was up 2.1% year-on-year. The load factor was 84.7% (-0.4 ppt compared to June 2024). "In June, demand for air travel grew by 2.6%. That's a slower pace than we have seen in previous months and reflects disruptions around military conflict in the Middle East. With demand growth lagging the 3.4% capacity expansion, load factors dipped 0.6 percentage points from their all-time record-high levels," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. "At 84.5% globally, however, load factors are still very strong. And with a modest 1.8% capacity growth visible in August schedules, load factors over the Northern summer are unlikely to stray far from their recent historic

highs," he further added. Regional breakdown International RPK growth reached 3.2% in June year-on-year, but load factor fell across all regions as capacity growth outstripped demand. The steepest fall in RPK growth from May was in the Middle East, where international traffic contracted 0.4% year-on-year, impacted by military conflict. Asia-Pacific airlines achieved a 7.2% year-on-year increase in demand. Capacity increased 7.5% year-on-year, and the load factor was 82.9% (-0.2 ppt compared to June 2024). European carriers had a 2.8% year-on-year increase in demand. Capacity increased 3.3% year-on-year, and the load factor was 87.4% (-0.4 ppt compared to June 2024). North American carriers saw a 0.3% year-on-year fall in demand. Capacity increased 2.2% year-on-year, and the load factor was 86.9% (-2.2 ppt compared to June 2024). Latin American airlines saw a

9.3 per cent year-on-year increase in demand. Capacity climbed 11.8% year-on-year. The load factor was 83.3% (-1.9 ppt compared to June 2024). African airlines saw a 0.3% year-on-year decrease in demand. Capacity was up 0.3% year-on-year. The load factor was 74.6% (-0.5 ppt compared to June 2024). The decline in African load factor may be due to increased competition from European and Middle Eastern carriers. June cargo demand up The IATA report further said that total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometres (CTK), rose by 0.8% compared to June 2024 levels (1.6% for international operations). Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometres (ACTK), increased by 1.7% compared to June 2024 (2.8% for international operations). "Overall, air cargo demand grew by a modest 0.8% year-on-year in June, but there are very differing stories behind that number for the

industry's major players. Trade tensions saw North American traffic fall by 8.3% and European growth stagnate at 0.8%. But Asia-Pacific bucked the trend to report a 9.0% expansion. Meanwhile, disruptions from military conflict in the Middle East saw the region's cargo traffic fall by 3.2%," said Willie Walsh. "The June air cargo data made it very clear that stability and predictability are essential supports for trade. Emerging clarity on US tariffs allows businesses greater confidence in planning. "But we cannot overlook the fact that the 'deals' being struck are resulting in significantly higher tariffs on goods imported into the US than we had just a few months ago. The economic damage of these cost barriers to trade remains to be seen. In the meantime, governments should redouble efforts to make trade facilitation simpler, faster, cheaper and more secure with digitalisation," he further added.

EXPERT OPINION

India's economic strength will withstand US tariff shock

NEW DELHI: Experts from across Indian industries have expressed confidence in the resilience of the Indian economy amid the US President Donald Trump's decision to impose a 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods, describing the move as impactful in the short term but unlikely to dent India's long-term economic growth story. Reacting to the tariff hike announced by President Trump, Sushil Mohta, Chairman of the Kolkata-based real estate player Merlin Group, said India's robust economy would absorb the shock with minimal long-term disruption. "I don't think it will make a huge difference. Our economy is very strong today, India is the fourth-largest economy in the world," Mohta told ANI. "The common people in India work very hard. Our growth is driven by that effort, not dependent on the policies of any one country." He pointed to the relatively muted response in domestic stock markets as proof of the economy's strength. "If there were a major global disruption, we would have seen an immediate reflection in the markets. That hasn't happened," he noted. On the issue of trade exposure, Mohta said that India's economy is not overly reliant on the US or any single country. From the agriculture sector, Dev Garg, Vice President of the Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF), noted that the US tariff move was "concerning" for rice exporters. "Last year, India exported around Rs 3,100 crore worth of Basmati and non-Basmati rice to the US. This year, we've only managed Rs 833 crore so far," he said. However, Garg also viewed the latest tariff development with cautious optimism. -ANI

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Salman Corporation launches Oman's first trade finance marketplace to empower local retailers



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MUSCAT: In a landmark move reshaping Oman's trade and retail landscape, Salman Corporation has launched Oman's first-ever Trade Finance Marketplace, in strategic partnership with Egypt's fintech infrastructure enabler Cassbana and Oman's own rising fintech force, Mamun. The platform introduces a tailored Buy-Now-Pay-Later (BNPL) solution, enabling small and medium-sized retailers across Oman to purchase inventory instantly, start selling immediately, and pay later — without the friction of traditional banking systems. This initiative is about building long-term value for traders, suppliers, and the entire Omani market. "We are proud to take this step forward for inclusive, tech-enabled commerce in the Sultanate, and local traders are the backbone of our economy — but their growth is often constrained by lack of access to working capital. This Trade Finance Marketplace is designed to break that barrier. It's not just fintech;

it's an economic infrastructure built for merchants who deserve better. Together, we're igniting a new era of smart, inclusive trade in Oman," said Muhammad Haris Aslam, CEO of Salman Corporation. The marketplace is built on Cassbana's embedded credit infrastructure, which enables financial institutions to seamlessly offer lending-as-a-service within merchant supply chains. Mamun, the Sharia-compliant digital lender, provides the capital and financial structuring behind the platform. "AtCassbana, we're not a lender — we're rebuilding the rails that enable lending," said Haitham Nassar, Founder & CEO of Cassbana. "Through our infrastructure, financial institutions can power real-time credit decisions and collections across B2B transactions. Our partnership with Salman Corporation and Mamun is a model of how embedded finance can unlock economic growth where it's needed most." Mohammed Al-Tamami, Co-founder & Chief Commercial Officer at Mamun, added: "We're

turning everyday trade into a digitally accessible, Sharia-compliant financial opportunity. Our partnership is proof that fintech can do more than disrupt — it can uplift. And this platform is just the beginning." Salman Corporation is a leading retail and distribution group in Oman, known for its wide portfolio of household, kitchenware, and lifestyle products. With a focus on innovation and community, the company is committed to delivering sustainable value across the retail chain. Cassbana is a regional fintech infrastructure company enabling financial institutions to offer credit within supply chains. Headquartered in Egypt, Cassbana powers embedded lending across B2B ecosystems in MENA by providing credit scoring, risk infrastructure, and collection tools tailored for MSMEs. Mamun is an Oman-based, Sharia-compliant fintech platform offering digital investment and trade finance solutions. It connects commerce with capital in a trusted, ethical, and scalable way.

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MOSQUITO KILLING PILL, IVERMECTIN DROPS MALARIA BY 26% STUDY

Ivermectin administered to the whole population significantly reduces malaria transmission, offering new hope in the fight against the disease

A groundbreaking study has revealed that the mass administration of ivermectin—a drug once known for treating river blindness and scabies—can significantly reduce malaria transmission when used in conjunction with bed nets.

Ivermectin administered to the whole population significantly reduces malaria transmission, offering new hope in the fight against the disease. The BOHEMIA trial, the largest study on ivermectin for malaria to date, showed a 26% reduction in new malaria infection on top of existing bed nets, providing strong evidence of ivermectin's potential as a complementary tool in malaria control.

The results of this project, coordinated by the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)—an institution supported by the “la Caixa” Foundation—in collaboration with the Manhica Health Research Centre (CISM) and the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, have been published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Malaria remains a global health challenge, with 263 million cases and 597,000 deaths reported in 2023. Current vector control methods, such as long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and indoor residual spraying (IRS), have become less effective due to

insecticide resistance and behavioural adaptations in mosquitoes to bite outdoors and during dusk or dawn, when people are not protected by these measures.

This underscores the urgent need for innovative solutions to combat malaria.

Ivermectin, a drug traditionally used to treat neglected tropical diseases like onchocerciasis, which causes river blindness, and lymphatic filariasis, which causes elephantiasis, has been shown to reduce malaria transmission by killing the mosquitoes that feed on treated individuals.

Given the rising resistance to conventional insecticides, ivermectin could offer an effective new approach to tackle malaria transmission, especially in regions where traditional methods have become less effective.

The Unitaid-funded BOHEMIA project (Broad One Health Endectocide-based Malaria Intervention in Africa) conducted two Mass Drug Administration (MDA) trials in the high-burden malaria regions: Kwale County (Kenya) and Mopeia district (Mozambique).

The trials assessed the safety and efficacy of a single monthly dose of ivermectin (400 mcg/kg) given for three consecutive months at the start of the rainy season in reducing malaria transmission.

In Kenya, the intervention targeted children aged 5-15, while in



Mozambique it focused on children under five.

In Kwale County, Kenya, children who received ivermectin experienced a 26% reduction in malaria infection incidence compared to those who received albendazole, the control drug used in the study.

The trial involved over 20,000 participants and more than 56,000 treatments, demonstrating that ivermectin significantly reduced malaria infection rates—particularly among children living further from cluster borders or in areas where drug distribution was more efficient.

Moreover, the safety profile of ivermectin was favourable, with no severe drug-related adverse events and only mild, transient side effects already seen with ivermectin in campaigns against neglected tropical diseases.

“We are thrilled with these results,” says Carlos Chaccour, co-principal investigator of the BOHEMIA project and ISGlobal researcher at the time of the study.

“Ivermectin has shown great promise in reducing malaria transmission and could complement existing control measures. With continued research, ivermectin MDA could become an effective tool for malaria control and even contribute to elimination efforts,” Chaccour, who is now a researcher at the Navarra Centre for International Development at the University of Navarra, adds.

“These results align with the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) criteria for new vector control tools,” states Joseph Mwangangi, from the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme.

“The findings suggest that ivermectin MDA could be a valuable complementary strategy for malaria control, particularly in areas where mosquito resistance to insecticides is a growing concern,” adds Marta Maia, BOHEMIA’s lead entomologist from the University of Oxford.

The study is part of a larger global effort to assess the potential of ivermectin in malaria control. The findings have been reviewed by the WHO vector control advisory group, which concluded that the study had demonstrated impact and recommended further studies.

Findings were also shared with national health authorities as they evaluate the potential inclusion of ivermectin in malaria control programs. —ANI

SPORTS

We hope Messi renews his contract: Inter Miami coach Mascherano on star player’s stay with the club

Speculation is growing that the Argentine legend could stay on with the club till 2028

FLORIDA : The Leagues Cup is in full swing, but talk around Lionel Messi’s possible contract extension with Inter Miami continues to grab headlines. Speculation is growing that the Argentine legend could stay on with the club till 2028, according to Goal.com. Ahead of Inter Miami’s upcoming Leagues Cup fixture against Necaxa on Saturday, Miami’s head



coach Javier Mascherano shed some light on Messi’s future. “Regarding Leo, we all hope he renews his contract,” he said, as quoted from Goal.com. “It’ll be a decision between him and the club - it’s something they’ve been discussing privately. When the time is right, and if they reach an agreement, they’ll announce it. I also saw those rumours, but all I can say is that we’re all hopeful he’ll stay with us,” he added. Messi’s current contract with the Herons runs until December, but the club is in no mood to part ways with their star man. Reports suggest that Inter Miami is planning to offer the World Cup winner a three-year extension, which would keep him at the club well beyond the next FIFA World Cup. Mascherano also hinted that Messi is likely to start the match

against Necaxa, highlighting the benefit of playing multiple games at home during this phase. “Leo made it clear the other day - it was a message between the lines,” he said, as quoted from Goal.com. “He feels much better playing than resting. Before the match against Cincinnati, he was carrying a bit of fatigue, and thankfully he was able to rest,” he added. “We’re lucky to be playing several games at home, we don’t have to travel, and over the next two weeks, we’ll be staying around here, so there shouldn’t be a problem. Unless Leo feels tired and lets us know, the plan is for him to always play,” he noted. Inter Miami will be hoping for back-to-back wins in the Leagues Cup, with victory over Necaxa bringing them a step closer to the next round, only four teams will make the cut. -ANI

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR CAPTAIN

Son Heung-min to leave Tottenham



LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur captain Son Heung-min has announced that he will leave the club this summer. The news ends the South Korean’s 10-year stay with the North London club that he joined from Bayer Leverkusen in 2015. Son has scored 173 goals in 454 appearances for Tottenham and leaves the club on a high note after captaining Spurs to a 1-0 win over Manchester United in last season’s UEFA Europa League final to end a 17-year trophy drought. Although the 33-year-old has another season on his contract, he looks likely to move to MLS side Los Angeles FC. He gave the news in a joint press conference with new Tottenham coach Thomas Frank, from the South Korean capital of Seoul, where his side will play Newcastle United on Sunday. “If that is the last game for Sonny, what a place to do it here in front of his home fans. It could be a beautiful ending,” said Frank. Son described the decision as “the most difficult one I have made in my career.” “I spent a lot of time reflecting on whether I wanted to experience football in a different environment, and I had those conversations with myself over and over again.” “I came to north London as a kid - at a very young age, a young boy came to London who even didn’t speak English,” said Son, adding that “leaving this club as a grown man is a very, very proud moment.” But he explained he now needed “a new environment to push myself.” “I need a little bit of change - 10 years is a long time. I felt like I had achieved everything I possibly could,” he concluded. -Xinhua

DUCKETT-AKASH BANTER



It is better for a batsman to put his head down and walk off after getting out, says Trescothick

LONDON : England’s Assistant Coach Marcus Trescothick reflected on Ben Duckett and Indian pacer Akash Deep’s friendly banter during the first session of day two of the fifth and final Test at The Oval, on Friday. Trescothick said it is better for a batsman to put his head down and walk off after getting out, adding that there was probably no need to walk Duckett off in the manner Akash Deep did. During the first session, Duckett tried getting under Akash Deep’s skin, saying, “You cannot get me out in here”. In response, although Akash did not say anything, Duckett hit him with a reversed ramp shot to the delight of the English crowd. However, Akash Deep soon turned the tables, bowling Duckett out caught behind by wicket-keeper-batter Dhruv Jurel for 43 runs off 38 balls, which included five fours and two sixes. During the celebration, he pumped his fist in front of Duckett, then wrapped his hand around his shoulder, smiling and exchanging a few words with the opener. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen a bowler do that after getting someone out. You see, he obviously has many words, and we’ve seen it within the series on both sides, but it was just different. You put your head down and walk off. Your job is done at that point. There’s probably no need to sort of walk him off in that fashion,” Trescothick told the media.

Trescothick also spoke on providing substitutes for injured players, and said rules have been in place for many years and they’ve done just fine in the past, so we should not be changing anything at the moment. Ahead of the start of Day 2 of the fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy 2025, England suffered a significant blow as their ace right-arm seamer Chris Woakes was ruled out of the Test match after suffering a shoulder injury. “Test matches is test matches, and I think you don’t need to adjust too much. I like to think we’re producing some good cricket around the world in every test-playing nation. I don’t think we should try and mess with it too much. The rules have been in place for many, many years. And they’ve done just fine in the past, so I wouldn’t be changing anything at the moment,” he added. Trescothick also believes the match is evenly poised between India and England and feels the pitch probably continues to be lively and more seam movement will happen as the game moves forward. “It’s pretty evenly poised, I guess at the moment, plenty of wickets in the course of today, but the game is moving forward pretty quickly, and who knows what tomorrow will bring. I think you’ll see the pitch probably continuing to be lively and more seam movement as the day goes on,” he said. -ANI

DRS CONTROVERSY

You can’t give any kind of signal for 15 seconds: Anil Chaudhary on DRS row

NEW DELHI [INDIA]: Former umpire Anil Chaudhary shared his views on the recent “DRS controversy” which took place during the first day of the fifth and final match of the series, which is being played between England and India at the Kennington Oval in London. The incident took place on the second delivery of the 13th over, when Josh Tongue unleashed a sharp inswinging yorker that completely unsettled Sai Sudharsan. Attempting to defend, the batter lost his footing and tumbled to the ground as the ball struck him low on the pad. England instantly went up for the LBW appeal, but on-field umpire Kumar Dharmasena declined, signalling an inside edge by tapping his finger - an indication that allowed the fielding side to use a review. Speaking on the DRS controversy, Anil Chaudhary told ANI, “I can’t say that it will help. Sometimes, it



happens. In auto mode, it happens. But in DRS, because it is an international match, you can’t give any kind of signal for 15 seconds. I think something happened to him, which shouldn’t have happened. In DRS matches, the umpire doesn’t have permission to do this because then it’s like an indication. I am not saying it is willing or unknowingly, but it shouldn’t happen.”

Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir had an altercation with Lee Fortis regarding the practice facilities and allegedly not being given access to the pitch for an inspection from closed quarters. As he stepped away, the Indian head coach animatedly pointed a finger and said a couple of words. India’s batting coach, Sitanshu Kotak, was seen stepping in, taking Lee away

and having a brief conversation with him. Kotak, along with a couple of members of the Indian management, were seen trying to explain the situation to an English official. Kotak was the one who spoke for the majority of the period. While Kotak appeared to diffuse the situation while explaining their stance, Gambhir, who stood near the nets, pointed his finger towards Lee and furiously said, “You don’t tell us what to do.” India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate joined Kotak during his conversation with Lee, while Gambhir continued to make his point from the other end. Lee said a couple of words to Gambhir before eventually walking away from the scene. Lee was quizzed about the entire situation, but he chose to remain tight-lipped while speaking to the reporters and said, “It is not my job to be happy with him. I don’t know, you have to ask him.” -ANI

WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qin Haiyang completes breaststroke golden double while Ibarra ends China’s golden run

SINGAPORE: China’s Qin Haiyang powered to his second gold medal at the World Aquatics Championships on Friday, storming from lane eight to win the men’s 200m breaststroke, while Mexico’s Osmar Olvera Ibarra stunned the field in diving to capture the men’s 3-meter springboard crown. Qin, the 2023 world champion in Fukuoka, had scraped into the final in eighth after clocking 2:09.32 in Thursday’s semifinal. But Qin surged in the final 50 meters of Friday’s race to touch first in 2:07.41, edging Japan’s Watanabe Ippei by 0.29 seconds. Caspar Corbeau of the Netherlands took bronze.

It marked Qin’s third medal in breaststroke at the Singapore Worlds, following gold in the 100m and bronze in the 50m. “This is my best time of the year. Though it’s just 0.03 seconds faster than what I swam at the Chinese Nationals, I’m really proud of it,” Qin said. “If I had to rate myself, I would give a perfect 100 this time.” The night also saw China’s men’s 4x200m freestyle relay team - Ji Xinjie, Pan Zhanle, Wang Shun and Zhang Zhanshuo clock 7:00.91 to break the Asian record and clinch silver in a thrilling finish. Britain won gold, with Australia settling for bronze. “Breaking the Asian record is



very meaningful. It’s a strong start to the new Olympic cycle,” said Ji, who led off the relay. “We’ll review this race carefully and aim for an

even better result in Los Angeles.” Pan, who had earlier missed the 100m freestyle final, regained confidence through the relay. “The

Chinese swimming team will only keep getting stronger,” he said. Wang, swimming the third leg, briefly gave China the lead during his split. “After the first two swimmers gave everything, I just wanted to do my part and give Zhang a strong position,” he added. “This medal shows the power of our unity.” Zhang, the youngest member of the quartet, swam the anchor leg and held off his challengers in the final meters. “I cleared my mind and gave it everything I had,” he said. Elsewhere, Dutch swimmer Marrit Steenbergen won the women’s 100m freestyle title, with Chi-

na’s Cheng Yujie finishing seventh. Hungary’s Hubert Kos took gold in the men’s 200m backstroke, and Kate Douglass of the United States claimed the women’s 200m breaststroke title in a championship record time. In the diving competition, Mexico’s Ibarra delivered a historic win in the men’s 3m springboard final, scoring 529.55 to defeat China’s Cao Yuan and Wang Zongyuan. It was the first time since 2005 that a non-Chinese athlete won gold in the event. With one gold, three silvers and one bronze, Ibarra has now medaled in every event he entered at the Singapore Worlds. -Xinhua

IN PICTURES



Hwacheon Tomato Festival held in Hwacheon-gun, South Korea
People play in a tomato pool during Hwacheon Tomato Festival in Hwacheon-gun, South Korea. Xinhua



100-day countdown to China's 15th National Games
Photo shows the posters of China's 15th National Games in Hong Kong, south China. China's 15th National Games will be co-hosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in November 2025. Xinhua



Tourists watch wildebeest migration in Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya
Tourists gather near the Mara River, waiting to witness the animals' crossing, in the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya. Tourists flock to the Masai Mara National Reserve during the country's peak tourism season from June to October to watch the wildebeest migration. Xinhua



Highlights of Jakarta Food And Fashion Festival 2025
Models present creations during the Jakarta Food And Fashion Festival (JF3) 2025 in Tangerang, Banten Province, Indonesia. Xinhua



Indonesia's palm oil and steel exports surge in first half
A worker unloads palm oil fruits from a vehicle after harvest time at a palm oil plantation in Aceh Utara regency, Aceh province, Indonesia. Deputy for Distribution and Services Statistics of the Statistics Indonesia (BPS) Pudji Ismartini said Indonesia's exports of crude palm oil and its derivatives rose by 24.91 percent year-on-year to \$11.43 billion in the first half of 2025. Xinhua

Diya Mirza attends ET Inspiring Women Conclave & Awards 2025
Bollywood actress Diya Mirza poses for a photograph during the ET Inspiring Women Conclave & Awards 2025, in Mumbai. ANI Photo



ROUND-UP

OAB receives ‘Organisation with Best CSR Practices’ award

This national recognition is more than a symbol of excellence — it is a powerful reflection of the Oman Arab Bank’s long-standing journey of purpose, where community impact has been woven into its core strategy

MUSCAT: Oman Arab Bank (OAB) has received the “Organization with Best CSR Practices” award at the Oman Leadership Awards 2025, presented by CMO Asia, in a ceremony that celebrated organizations making a significant and sustainable impact on society and the national economy.

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— it is a powerful reflection of the Bank’s long-standing journey of purpose, where community impact has been woven into its core strategy. Rather than viewing CSR as a separate requirement, Oman Arab Bank has fully embraced it as a pillar of its identity and growth.

The Oman Leadership Awards honour institutions that embody the philosophy of “Making a Real Difference” through integrity, purpose, and sustainable practices. Oman Arab Bank stood out after rigorous evaluation by a distinguished panel of judges from diverse disciplines.

Commenting on the award, Sulaiman Al Harthi, CEO of Oman Arab Bank, stated: “We are honoured to receive this recognition, which is not just an award, it’s a demonstration to our core mission. At Oman Arab Bank, CSR is not an initiative. It’s a responsibility rooted in who we are and what we stand for.”

Dalal Al Rahma, Acting Head of Corporate Communications at OAB, said: “This award is not just a milestone; it is a mirror that exemplifies our collective heartbeat as a responsible and sound institution. Every campaign we launch, every partnership we build, is rooted in empathy and impact. We listen, we learn, and we lead with purpose. Therefore, I believe that is how real change begins, and, eventually, how trust is earned.”

What set OAB apart was its strong integration of ethical values into everyday operations, along with its commitment to transparency and accountability. The Bank’s proactive communication and collaboration with stakeholders ensure that its initiatives are inclusive, measurable, and aligned with national goals such as Oman Vision 2040. With this recognition, Oman Arab Bank reinforces its role as a changemaker in the financial sector, one that leads not just with numbers, but with purpose and integrity.

NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN

NBO reaffirms commitment to Omani talent through tomorrows’ leaders programme onboarding



MUSCAT: The National Bank of Oman (NBO) recently welcomed 35 promising graduates into its flagship NBO Tomorrows’ Leaders Programme, reaffirming its long-standing commitment to investing in local talent and building a resilient, future-ready workforce for the Sultanate.

The onboarding event marked the beginning of a structured journey for the selected candidates, who were chosen through a comprehensive assessment and interview process. Designed to nurture early-career professionals, the NBO Tomorrows’ Leaders Programme plays a key role in preparing Oman’s youth for long-term careers in the banking and financial sector.

Dr. Ali Moosa Al Abri, General Manager & Chief Human Resources Officer at NBO, said, “Talent development is one of our core priorities and we take pride in building a culture that supports growth at every stage of

a professional journey. Welcoming these young graduates into our programme reflects our belief in Omani potential and our responsibility to empower the next generation of national leaders. This is not just about filling roles; it is about preparing individuals to navigate complexity, embrace change and lead with purpose in a rapidly evolving environment.

For over 50 years, NBO has carried a proud legacy of investing in people. The Academy of Excellence stands as a cornerstone of that heritage, having long been at the forefront of developing local talent in the financial sector. Our future depends on how well we equip today’s talent, and we are committed to doing so with intention and care.

The Programme aligns with Oman Vision 2040 objectives to enable a generation of capable, empowered youth who contribute to building a stronger, more prosperous nation,” Al Abri added.

The NBO Tomorrows’ Leaders Programme is part of the bank’s broader strategy to nurture Omani talent across all career levels. This includes Tamayuz, a high-potential development initiative aimed at equipping emerging leaders within the bank with the skills, experience and mentorship required to potentially take on senior roles. In parallel, NBO runs an annual internship programme, offering university students across the Sultanate meaningful on-the-job training that bridges academic learning with real-world experience.

Together, these initiatives form a cohesive framework that reflects NBO’s purpose-driven approach to human capital development. By supporting talent from entry through mid-career, the bank continues to play an active role in advancing national goals for workforce sustainability and economic empowerment.

ALL-ELECTRIC CROSSOVER AWD

Nizwa receives 1st delivery of Kia EV6 electric vehicle

MUSCAT: Extending electrifying experiences, Kia announced that Nizwa city has received the first delivery of Kia’s all-electric crossover AWD, the Kia EV6. Perfect for mapping everyday journeys, the EV6 features premium luxurious interiors, advanced safety and connectivity features that elevate lifestyles and introduce immersive driving experiences to the customers in Oman.

Bringing exceptional yet sustainable and futuristic driving experiences on the roads of Nizwa, the EV6 is based on Kia’s advanced Electric - Global Modular Platform, offering ultra-fast charging capabilities of 4.5 minutes of minimum charging time. The EV6 can add up to 100 km of range using the ultra-fast charging (800V) device for short distance coverage. As for more substantial charges, it takes less than 18 minutes to go from 10% to 80%, saving your time and fuel as you prepare for the day.



Considered as the practical everyday car, the EV6 is equipped with a powerful capabilities, with a top speed of 188KMPH, the EV6 AWD’s synchronous motors powers 0 to 100KM speed in just 3.5 seconds with a maximum power of 239 KW.

Inside the futuristic interiors of the EV6, Kia has taken a bold approach to sustainability without compromising on luxury and performance in a 5-seater setting. The cabin features vegan leather and recycled PET materials, reflecting Kia’s commitment sustainability by delivering environment friendly yet premium products. The interior is designed for comfort, with a spacious layout that makes every ride feel like a premium experience such as the extra storage on the front trunk to hold bags and shoes and ventilated relaxation seats. One of the standout option feature is the Meridian premium sound system, which delivers rich,

clear audio through a 14-speaker setup, providing a truly immersive audio experience.

Moreover, the Kia EV6 features cutting-edge technology that keeps you connected ensuring seamless journeys. Integrated 12.3” Navigation + 12.3” Cluster LCD, 64 colour Ambient Mood lighting and the integrated panoramic curved display enhances overall mood, bringing the perfect balance to the ride.

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