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TIMINGS

Dhuhr.....	12:15pm
Asr.....	3:32pm
Maghrib.....	7:02pm
Isha.....	8:25pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	3:55am

ROP marks graduation of officers, new recruits in Jabal Al Akhdar



The combat team showed their self-defence, karate, and taekwondo skills to the visiting dignitaries

JABAL AL AKHDAR: The Royal Oman Police (ROP) celebrated the graduation of officer skills courses and a batch of new police recruits at the Police Training Center in the Wilayat of Jabal Al Akhdar. The ceremony was held under the patronage of Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office and Head of the Office of the Supreme Commander, in the presence of Lt.Gen Hassan bin Mohsen Al Shuraiki, Inspector General of Police and

Customs, along with several high-ranking officials, commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces and ROP, military and security leaders, members of the Shura Council, and local officials from Al Jabal Al Akhdar. The graduation ceremony began with a salute to the patron of the event, followed by the parade commander asking permission to inspect the front row. The graduates then marched past the main dais in a ceremonial procession, after

which Gen. Al Nu'amani presented awards to the top-performing graduates. After that, the graduates chanted the ROP anthem, "Guardians of Justice". They also chanted thrice "Long live His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, the Supreme Commander". Following the event, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office and Head of the Office of the Supreme Commander toured the Police Train-

ing Centre in Al Jabal Al Akhdar, where they observed combat team demonstrations in self-defence, karate, and taekwondo. These displays were performed by trainees enrolled in various martial arts courses conducted by the center for ranks of the Special Tasks Police Command and its units. The demonstrations reflected an advanced level of skill, tactical discipline, and readiness through realistic scenarios simulating field

operations, showcasing full preparedness to handle diverse security situations and incidents. The Officers' Institute offers numerous training programmes to enhance the efficiency of Royal Oman Police in line with its objectives and strategic vision for developing human resources. The Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences also updates its training and qualification programmes by introducing modern and diverse training methods.. - **ONA**

VIDEOCONFERENCING

Oman participates in exercise simulating radiological incident

MUSCAT: The National Emergency Management Center (NEMC) took part in a large-scale videoconferencing international exercise codenamed "ConvEx-3" that was based on the hypothesis of a radioactive leak at the Cernavoda Nuclear Power Plant in Romania. The exercise was conducted in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as part of measures to enhance national preparedness to deal with nuclear and radiological emergencies. The two-day exercise saw the participation of different parties represented in the National Committee for Emergency Management.



The exercise envisages multiple scenarios aimed at testing the effectiveness of coordination and the mechanisms of communica-

tion among the parties concerned, as well as the efficiency of procedures followed in responding to such incidents. - **ONA**

GUEST OF HONOUR

Oman pavilion draws large crowd at Algiers International Fair

ALGIERS: The Sultanate of Oman's pavilion at the 56th Algiers International Fair, where Oman is the guest of honour, has attracted significant attention from visitors and Algerian business representatives since its opening. Algerian visitors and business leaders told Oman News Agency (ONA) that Oman's pavilion stands out as a highlight of this year's fair, showcasing the nation's heritage and culture through its distinctive design. The pavilion features a diverse range of Omani companies operating in industrial, commercial, and service sectors. Tariq Mosoni, a plastics industry entrepreneur, noted that the Omani pavilion offers high-quality products with excellent specifications, praising both the products and competitive pricing of Omani plastic companies, which



have gained popularity among Algerian consumers. In her turn, Iman Bouthelja, a visitor, expressed admiration for the product variety, describing the pavilion as "magnificent" and well-received by attendees. She anticipated that participating Omani companies would secure commercial contracts and agencies with Algerian firms, given their products' quality and

specifications. Meanwhile, Algerian businessman Abdurrahman bin Omar highlighted that Oman's pavilion provides Algerian visitors and entrepreneurs with an opportunity to closely view Omani products and industries. He noted their high quality could help establish trade partnerships in Algerian and neighbouring markets. - **ONA**

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SHURA MEETING

Commerce Ministry simplifies commercial, industrial procedures

< FROM A1 The Minister revealed that the number of Omani Standard Specifications issued by the ministry by the end of 2024 totalled 7,523, with 17 technical services streamlined. Additionally, the Invest Oman platform received around 90 investment requests worth OMR5.38 billion between its launch in February 2023 and June 2025, with 43 projects worth OMR2.25 billion localised in strategic sectors such as industry, healthcare, food security, and renewable energy. The ministry has simplified commercial and industrial procedures through the Oman Business Platform, which processed over 800,000 transactions in 2024 and added 24 digital services. To combat concealed trade and ensure fair competition, the ministry has enforced measures including mandatory electronic payment methods for commercial activities, aligning with global trends in the digital economy. A ministerial decision was also issued to enhance corporate governance standards for closed joint-stock companies, said the minister. He further added that the ministry has bolstered community participation in the local economy through initiatives supporting consumer cooperatives, includ-



ing regulatory incentives such as streamlined registration and commercial site allocation. In e-commerce, new regulations were introduced, and the Ma'roof Oman platform was launched to certify online stores, boosting consumer trust and increasing licenses by 236.4% within a year. He pointed out that key programmes launched include the Industrial Observatory to monitor sector performance and optimise supply chains, the Automation and AI Programme to modernise factories, "Tasneea" to localise procurement, and "Ta'meer" to link major urban projects like Sultan Haitham City with local products — fostering economic integration. This took place during the 13th regular session of the second convening of its tenth term, chaired by Khalid Hilal Al-Maawali, Speaker of the Shu-

ra Council, in the presence of Council members and the Secretary-General of the Shura Council. The Commerce minister's statement covered five main axes: First axis: Evaluation of the contribution of trade and industry sectors to the GDP during 2021-2025 within the tenth five-year plan. This axis presents the performance of the trade and industry sectors during 2020-2024, focusing on the growth of their contribution to GDP, the development of industrial activities — especially manufacturing — and expansion of the local production base. Second axis: The ministry's vision for the future of the industrial sector, including plans to develop the sector until 2040 and strategies such as enhancing local added value, localisation of technology, supporting foreign direct investment, stimulating industrial innovation, and digital transformation.

Third axis: Key projects and initiatives implemented during 2020-2023, focusing on attracting investments, promoting Omani exports, improving the business environment, developing electronic systems and government services, and achievements in intellectual property, e-commerce, and organising economic exhibitions and events. Fourth axis: Evaluation of free trade agreements signed, such as those with Singapore and GCC countries. This includes results of applying these agreements, their impact on trade exchange between Oman and other countries, benefits to the private sector, and assessment of opportunities and challenges. 'Made in Oman' platform was launched to promote national products, alongside support for 52 companies participating in external exhibitions. These efforts activated free trade agreements, especially with Singapore, increasing trade volume from OMR376 million in 2014 to over OMR968 million in 2024, with trade surpluses recorded some years. Regarding business environment improvement, the 'Invest in Oman' platform was launched providing 68 electronic services for investors, simplifying company establishment procedures and reducing fees. - **ONA**

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MEETING

Sayyid Badr bids farewell to Dutch, Tunisian ambassadors

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, received separately on Wednesday Stella Kloth, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Azzedine el Tayse, Ambassador of the Tunisian Republic, to bid them farewell at the end of their tour of duty.

Sayyid badr expressed appreciation for the ambassadors' efforts in strengthening bilateral relations and extended his best wishes for their future endeavors.

Several officials from the Foreign Ministry attended the two meetings. — **ONA**



BILATERAL RELATIONS

Foreign Minister holds phone call with Indonesian counterpart

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister held a telephone conversation on Wednesday with Sugiono, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia.

The two ministers reviewed the relations of cooperation between their countries and explored ways to enhance them across various fields of mutual interest.

The discussion also addressed recent developments in the Middle East, with both ministers emphasizing the importance of supporting international and regional efforts to de-escalate tensions, promote calm, and maintain regional and international peace and security in accordance with the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter. — **ONA**



Projects being implemented to upgrade road network in Dhofar

Transport ministry's ongoing works include road dual-carriageway, development, paving, maintenance, and connectivity projects linking various wilayats of Dhofar



SALALAH: The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology is intensifying efforts to implement and maintain a series of developmental road projects in Dhofar Governorate. These initiatives aim to enhance infrastructure efficiency and prepare for the upcoming Khareef (monsoon season), facilitating smoother tourist, economic, and social mobility.

The ongoing works include road dual-carriageway, development, paving, maintenance, and connectivity projects linking various wilayats of Dhofar.

Eng. Said Mohammed Tabook, Director General of Roads and Land Transport in Dhofar, stated that the Ateen Tunnel project in Salalah has achieved significant progress, with completion reaching 93%—23% ahead of schedule. This is expected to alleviate traffic congestion during the Khareef season.

Meanwhile, the dual-carriageway of Sultan Taimour Street (6.8 km) in Al Saada area is 40% complete, and Al Farooq Street dual-carriageway (7.6 km) has reached 45%.

He added that the Ministry is implementing the Mughsail Road and Bridge project in Salalah (20% complete), featuring a 12-meter-high concrete bridge, parking areas, a pedestrian walkway with lighting, and a ground crossing serving tourist sites. The Raysut-Mughsail dual-carriageway road (33 km) includes six overpasses/underpasses, roundabouts, and animal crossings, alongside linking the 18 November Road to the dual-carriageway section (5.5 km).

In the Wilayat of Al Mazyunah, the Harweeb-Al Mazyunah-Maitin road project (210 km) is approximately 65% complete, divided into four main segments. Additionally, the Andat-Habrut road (10 km) is underway.



In the Wilayat of Maqshin, the asphalt network project (170 km) is 58% complete, connecting Marsudid, Al Manadir, Mandar Al Dhabyan, and Al Mashash areas, with completion targeted for June 2026.

The Ministry is also progressing on the Seeh Al Kheerat-Shisr road in Thumrait (46 km), in collaboration with the Najd Agricultural Area Development Office. This vital route passes through key agricultural zones and is slated for completion by October 2026. Additionally, the tender for improving Al Shuwaimiyah Pass on the Shaleem-Al Shuwaimiyah road (2.5 km) in Shaleem and Halaniyat Islands has been awarded, featuring drainage channels, protective barriers, and road signage.



The session included insurance coverage for SMEs, subscriptions to the Social Protection Fund and other incentives offered to SMEs.

The session aimed to encourage SMEs partnerships with the public and private sectors, in addition to raising awareness of the importance of SMEs services as a key measure in supporting the national economy.

It was attended by Halima Rashid Al Zar'ai, Chairperson of the SMEs Authority, officials from the Social Protection Fund, representatives of the parties concerned and owners of SMEs. — **ONA**

ON AI ETHICS

Oman wins award at UNESCO global forum

BANGKOK: The Sultanate of Oman is participating in the UNESCO Global Forum on the Ethics of AI 2025 in Bangkok, a prestigious global platform for discussing ethical governance frameworks for advanced technologies. The forum runs until 26 June.

Research paper

A research paper submitted by Ayoub Mohammed Al Balushi, a lecturer at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, was selected among the best working papers presented at the research session accompanying the forum.

The research paper received an honorary award from the forum's organisers, under the patronage of Thailand's Borava University, in recognition of its scientific originality and research vision, which contribute to advancing ethical AI practices.

This accolade highlights Oman's active presence in global dialogues on the future of artificial intelligence and underscores the commitment of Omani academic institutions to promoting responsible scientific research in line with international trends. — **ONA**



DIALOGUE SESSION

Social protection services for SMEs highlighted

MUSCAT: The Authority for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (Riyada) on Wednesday organised a dialogue session on social protection services for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

The session included insurance coverage for SMEs, subscriptions to the Social Protection Fund and other incentives offered to SMEs.

The session aimed to encourage SMEs partnerships with the public and private sectors, in addition to raising awareness of the importance of SMEs services as a key measure in supporting the national economy.



MOMENTOUS OCCASION

Pakistan School Muscat hosts its first-ever graduation ceremony for students of the Centre of Special Education

MUSCAT: In a landmark celebration of compassion and commitment to inclusive education, Pakistan School Muscat held its first-ever graduation ceremony for the students of its Centre of Special Education. This momentous occasion, held as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations, was not only a recognition of student achievement, but a powerful tribute to resilience, dignity, and humanity.

The initiative was envisioned and brought to life by Ameer Hamza, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pakistan Schools Oman, as a special tribute to students of determination and their families. This unprecedented event became a defining moment in the school's history - a ceremony unlike any other, reaffirming the institution's core belief that every child deserves to be seen, supported, and celebrated.

The event was graced by distinguished guests and dignitaries. Chief Guest, His Excellency Syed Naveed Safdar Bokhari, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Sultanate of Oman, along with the Spouse of His Excellency, Ms. Amna Bokhari, and the embassy officials attended the ceremony. Their presence underscored Pakistan's national commitment to educational equity and inclusion.

Among the special guests was Rear Admiral Khondkar Misbah Ul Azim, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Oman. In his attendance, he beautifully reflected the warm, brotherly relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh. Also present were Dr. Mahmood Al Alawi, Assistant Director General of Private Schools as the chief guest, and Dr. Abdullah Al Mamri, Representative of the Foreign Schools Department, Ministry of Education, both strong advocates for inclusive learning within Oman.

The event also welcomed Ms. Daniela Frenzel, a business psy-

Marking the first event of its kind in 50 years, this ceremony laid the foundation for a year-long celebration of Pakistan School Muscat's golden jubilee

chologist, Ms. Arooj, a representative of the Ministry of Culture and sports and esteemed representatives of the Indonesian Embassy, Ms. Lenny Ardina Dewantri and Ms. Ira Rachmawati, whose presence added international warmth and encouragement to the celebration.

The ceremony began with a heartfelt welcome speech delivered by Anaba Sohail, a student from the Centre of Special Education, who confidently addressed the gathering — embodying the very spirit of empowerment and courage the centre stands for.

This graduation was more than just a ceremonial event. It was a testament to the humility and dedication of the Board Members, educators, parents, and community who have tirelessly worked together to shape and support the dreams of these exceptional students. It sent a wake-up call to the wider society, a reminder that with relentless support and inclusive practices, students of determination can grow into confident individuals who contribute meaningfully to their families and communities.

As Pakistan School Muscat continues its golden jubilee celebrations, this ceremony stands tall as one of its proudest achievements and a powerful milestone in the journey of inclusion, hope, and human dignity.



Model farms programme boosts famers' income in Al Dhahirah



The governorate is witnessing agricultural development through model commercial farms in which date palm and fruit trees have been planted

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The model farms programme in Al Dhahirah Governorate is aimed at boosting the income of famers by providing them with high-yielding varieties of seeds and modern irrigation system.

The project is supporting over 250 farms by providing them with more than 15,000 date palm offshoots and fruit seedlings.

The Al Dhahirah Governorate is currently witnessing agricultural development through model commercial farms in which a variety of date palm and fruit trees have been planted.

The programme, kicked off in 2020, saw unambiguous achievements with the sowing of date palm and fruit trees over an area of 140 fedans for farmers in the various wilayats of the governorate.

These remarkable achieve-

ments in Al Dhahirah Governorate represent an integral part of the plan of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources aimed at enhancement of food security and achievement of sustainable agricultural development in the Sultanate of Oman.

The programme, which covers other governorates also, is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in close cooperation with farmers.

The programme aimed to make a qualitative shift in the agricultural sector to ensure improvement in quality and productivity to increase the income of farmers.

The idea of the programme is to boost the income of farmers with the ministry providing a variety of date palm offshoots and fruit seedlings known for their high quality and optimal productivity.

The fruit varieties offered to

farmers under this programme include mango, Adalia lemon, Omani lemon, guava, figs, and grapes.

Data released by the Directorate General of Agriculture and Water Resources in Al Dhahirah Governorate indicated that some 9,000 date palm offshoots and approximately 6,000 seedlings of some fruit varieties have been distributed to the farmers associated with the programme in the governorate.

The distribution of date palm offshoots and fruit seedlings is made in accordance with specific controls and conditions aimed to ensure the project's success, notably in terms of installation of modern irrigation systems, which contribute to rationalisation of water consumption and increasing the efficiency of production.

These efforts make these farm models agriculturally sustainable.





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Oman participates in Arab forum for equality in Algeria

Dr. Al Najjar highlighted Oman’s experiences in the implementation of social protection system



ALGIERS: The Sultanate of Oman participated on Wednesday in the Fourth Arab Forum for Equality “Dialogue and Solutions” 2025, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ES-CWA) in the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Dr. Laïla Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development, represented Oman at the forum.

This year’s forum focused on discussing regional priorities to address inequality and social protection amid the crises facing the Arab region. It examined how social protection systems can reduce inequalities stemming from economic, environmental, humanitarian, and political challenges, while promoting inclusive and sustainable development.

During a panel discussion on “Financing Comprehensive Social Protection,” Dr. Al Najjar highlighted Oman’s key national experiences and practices in this field, including the implementation of a social protection system to enhance financial and operational efficiency, diversify funding sources, and provide direct cash benefits to the elderly, children, orphans, widows, persons with disabilities, and low-income families.

She also addressed ways to strengthen integration between government and private sectors and civil society institutions to expand social protection coverage. Emphasising that investment in social protection is a cornerstone for achieving sustainable development and social well-being, she noted its alignment with the goals of “Oman Vision 2040.”

The forum, attended by ministers, officials, private sector representatives, civil society organisations, and experts, facilitated the exchange of national and international experiences on reducing inequality in the Arab region.

It showcased best regional and global practices in social protection systems, their role in mitigating inequality, supporting vulnerable groups, and engaging stakeholders in solution-driven dialogue to enhance social cohesion.

Sessions covered topics such as “Extending Social Protection to the Informal Sector,” “Social Protection Under War, Israeli Occupation, and Conflict,” “Social Protection as a Pathway to Reducing Inequality,” and “Innovative Solutions to Strengthen Social Protection.” Discussions concluded with a focus on “Global Partnerships for More Effective Social Protection.” -ONA

Oman and Mauritania explore areas of cooperation

MUSCAT: Sheikh Al Fadhl bin Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers, yesterday received Mokhtar El Housseinou Lam, Minister in charge of the General Secretariat of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and Supervisor of the National Documentation Authority.

The meeting explored areas of cooperation and ways to enhance them, while reviewing the working mechanisms of the Council of



Ministers and its supporting apparatuses in both countries. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the National Records and Archives Authority and officials from both sides. -ONA

Discussion on project for Al Khairan village people

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of constructive cooperation and to promote social responsibility, a meeting was held at the Wali of Muscat Office on Wednesday to discuss the project of a public council and efforts of the Muscat Charity Team in Al Khairan, a village in Muscat.

Representatives of the Mohammed Al Barwani Foundation, the implementing entity of the project, the Shura Council member representing the wilayat, and several officials attended the meeting.

This project contributes to supporting the social sector and enhancing community work.



The Wali of Muscat and attendees appreciated the Mohammed Al Barwani Foundation for its support initiatives and continuous contributions to the community, praising these projects to achieve local development and promote community cohesion. They hope to implement this project since it fulfils the people’s requirements and promote social and voluntary activities.

TOMI Gold Awards to honour three individuals for their legacy, leadership

<FROM A1 Speaking at the launch, Fadi Kattar, Chief Operating Officer of Muscat Media Group, shared key highlights of the upcoming event, which includes more than 35 award categories, international speakers, and a significantly expanded reach. “TOMI is more than just an award show. It’s a tribute to the minds and teams who turn ideas into impact and passion into purpose. It celebrates those who define, disrupt and elevate the marketing industry in Oman and beyond,” said Fadi.

He further added, “Among the most prestigious recognitions at TOMI are the TOMI Gold Awards, which will honour three outstanding individuals for their legacy, leadership and contributions to the marketing landscape. These include the Marketing Person of the Year, the Agency Person of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. These accolades are reserved for those who have made



a lasting difference in the industry and inspired future generations through innovation, vision and consistency.” The 2025 edition will also see recognition of regional and global excellence, reflecting TOMI’s commitment to celebrating creativity without borders.

Submissions are now open, and nominations can be made through the official website. For more information or to submit nominations, visit www.tomiawards.com.

For any queries, contact rosanna@mmg.om or call +968 9317 3774. Follow @TOMIAwards on Instagram for updates, announcements and behindthescenes buzz.

Smuggling attempt foiled

MUSCAT: Oman Customs has foiled an attempt to smuggle 15.5 kilograms of marijuana into the Sultanate of Oman.

Oman Customs said in a statement: “Salalah Airport Customs thwarted an attempt by two Indian nationals to smuggle 15.5 kilograms of marijuana.

The drug was hidden inside water heaters in their personal luggage.”

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Tender no	Tender name	Degree	Last date of submission	Tender fee (RO)
4/2025	Main Road (Sector 1)	Second	17/7/2025	25
5/2025	Main Road (Sector 2)	Second	17/7/2025	25

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NATO leaders agree to hike military spending

Allies commit to invest five percent of GDP annually on core defence requirements as well as defence- and security-related spending by 2035, the alliance’s member states said in a joint statement



member states said in a joint statement. They also stressed their “ironclad commitment” to NATO’s collective security guarantee “that an attack on one is an attack on all.”

The approval comes in response to a demand by US President Donald Trump, but also reflects European fears of a growing threat to security from Russia.

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte told reporters ahead of the vote: “There is absolute conviction with my colleagues at the table that, given this threat from the Russians, given the international security situation, there is no alternative.”

However, Spain announced prior to the vote that it wouldn’t be able to reach the target by the new 2035 deadline, Belgium also

signaled that it wouldn’t get there before the deadline, and Slovakia said it reserves the right to decide its own defense spending.

Trump hails NATO spending pledge as ‘monumental’ US win

US President Donald Trump has praised NATO’s agreement to raise defense spending to 5% of GDP as a “monumental” victory for the United States. Speaking after the 32-nation summit, he said the move corrects what he sees as an imbalance in burden-sharing.

“It’s a monumental win for the United States, because we were carrying much more than our fair share,” the president told reporters.

On broader foreign policy,

Trump said both Israel and Iran are “tired” and “satisfied to go home and get out.” However, he warned the conflict between the two could resume – “perhaps soon.”

Earlier, during a meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof on the summit’s sidelines, Trump was asked to clarify his commitment to NATO’s Article 5, the alliance’s core mutual defense clause.

“I stand with it. That’s why I’m here. If I didn’t stand with it, I wouldn’t be here,” he said.

The comments followed remarks made a day earlier in which Trump appeared to question the US commitment to Article 5, saying there were “numerous” definitions of it.

Rutte says NATO ‘stands firmly’ by Ukraine

NATO chief Rutte said it was an “alliance that stands firmly by our neighbor and partner Ukraine.”

He pointed out that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was attending the NATO summit with his team.

“Our resounding message to [Zelenskyy] and the Ukrainian people is that Ukraine has our continued support, including with over €35 billion planned this year, with more to follow,” Rutte said.

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Drugs awareness campaign organised

SALALAH: The Ministry of Social Development, in Dhofar Governorate, organised on Wednesday a community event titled “A Nation Free from Drugs” to raise awareness about the dangers of narcotics and psychotropic substances.

The initiative aimed to educate the public on the threat of drug

abuse, its societal risks, and the importance of collective prevention while fostering health, social and cultural awareness.

The event featured a panel discussion titled “A Nation Free from Drugs,” where experts addressed the societal impacts of addiction and strategies for prevention and treatment.

NORTH AL BATINAH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



Proposals to improve infrastructure reviewed

SOHAR: The North Al Batinah Municipal Council convened on Wednesday to discuss several service requests and proposals aimed at improving infrastructure and developing services across the governorate.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Mohammed Sulaiman Al Kindi, Governor of North Al Batinah and Chairman of the Council Chairman, addressed key topics including a proposal to construct a box culvert tunnel

on the Al Batinah Coastal Road in Asrar Bani Amr, Wilayat of Shinas and a request for maintenance of the (Al Breek – Halhal) road in the Wilayat of Al Khabourah.

The council also reviewed responses from relevant government entities and a visual presentation on the statistical report of the labour sector’s performance in the governorate (January-May 2024), presented by specialists from the Directorate General of Labour in North Al Batinah. — **ONA**

MILITARY STRIKES

Not keen on regime change in Iran, ‘don’t want to see so much chaos’, says US president

WASHINGTON DC: US President Donald Trump has said that Iran is not going to have a nuclear weapon and is “going to be a great trading nation” and that he will like to “see everything calm down as quickly as possible.”

In his remarks hours after the ceasefire in the Israel-Iran conflict, Trump also referred to the ceasefire between Israel and Iran and indicated that the United States is not keen on “regime change” in Iran.

“No... if there was, there was. I’d like to see everything calm down as quickly as possible. Regime change takes chaos and ideally we don’t want to see so much chaos, so we’ll see how it does...,” he said when asked if he wants to see a regime change in Iran.

“Iran’s not going to have a nuclear weapon, by the way. I think it’s the last thing on their mind right now. They’re not going to have enrichment (Uranium) and they’re not going to have a nu-



clear weapon... They’re going to be a great trading nation and they have a lot of oil. They’re going to do well. They’re not going to have a nuclear weapon...” Trump said during a Press Gaggle on Air Force One.

He also said that ceasefire was “very much in effect.”

“Israel, as you know, turned back. They didn’t do that raid this morning, fortunately. That was a

big thing. Appreciate it. They had a lot of planes going, and they were going to do something, and they didn’t do it. We’re happy about that. Very happy about that,” Trump said.

“There was going to be a retaliation this morning by Israel. And I said, you got to call back the planes. It’s enough. And they did, which I respect very greatly. So nobody was killed. That was the

story,” he added.

Trump also referred to his conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Commending US military strikes on three nuclear facilities in Iran, Trump said: “They had a magnificent hit in the dark of night with no moon, no light, no nothing. They hit the target perfectly, wiped it out.”

“Now we’re going to NATO, and we’ll get a new set of problems. We’ll solve a new set of problems,” he said.

Speaking on NATO defence spending, Trump reiterated: “I was the one that said that’s what they should be paying. They’re having a problem with Spain. Spain’s not agreeing, which is very unfair to the rest of them.”

Answering a query related to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, he said: “Yeah, probably. I’ll see him... He’s in a tough situation. Should have never been there.” — **ANI**

WHITE HOUSE

Trump says ‘great progress’ made on Gaza ceasefire talks

WASHINGTON DC: US President Donald Trump said attacking Iran caused “great progress” in negotiations regarding Gaza, and insisted Tehran “won’t be building nuclear weapons for a long time.”

President Trump has further said Iran is “not going to be building bombs for a long time” following the recent strikes on its nuclear facilities.

He described the US attacks as causing “total obliteration” and setting back Iran’s nuclear ambitions by “decades.”

This comes despite a CNN report on an initial intelligence evaluation that suggested the strikes had failed to destroy Iran’s underground nuclear facilities and did not fully eliminate Iran’s centrifuges or the country’s stockpile of enriched uranium.

Trump labelled the reports “fake news,” while also saying there is “great progress” on the negotiations to end the war between Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas in Gaza.

According to Trump, the strikes on Iran would help with the release of the 50 Israeli hostages still held in Gaza.

US, Iran are in ‘promising’ discussions over resuming nuclear talks, Trump envoy says

The US and Iran are in early discussions about resuming negotia-



tions over Iran’s nuclear program, US special envoy Steve Witkoff told Fox News.

“The conversations are promising. We’re hopeful,” Witkoff said in an interview with Fox News. “Now it’s time to sit down with the Iranians and get to a comprehensive peace deal.”

Witkoff said US and Iran are engaged in both direct talks and through intermediaries about getting back to the table after Israeli and US strikes against Iran’s nuclear facilities.

A new round of nuclear talks between the US and Iran was slated for June 15, but Israel carried out strikes on Iran two days earlier. That triggered a war that saw the US bomb three nuclear facilities in Iran this past weekend, before Trump announced a surprise

ceasefire on Monday.

Iran to suspend IAEA cooperation after Israel, US strikes

Iran’s parliament has voted in favour of suspending the country’s cooperation with the United Nations’ nuclear watchdog, state media said.

According to Iran’s parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) “put its international credibility for auction” by not condemning the Israeli and US strikes on Iran’s nuclear facilities.

Iran’s atomic energy entity will therefore suspend its cooperation with IAEA “until the security of the nuclear facilities is guaranteed,” Bagher Ghalibaf said.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Axiom-4 mission going smoothly, safe docking of AX-4 at ISS now key

BENGALURU: Former ISRO scientist Mylswamy Annadurai on Wednesday said the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) is progressing as planned and underscored that the next major milestone will be the safe docking of the Dragon spacecraft with the ISS.

Speaking about the mission shortly after its successful launch, Annadurai told ANI, “I think everything went as planned... As of now, everything is going on smoothly... Safe docking at the International Space Station tomorrow is the main thing expected now... Every Indian is happy...”

He praised the performance of the Falcon 9 rocket and the Axiom spacecraft combination, noting their stability and precision.

“The Falcon 9 and this Axiom-4 combination have worked well... The first stage of Falcon 9 was once again recovered successfully. This particular Dragon vehicle is a new one, and it is going very smoothly. As of now, putting it into space and bringing back the first stage, I think everything went as planned,” Annadurai said.

He added that the spacecraft is now gradually moving closer to the ISS and is expected to dock safely by tomorrow.

“We now look forward to the journey from now until around 4:30 tomorrow, when it will gradually pick up speed and move nearer to the space station. Safe docking is



the major event expected from now until then. As of now, everything is going smoothly, and according to updates from the Dragon vehicle, the crew’s health is reported to be good,” he said.

Reacting to remarks made by Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who said, “The Tiranga embossed on my shoulders tells me that I am with all of you. This journey of mine is not a beginning to the International Space Station (ISS) but to India’s Human Space Programme,” Annadurai said it was a proud moment for all Indians.

“I always feel the Tricolour is truly symbolic for Indians. Whether it’s at the Olympics or in space, it brings pride. When we planted the Tricolour on the Moon, it was an emotional moment. Similarly, this moment is not just for those in India but for every Indian across the world. Everyone will rejoice. This ‘Indianness’ is part of every Indian,” Annadurai said.

The Axiom-4 mission, launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, marks a historic milestone as Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla becomes the first Indian to travel to the International Space Station (ISS). He will carry out seven scientific experiments during his stay aboard the ISS.

The Axiom Mission 4 was launched aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft from Launch Complex 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre in Florida at 2:31 am Eastern Time (12 Noon IST).

This is the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station. The crew is traveling to the orbiting laboratory on a new SpaceX Dragon spacecraft. The targeted docking time is approximately 7 am Eastern Time (4pm IST) on Thursday, June 26.

Once docked, the astronauts plan to spend up to 14 days aboard the orbiting laboratory, conducting a mission comprised of science, outreach, and commercial activities. Peggy Whitson, former NASA astronaut and director of human spaceflight at Axiom Space, is in command of the mission, while Indian Space Research Organisation Astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla serves as pilot. The two mission specialists are European Space Agency project astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary. — **Agencies**

SPORTS

Oman’s World Cup qualification ‘top priority’: Sayyid Sulaiman

The newly elected OFA chairman defeated Dr Jassim Al Shukaili for the top post as the new OFA board for 2025-29 term took office

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Newly elected Oman Football Association (OFA) Chairman Sayyid Sulaiman bin Hamoud Al Busaidi has declared Oman national team’s 2026 FIFA World Cup qualification as the association’s foremost goal, pledging a strategic push toward raising Oman’s international football profile.

“Qualifying for the World Cup is our top priority and a shared ambition. We will focus intensely on this goal and will soon convene with the national team’s technical and administrative staff,” said Al Busaidi in his opening remarks after securing the chairmanship for the 2025–2029 term on Wednesday.

“We will also work to develop local competitions, secure appropriate support, and establish an Olympic-category league to deepen our footballing base.”

Al Busaidi won the election with 30 out of 43 votes cast by eligible club representatives from the 49 clubs during the OFA Extraordinary General Assembly (EGM) held on Wednesday at the OFA headquarters in Seeb.

Al Busaidi defeated his only rival Dr Jassim bin Mohammed Al Shukaili for the chairmanship.

The election marked a new chapter for the sport in the Sultanate, with the leadership transition carried out via FIFA-approved electronic voting for the first time in the association’s history —part of a broader initiative to increase



transparency and speed in the electoral process.

The EGM opened with the verification of a legal quorum, followed

by approval of the agenda.

The outgoing chairman, Sheikh Salim Said Al Wahaibi, delivered his farewell speech, reflecting on

the achievements of his two-term tenure. “The partnership between the association and the clubs is the foundation for football’s success and development in the Sultanate. I urge everyone to continue working together and contributing fruitfully to elevate Omani football to new heights,” he said.

Al Wahaibi emphasised that the primary objective throughout his leadership was “to advance the Omani football system in all its components, particularly competitions, national teams, and refereeing, and to build effective bridges of cooperation with various partners at both local and international levels.”

Following the chairman’s election, Eng. Qutaiba Said Al Ghailani

was elected Deputy Chairman, receiving 22 votes. Hajar Khamis Al Muzaini secured the board’s female seat with 25 votes.

The three board members elected were Abdullah Salim Al Shanfari, Abdullah Ali Al Rashidi, and Ali Hamad Al Kathiri.

Mohammed Khamis Al Araimi was unanimously selected as the players’ representative to the board, after being nominated by the Football Players’ Association to complete the board of directors for the 2025–2029 term.

The OFA’s basic law includes regulations governing candidacy and membership. Article 39 prohibits dual roles, barring board members from simultaneously

holding positions in club boards, judicial committees, or electoral bodies.

Those assuming conflicting roles must resign and document their resignation within seven days of election, or their OFA membership is voided. Additionally, Article 37(4) restricts the presidency or board membership to a maximum of two terms, consecutive or otherwise, reinforcing administrative rotation and opportunities for new leadership.

Al Busaidi emphasised that his board will aim for both international competitiveness and domestic development, signaling a broad-based reform agenda ahead.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by August 2025 reaching \$67.66, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by \$1.17 from the price of Tuesday, which was \$68.83. - OMA

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,513.93 points, down by 0.59% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.35% at 433.77 points. Arabia Falcon Insurance, up 9.57%, was the top gainer while Bank Dhofar, down 4.44%, was the top loser.

Invest in Oman platform attracts OMR5.38 billion in investments

As many as 43 projects have been localised, valued at OMR 2.25 billion, in strategic sectors such as industry, health, food security, and renewable energy

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Since its launch in February 2023 and up until June 2025, the Invest in Oman platform has received approximately 90 investment applications with a total value of OMR 5.38 billion.

Of these, 43 projects have been localised, valued at OMR 2.25 billion, in strategic sectors such as industry, health, food security, and renewable energy, according to the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion.

The Shura Council hosted Qais



bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion at its 13th regular session of the second regular session of the 10th term to discuss the ministry's statement on several topics. Most notably, these included the contribution of the public and private sectors to the gross domestic product (GDP), the evaluation of free trade agreements, and the



"Nazdar" programme. The Minister further stated that the manufacturing sector recorded the highest growth rate among economic diversification activities, at 8.6 per cent, reaching OMR3.6 billion at constant prices by the end of 2024. This represents 10 per cent of the gross domestic product.

"More than 260 initiatives are currently being implemented in

cooperation with partners and relevant authorities as part of the implementation of the outcomes of the Industrial Strategy 2040," Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef said.

"The manufacturing sector has attracted foreign direct investment worth OMR2.489 billion by 2024, confirming the attractiveness of the industrial environment in the Sultanate of Oman."

"The volume of foreign direct investment in the Sultanate of Oman has increased cumulatively, reaching approximately OMR30 billion by the end of 2024," added Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef.

Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef noted that the trade sector's contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP) at constant prices for the year 2024 reached approxi-

mately 8.3 per cent, amounting to OMR3.225 billion, with a cumulative growth of 6.6 per cent during the tenth five-year plan.

"The Ministry has worked to simplify commercial and industrial procedures through the "Oman Business" platform, which completed more than 800,000 transactions in 2024, and added 24 digital services."

FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Training workshop on combating money laundering and financing terrorism

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With the aim of disseminating awareness and enhancing understanding about effective application of anti-money laundering and combating financing terrorism requirements, the Financial Services Authority, organised, in cooperation with the National Committee for Combating Terrorism represented by the National Centre for Financial Information, an awareness workshop on "Combating Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism" on Monday, June 23.

The workshop contributes to enhancing awareness and understanding of the employees in the financial and non-financial sectors about the requirements of combating money laundering and financing terrorism and enhancing their abilities to adhere to the internationally and locally recognized regulatory procedures in this area. The workshop discussed the results of the national assessment of the risks of money laundering and financing terrorism and the mutual assessment of Oman in addition to explaining the crimes of money laundering and financing terrorism and attracting factors.

The participants were acquainted with the risks of the crimes of money laundering and financing



terrorism in the financial market, insurance, accounting and auditing sectors. The indicators of suspicion in the crimes of money laundering and financing terrorism were highlighted beside the obligations of financial and non-financial institutions in this regard and the quality of the reports submitted by them.

Ways to overcome the challenges facing companies in this regard were reviewed, which contributed to enhancing participants' understanding and increasing their readiness to confront these risks.

The workshop comes within the series of programs and workshops related to combating money laundering and financing terrorism

executed by the FSA's Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Financing Terrorism Department for this year, which is continuation of the Department's awareness efforts during the past year. A number of workshops were conducted in addition to many awareness events to raise awareness among the regulated entities.

MADAYN



Forum organised to enhance business environment in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Establishment for Industrial Estates "Madayn" organised an extensive workshop with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, aimed at aligning efforts and strengthening collaboration by addressing key challenges in the industrial sector and exploring ways to enhance the

business environment in Oman.

The workshop aimed at developing a practical action plan on shared priorities, including the business environment, digital transformation, exemptions, inspection efforts, standards and specifications, infrastructure challenges, industrial sector enablers, and marketing strategies for the investment opportunities, all in line with Oman Vision 2040.

RECOGNITION

Lulu Retail wins 'Best IPO in Middle East' award at EMEA Finance Achievement Awards



ABU DHABI: Lulu Retail Holdings PLC, the region's leading full-line retailer, has been honoured with the prestigious "Best IPO in the Middle East" award by EMEA Finance magazine. The recognition was presented at the annual EMEA Finance Achievement Awards 2024, held in London.

Celebrates landmark IPO

The accolade celebrates Lulu Retail's landmark Initial Public Offering, which successfully raised US\$1.7 billion in Q4 2024, and marked the company's official listing on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). The IPO drew widespread investor interest and was one of the most anticipated public listings in the region, reinforcing strong market confidence in the

Group's growth trajectory, financial resilience, and retail leadership.

The EMEA Finance Achievement Awards are regarded as a benchmark of excellence in capital markets across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Winners are selected by the editorial board from a pool of nominations submitted by investment banks, corporates, and market participants.

Saifee Rupawala, CEO of Lulu Retail Holdings, said: "We are truly honoured to receive this award, which reflects the strength of our business, the commitment of our team, and the trust placed in us by our investors. The IPO marked a transformative chapter for LuLu Retail, and we remain committed to delivering long-term value and sustainable growth."

REPORT

Silver prices poised to go up on rising demand, declining supply

NEW DELHI: Silver prices are expected to go up, due to a combination of factors including rising demand and declining supply, a recent report by ICICI ETF indicated. The report further adds that the silver market is projected to experience a deficit of 3,339 tonnes by the end of 2025.

According to the report, this anticipated deficit marks the fourth consecutive year that the silver market will face such a situation, which would ultimately drive silver prices upward.

However, there's a positive trend within these deficits, the projected deficit for 2025 shows a significant decline from previous years. The deficit stood at 7,076 tonnes in 2022 and is expected to fall to 3,339 tonnes by the end of 2025.

Rising silver demand was main-

ly due to higher demand for industrial uses, specifically from the electrical and electronics segment, which witnessed a growth of 49 per cent between 2016 and 2024.

Additionally, the field of photovoltaics, i.e., the solar panel industry, has grown significantly, which has also contributed to the demand for silver and is forecasted to grow to 5,548 tonnes by the end of 2025.

Furthermore, its antimicrobial properties are vital in medicine for wound care and water purification. Beyond modern tech, silver shines in jewellery, coinage, and decorative items, cherished for its beauty and historical value.

The July silver contracts on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) rose by Rs 483 per kg or 0.46 per cent to Rs 105,400 per kg as of 10:16 am IST. -ANI

MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Arabia Falcon Insurance, up 9.57%, was the top gainer while, Bank Dhofar, down 4.44%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,513.93 points, down by 0.59% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.35% at 433.77 points. Arabia Falcon Insurance, up 9.57%, was the top gainer while, Bank Dhofar, down 4.44%, was the top loser. Shares of OQBI were the most active in terms of number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 1611 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 11.24 million, with more than 71.74 million shares changing hands. Out of 61 traded securities, 23 advanced, 16 declined, and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for RO 1066K while domestic investors were net buyers for RO 1044K, followed by foreign investors for RO 22K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,841.44 points, down 0.57%. Prices of Arabia Falcon Insurance, Dhofar Insurance, DIDIC, Global Financial Investments, and United Finance were up by

9.57%, 4.17%, 3.70%, 1.92%, and 1.70% respectively. Prices of Bank Dhofar, Al Sharqia Investment, Sohar International Bank, Oman & Emirates Investment, and Al Madina Takaful were down by 4.44%, 2.50%, 1.41%, 1.41%, and 1.24% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,400.71 points, up 0.18%. Prices of Oman Cement, Al Maha Ceramics, Raysut Cement, Jazeera Steel Products, and Gulf Mushroom Products were up by 1.91%, 1.04%, 1.04%, 0.81%, and 0.46% respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Ceramics, and Gulf International Chemicals were down by 1.71%, and 1.39% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.24% before closing at 1,606.94 points. Prices of Muscat Desalination, Barka Desalination, Shell Oman Marketing, Phoenix Power, and Al Suwadi Power were up by 4.55%, 4.07%, 1.82%, 1.47%, and 1.41% respectively. Prices of Muscat Gases, Ooredoo, SMN Power Holding, and Oman Telecom were down by 3.36%, 1.48%, 0.49%, and 0.12% respectively.

— United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,540.54	4,499.56	4,513.93	4,540.54	-26.62	-0.59
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,886.71	7,822.68	7,841.44	7,886.71	-45.27	-0.57
Industry Index	6,403.24	6,386.77	6,400.71	6,389.43	11.28	0.18
Services Index	1,608.14	1,594.98	1,606.94	1,603.14	3.80	0.24
MSX Shariah Index	435.26	433.03	433.77	435.32	-1.54	-0.35
MSX TR INDEX	6,714.34	6,653.73	6,674.98	6,714.34	-39.36	-0.59
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,346.74	9,270.86	9,293.09	9,346.74	-53.66	-0.57
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	7,868.62	7,848.38	7,865.51	7,851.65	13.86	0.18
SERVICES TR IDX	2,050.77	2,033.99	2,049.24	2,044.40	4.84	0.24
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	11,238,468	Trades	1,611	Market Cap	28,297,152,826	Up	23	Down	16	Equal	22	Sec. Traded	61
71,743,137													

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PREV. VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	5,866	622	1	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.104	0.002	1.923	0.106	0.104	0.106	0.100	21,200,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	24,647	1,459	2	0.059	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.059	0.001	1.695	0.060	0.060	0.064	0.100	21,367,638
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	229,427	16,182	14	0.070	0.072	0.070	0.072	0.071	0.001	1.408	0.072	0.071	0.072	0.100	51,367,256
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	2,004,036	480,209	91	0.241	0.245	0.241	0.245	0.242	0.003	1.240	0.245	0.240	0.245	0.100	188,659,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	25,284	9,434	5	0.372	0.375	0.372	0.375	0.372	0.003	0.806	0.375	0.376	0.400	0.100	46,836,735
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	453	335	2	0.740	0.740	0.737	0.740	0.737	0.003	0.407	0.740	0.740	0.737	0.100	69,273,740
OM0000002224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	234,282	66,080	25	0.281	0.283	0.281	0.282	0.282	0.000	0.282	0.282	0.285	0.100	66,667,620	
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	5,500	386	2	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.070	0.075	0.100	48,591,885
OM0000008072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	12,599,753	1,940,515	384	0.155	0.156	0.152	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.160	0.155	0.100	671,248,708
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	146,676	124,005	10	0.844	0.845	0.844	0.845	0.846	-0.001	-0.118	0.845	0.844	0.845	0.100	633,750,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	5,644,013	1,547,194	130	0.274	0.276	0.272	0.276	0.277	-0.001	-0.361	0.276	0.276	0.276	0.100	2,071,765,589
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	65,308	14,358	12	0.220	0.220	0.219	0.220	0.220	0.000	0.000	0.219	0.219	0.220	0.100	204,920,840
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	279,848	27,988	11	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.101	-0.001	-0.990	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	223,685,303
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	44,434	3,555	12	0.081	0.081	0.079	0.080	0.080	-0.001	-1.235	0.080	0.079	0.080	0.100	14,000,000
OM0000003386	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	8,611,385	1,198,295	120	0.140	0.140	0.139	0.140	0.142	-0.002	-1.408	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.100	928,414,478
OM0000003988	OOREDOO	202,943	40,623	29	0.201	0.201	0.199	0.200	0.203	-0.003	-1.478	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.100	130,188,846
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	589,000	102,794	46	0.176	0.177	0.172	0.173	0.176	-0.003	-1.705	0.173	0.173	0.173	0.100	38,960,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	840	66	1	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.080	0.080	-0.002	-2.500	0.078	0.080	0.100	7,020,000	
Total	18	30,713,896	5,584,109	897												
Parallel Market																
OM0000007290	ARABIA FALCON INSURANCE	12,406	1,563	1	0.126	0.126	0.126	0.126	0.115	0.011	9.565	0.126	0.126	0.000	0.100	13,016,009
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	4,169	288	2	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.066	0.003	4.545	0.069	0.066	0.070	0.100	10,732,978
OM0000001095	DHOFAH INSURANCE	5,000	1,000	1	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.192	0.008	4.167	0.200	0.192	0.200	0.100	23,270,198
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	2,000	256	1	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.128	0.123	0.005	4.065	0.128	0.123	0.128	0.100	9,666,816
OM0000001509	DHOFAH INTERNATIONAL DEV & HO.	34,902	9,773	4	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.270	0.100	3.704	0.280	0.270	0.280	0.100	114,588,968
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	500	240	1	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.471	0.009	1.911	0.480	0.472	0.490	0.100	158,818,901
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	570	319	1	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.550	0.010	1.818	0.560	0.557	0.569	0.100	53,200,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	216,000	14,904	9	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.001	1.471	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.100	100,919,501
OM0000003280	OMAN ARAB BANK	97,659	12,643	7	0.144	0.146	0.144	0.146	0.144	0.002	1.389	0.146	0.145	0.146	0.100	243,733,860
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	5,425	1,579	3	0.291	0.291	0.291	0.291	0.288	0.003	1.042	0.291	0.280	0.310	0.100	16,005,000
OM0000004735	SEMBOCHP SALALAH	14,374	1,491	3	0.102	0.104	0.102	0.104	0.103	0.001	0.971	0.104	0.100	0.110	0.100	99,275,483
OM0000001010	ASTAD SHIPPING	16,571,309	2,086,788	118	0.127	0.128	0.125	0.128	0.127	0.001	0.787	0.128	0.125	0.128	0.000	666,719,288
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	700	323	1	0.461	0.461	0.461	0.461	0.460	0.001	0.217	0.461	0.461	0.478	0.100	10,068,476
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	408,401	35,455	26	0.083	0.088	0.083	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.100	730,000	
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	100	7	1	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.067	0.070	0.100	4,375,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	1,000	51	1	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.051	0.051	0.053	0.100	15,664,463
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	2,530,770	222,454	69	0.088	0.089	0.087	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.100	25,362,171
OM0000001806	MUSCAT INSURANCE	780	469	1	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.600	0.600	0.600	1.000	6,615,028
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	946	417	2	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.000	0.000	0.441	0.441	0.000	0.100	27,546,211
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OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	30,365	3,128	5	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.100	0.103	0.100	28,759,991
OM0000004447	OMAN REIT FUND	17,030	1,397	6	0.083	0.083	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.100	53,184,406
OM0000008866	THE PEARL REIT	20,000	2,360	3	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.113	0.119	0.100	69,789,552
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	3,246,277	1,042,015	180	0.321	0.322	0.319	0.321	0.321	0.000	0.000	0.321	0.321	0.321	0.0102	568,000,000
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OM0000004246	SMN POWER HOLDING	2,000	400	6	0.205	0.205	0.204	0.204	0.205	-0.001	-0.488	0.204	0.204	0.215	0.100	40,723,662
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OM0000002062	OMAN INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	10,000	1,000	1	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.100	384,194,907
OM0000003081	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	2,000	140	4	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.071	-0.001	-1.408	0.070	0.069	0.073	0.100	8,531,250
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	3,000	345	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.119	-0.004	-3.361	0.115	0.108	0.126	0.100	3,450,000
OM0000002349	BANK DHOFAH	421,744	54,881	19	0.135	0.135	0.129	0.129	0.135	-0.006	-4.444	0.129	0.129	0.135	0.100	392,134,000
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Spirit of unity and wellness shines at 11th International Yoga Day celebrations

Over 60 participants gathered at an event, organised by Life 2 Life Sports & Arts, to mark the day

MUSCAT: The 11th International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and community spirit at an event organised by Life 2 Life Sports & Arts in Muscat, bringing together over 60 participants of all ages and backgrounds in a collective embrace of wellness and unity.

The gathering, held on Saturday evening, was part of the global observance of International Yoga Day, celebrated annually on June 21st. Declared by the United Nations in 2014, the day highlights yoga's universal appeal as a practice that promotes harmony between mind, body, and nature.

This year's theme, "Yoga for One Earth, One Health," placed emphasis on the interconnectedness of personal well-being and the planet's health — an apt message for a world increasingly turning to mindful living amidst the challenges of modern life.

The session showcased both the timeless relevance of yoga and its inclusivity across physical and mental abilities.

Among the participants, the spotlight shone brightly on Yogiraj Mhaskar, a 27-year-old man with special needs, whose performance captivated everyone present.



His graceful participation and unwavering enthusiasm were met with heartfelt applause, symbolising the very essence of this year's theme — health, inclusivity, and unity for all. Organisers and attendees alike were moved by his commitment and joy.

"Yogiraj's energy and spirit were incredibly inspiring," said one of the fellow participant. "He reminded us that yoga is not just about flexibility or strength — it's about connection, presence, and the celebration of every individual."

The session, conducted by trainers Shino EM and Soumya Shino of Life 2 Life Sports & Arts, included a mix of asanas (postures), pranay-

ama (breathing techniques), and guided meditation.

The group practiced in unison, creating a serene and focused environment.

The organisers, who have been promoting wellness, fitness, and inclusion through various community initiatives, said the turnout and diversity of participants made this year's event especially memorable.

"Our goal has always been to make yoga accessible to everyone, regardless of age, background, or ability," said a spokesperson from Life 2 Life Sports & Arts.

"Today's event showed us once again that yoga can truly be a universal bridge."

With yoga increasingly being adopted in schools, workplaces, and rehabilitation programmes, the Muscat event served as a local reflection of a global movement — one that promotes inner peace, resilience, and social harmony.

As Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi aptly stated in his original proposal to the UN, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action."

The 11th edition of International Yoga Day in Muscat reaffirmed that spirit — uniting people through a practice that continues to transcend borders, abilities, and beliefs.



SPORTS

Auckland stun Boca, Chelsea progress at Club World Cup

Benfica upset Bayern Munich to top Group C in the ongoing FIFA Club World Cup and set up last 16 clash with Chelsea

NEW YORK: Benfica secured top spot in Group C at the FIFA Club World Cup with a 1-0 win over Bayern Munich on Tuesday, as Chelsea advanced from Group D and Auckland City stunned Boca Juniors with a 1-1 draw.

Flamengo, already assured of a place in the last 16, drew 1-1 with Los Angeles FC in Orlando.

In Charlotte, an early goal from Norway international forward Andreas Schjelderup inflicted Bayern's first blemish of the tournament.

Schjelderup timed his run to perfection to sweep home a first-time effort from 12 yards after compatriot Fredrik Aursnes crossed from the right wing.

Bayern enjoyed almost three quarters of the total possession but rarely threatened against a disciplined and compact Benfica defence.

The result left the Lisbon-based



club a point ahead of the Bundesliga champions, who also advanced to the tournament's next stage.

"I think this was a very fair and important win, historic really," Benfica manager Bruno Lage said. "We were as straightforward and assertive as we should be and



I think we were very effective in delivering our strategy."

Benfica will meet Chelsea in Charlotte on Saturday while Bayern Munich faces Flamengo in Miami the next day.

In Nashville, Christian Gray struck a second-half equaliser as Auckland City clinched its first point of the tournament against Boca Juniors. The Argentine outfit went ahead when Lautaro Di Lollo's header from a corner hit the left post before ricochetting in off goalkeeper Nathan Garrow.

But Gray equalised by latching onto a Jerson Lagos corner with a low header beyond Agustin Marchesin.

Garrow repeatedly denied Boca with a series of sharp saves as the

nia's Esperance in Group D.

Tosin Adarabioyo opened the scoring with a looping header into the far corner after Enzo Fernandez's floating free-kick.

Argentina international midfielder Fernandez was again the provider as his lofted pass released Liam Delap, who shook off two defenders before calmly slotting a low finish past goalkeeper Bechir Ben Said.

The Premier League side made it 3-0 in second-half stoppage time when Tyrrique George's long-range shot slipped through Ben Said's gloves and rolled into the back of the net.

The result meant Chelsea finished second in Group D with six points, three ahead of the eliminated Esperance.

In Wednesday's other fixture, a late Wallace Yan strike earned Flamengo a 1-1 draw with Los Angeles FC in Orlando.

Denis Bouanga broke the deadlock against the run of play when he ran onto Timothy Tillman's long free-kick before nutmegging goalkeeper Agustin Rossi with a composed finish.

Wallace leveled two minutes later for the Brazilian club as he bulldozed his way into the box after Jorginho's pass and lashed low past Hugo Lloris.

Despite the result, Flamengo topped Group D with seven points while Los Angeles - which entered the match without hope of progressing - finished last, six points further back. - Xinhua

Brazilian Star

Neymar renews Santos contract

RIO DE JANEIRO: Neymar has extended his contract with Santos until December, the Brazilian Serie A club said on Tuesday.

The 33-year-old former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain forward returned to his boyhood club on a six-month deal in January after parting ways with Saudi Pro League side Al Hilal.

Brazil's all-time leading scorer had been linked with a move to Major League Soccer or a possible return to Europe before agreeing to remain at Santos until the end of the 2025 season.

"I made a decision and I listened to my heart," Neymar said in a statement on the club's website. "Santos is not just my team, it is my home, my roots, my history and my life."

"Here I was a boy who became a man, and I am truly loved. Here I can be myself, truly happy. And it is here that I want to fulfil the dreams that are missing in my career. And nothing will stop me. I go, I come back and I stay. Where it all began and where it will never end."

Neymar made his professional debut for Santos in 2009 and has made 243 appearances for the



club, scoring 141 goals and providing 69 assists. Injuries have limited him to just 12 appearances this year for the eight-time Brazilian Serie A champions.

"It is a historic and remarkable day for Brazilian football, a gift for the fans of Santos FC," Santos president Marcelo Teixeira said.

"Our idol, our boy, the prince with our number 10 shirt remains.

It is a very important moment in this reconstruction process and we needed Neymar, both on and off the field."

Neymar has scored 79 goals in 128 matches for Brazil but has not represented the five-time World Cup winners since suffering a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament against Uruguay in October 2023. - Xinhua

Week-Long Event

ISC hosts successful tennis coaching camp, tournament



MUSCAT: The Indian Social Club (ISC), Oman, recently concluded a successful Tennis Coaching Camp and Tournament at its tennis courts in Darsait.

The week-long event saw enthusiastic participation from nearly 50 players across various age categories, reaffirming ISC's commitment to promoting tennis in the community.

The camp provided aspiring players with an excellent platform to learn and refine their skills under the expert guidance of Sivan Govind, ISC tennis coach and a certified professional

from the US Professional Tennis Registry (USPTR) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The camp concluded with a spirited tournament featuring exciting matches and outstanding sportsmanship.

Tournament results: In the girls' under-12 category, Nirenjana Sivan emerged champion, defeating Aaradhya Arun, while in the boys' U12, Arvin Aadhidev secured victory over Airen Philip.

The girls under-14 title went to Delna Moncy, with Nirenjana finishing as runner-up. Arvin added a second title to his name by over-

coming Muhammad Kaif in the boys' U14 final. In the girls above 16 final, Renjana Sivan triumphed over Sanabhi Ail, and Harsh Amol defeated Nuaim Shanawaz in the boys' above 16 match.

The event concluded with the men's singles final, where Shanawaz edged past Ratheesh.

The prize distribution ceremony was held in the presence of Babu Rajendran, ISC chairman; Suhail Khan, ISC vice chairman; Manoj Ranade, ISC sports secretary; and Noushith Panoli, managing director of Queen Topaz, who sponsored the trophies.

Spanish La Liga



Barca to make Camp Nou return in Aug

BARCELONA: FC Barcelona on Wednesday confirmed the club will end its two years in exile and return to Camp Nou Stadium on August 10. The official Barcelona website announced the club will play its traditional Joan Gamper pre-season opener in the ground, which has been undergoing extensive renovation works over the past two years.

Barca has been forced to spend that time in the former Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium on the top of Montjuic, although the venue hasn't been popular with supporters, who despite large numbers of tourists among their number, have rarely been able to fill the ground, which has a capacity of just below 57,000. - Xinhua

German Bundesliga

Werner appointed Leipzig head coach

BERLIN: RB Leipzig have confirmed the appointment of Ole Werner as their new head coach on Tuesday, with the 37-year-old signing a contract that runs until June 2027. Werner takes over from interim boss Zsolt Low, who had been in charge since Marco Rose's departure in March.

After finishing seventh in the Bundesliga last season and missing out on European qualification for the first time since 2016, Leipzig is hoping Werner can bring fresh momentum and steer the club back to continental competition.

"Ole is a young, ambitious and extremely motivated coach who brings a clear footballing identity and a strong track record," said Leipzig's managing director, Marcel Schafer. "His philosophy fits perfectly with our approach: structured possession, fast transitions, high pressing, tactical flexibility and an aggressive mentality."

Werner joins from Werder Bremen, where he spent four seasons. After leading the club to promotion in his first year, he achieved increasingly strong



results in the Bundesliga, culminating in an eighth-place finish in 2024-25 - the same as Leipzig.

Werner's coaching career began at Holstein Kiel, where he rose from youth coach to first-team manager. He secured Kiel's position in the second division in his debut season and narrowly missed out on Bundesliga promotion in 2021.

On his appointment, Werner said: "RB Leipzig represents bold, attacking football and professional ambition, qualities I value deeply. From the first conversation, it was clear that we shared the same vision. I'm excited to be part of this journey and contribute to the club's goals." - Xinhua

Fencing

Oman's AOFA fencers claim 10 medals at Malaysian event

MUSCAT: Al Oula Fencing Academy (AOFA), Oman's first dedicated épée fencing academy, achieved outstanding success at the Negeri Sembilan Youth Challenge 2025 held in Seremban, Malaysia from June 21 to 23.

Under the guidance of head coach Achref Gouji, a 13-member AOFA squad competed across multiple youth categories, returning with an impressive haul of ten medals — six individual and four team event honours — marking a milestone in the academy's international journey. Medalists included Advay Banerjee (silver, U10), Vladiyar Gusev (bronze, U8), Jacopo D'Anna (bronze, U10), Jacob Jafry (bronze, U10), and Rakan Al Belushi (bronze, U12) in the boys' category while Amayra Zavi Ahmed won bronze in the U8 girls event.

In team épée events, AOFA's Team A — comprising Atiksh Banerjee, Rakan, and Jacopo — secured silver, while Team B — featuring Ali Al Khalili, Gauransh Malik, and Advay Banerjee — won bronze.



The tournament attracted top youth clubs from across Southeast Asia, providing AOFA athletes with high-level exposure and experience.

This achievement adds to AOFA's growing presence in international competitions, following appearances at the Moohun PBT

Minime and Veteran Tournament in Thailand (February), the Minime International in Singapore (March), and the AirForce Youth Open in Thailand (May).

Established in 2021 and based in Bausher, Muscat, AOFA is Oman's only épée-exclusive fencing academy.

Al Hashar Automotive launches all-new 2025 Nissan KICKS

The all-new 2025 Nissan KICKS redefines the compact crossover experience, blending bold design, advanced technology, and dynamic driving performance

MUSCAT: Al Hashar Automotive, the official distributor of Nissan in Oman, has announced the launch of the all-new 2025 Nissan KICKS in the Sultanate of Oman. The all-new 2025 Nissan KICKS redefines the compact crossover experience, blending bold design, advanced technology, and dynamic driving performance. Now available at the Al Hashar Automotive showroom in Muscat, the KICKS is offered in three distinct grades—S, SV, and SL—cat-



tering to a wide range of customer preferences, with prices starting at OMR 8,290. Powered by a 2.0-liter engine

paired with the latest Xtronic CVT, the KICKS delivers responsive performance and best-in-class fuel efficiency, offering a complete pack-

age for today's modern drivers.

For the first time in the KICKS lineup, Nissan's ProPILOT driver-assist system joins a suite of

cutting-edge safety features to enhance confidence on the road. Inside, the KICKS features a more spacious and functional interior,

enriched with premium touches such as a panoramic sunroof and Zero Gravity™ seating for superior comfort. Dual 12.3-inch displays, wireless Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™, and a Bose® 10-speaker sound system elevate connectivity and entertainment to a new level.

Loai Jamal, Head of Marketing at Al Hashar Automotive, stated:

“The Nissan KICKS continues to be one of the most successful crossover vehicles in the Omani market, and we anticipate up to 20% growth in demand this year. To celebrate the launch of the new model, Al Hashar Automotive is introducing exclusive summer offers, including free registration and insurance, complimentary maintenance service up to 30,000 km, roadside assistance, and a three-year or 100,000 km warranty.”

The all-new KICKS is the second model introduced under The Arc, Nissan's Global Business Plan, following the recent launch of the all-new Patrol in the Middle East. With five new models scheduled for release in the region by Fiscal Year 2026, this strategic expansion underscores Nissan's commitment to redefining the automotive landscape with forward-thinking vehicles that meet the evolving needs of modern drivers.

GOLD SPONSOR



Sohar Islamic supports 3rd Rummana Agritourism Season

MUSCAT: In alignment with its enduring commitment to sustainable development, cultural preservation, and community empowerment, Sohar Islamic – Sohar International's Islamic banking window, has announced its role as the Gold Sponsor of the 3rd Rummana Agritourism Season, set to take place in the scenic highlands of Al Jabal Al Akhdar from July to September 2025. The festival highlights the richness of Oman's agricultural heritage and the increasing significance of community-based tourism in driving inclusive economic growth. Coinciding with the peak of the pomegranate harvest season, the Rummana Festival offers visitors an immersive cultural and eco-tourism experience, celebrating the beauty of Oman's natural environment, traditional practices, and the entrepreneurial spirit of its people. The initiative is a dynamic platform for small and medium-sized Omani enterprises to engage with wider audiences and create long-term value. To formalize the partnership, an official agreement signing ceremony was held at Sohar International's headquarters in the presence of Mazin Mahmood Al Raisi, Chief Marketing Officer at Sohar International, and Al Amjad Hilal Al Maawali, Chief Executive Officer of TEEPEE. The ceremony further underscored the bank's strategic collaboration with key national stakeholders in support of Oman's tourism and economic diversification agenda. Commenting on the occasion, Mazin Mahmood Al Raisi stated: “At Sohar International, we take pride in supporting national initiatives that elevate Oman's cultural richness while enabling sustainable, community-driven tourism. Our sponsorship of the Rummana Agritourism Season reflects our broader strategic commitment to fostering inclusive growth—by empowering local entrepreneurs, safeguarding natural and cultural heritage, and contributing to Oman's long-

term development priorities. As a financial institution aligned with Oman Vision 2040, we remain dedicated to initiatives that generate meaningful social impact and economic opportunity.” Al Amjad Hilal Al Maawali, Chief Executive Officer of TEEPEE, commented: “The Rummana Festival offers a distinctive and enriching experience for visitors through a wide array of engaging activities and events. These initiatives allow guests to fully immerse themselves in the unique ambiance of the pomegranate season amidst the breathtaking landscape of Al Jabal Al Akhdar—making it a much-anticipated annual destination for visitors from across the Sultanate. The festival features a diverse selection of restaurants and cafés, in addition to a series of cultural and interactive workshops designed for families and children. These activities aim to promote the concept of agritourism and transfer agricultural knowledge through engaging and educational experiences. We extend our sincere appreciation to Sohar Islamic for its strategic partnership and pioneering role in supporting community and tourism-based initiatives that contribute meaningfully to sustainable development across the Sultanate.” The festival will take place across Hayl Al Yaman and Saih Qatnah, transforming Al Jabal Al Akhdar into a vibrant destination for cultural celebration, rural tourism, and local enterprise development. With participation from Omani SMEs, the festival will feature a wide array of family-friendly and educational experiences, including guided farm tours, pomegranate picking, cultural performances, and dedicated markets for locally produced goods. Visitors will also enjoy themed activity zones offering agricultural demonstrations, artisanal souvenir stalls, local culinary experiences, and recreational areas designed for families and children.

PROMOTION

Drive home luxurious Kia K8 this summer with exclusive welcome benefits

MUSCAT: This summer, welcome the luxurious Kia K8 – the dynamic, high-powered sedan with an attractive Bouquet of Welcome Benefits to your Homes. Now available with a Welcome Bonus of OMR500/-, Service of 50,000 kms, Insurance, Registration and much more. To add to your ownership, an attractive raffle of 5 units of Apple iPhone 15 (256 GB) is also available. Welcome Bonus can be utilised in any convenient way that the customers' demands such as price adjustment, as an addition in down payment or upgrading trade-in price of the old vehicle. The Kia K8 delivers a complete package that sets new quality benchmarks in automotive excellence. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the K8 offers a progressive, modern design and superior handling performance. Set off on family journeys in the refined comfort of the executive



lounge setting of the K8. Powered by a 3.5-litre GDI Smartstream powertrain and paired with an 8-speed automatic transmission with 296 hp / 6400 rpm, the K8 makes every trip enjoyable and memorable. Each feature inside the K8 is thoughtfully designed to deliver seamless connectivity, safety and control for all passengers. Step inside and be welcomed by cutting-edge technology, Crisp leather seats, a 12.3-inch TFT digital cluster for key driving information, a 12.3-inch infotainment system with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, Bluetooth with voice recognition, and a sophisticated 14-speaker Meridian surround sound system, ensuring you're connected to the outside world. Furthermore, experience enhanced convenience with features like remote engine start and a keyless entry system. While you set the pace for your day and load belong-

ings into the spacious 510L rear boot, enjoy the ease of wirelessly charging your smartphone using the integrated charging trays. To maximise driver comfort, the K8 includes a memory seating system with lumbar support, ventilated power leather front seats, and a panoramic sunroof that enhances the cabin's spacious feel. Driver-focused technologies such as the head-up display provide a clear and accurate view of the road ahead, improving safety and confidence behind the wheel. The Kia K8 symbolises Kia's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and customer-centric design. Visit your nearest Kia showroom today and embrace a new era of executive driving with the Kia K8. Reliable International Automotive (RIA), the official distributor of Kia in Oman, is committed to delivering an exceptional ownership experience.

ALL-ELECTRIC VINFAST VF 8

Bahwan automobiles hosts ‘Evening with VinFast’ to mark launch of VF 8 in Oman

MUSCAT: To celebrate the official arrival of the all-electric VinFast VF 8 in Oman, Bahwan Automobiles and Trading hosted the “Evening with VinFast”, an exclusive event curated for media representatives, influencers and select customers. Held in an elegant setting, the evening offered guests a firsthand look at the VF 8's striking design, advanced technologies, and eco-conscious engineering. The event provided an immersive platform to showcase VinFast's bold vision for the future of smart mobility and its unwavering commitment to delivering innovative, sustainable driving solutions. Speaking at the event, GK. Ganesh COO, Bahwan Automobiles and Trading remarked: “We are delighted to introduce the VinFast VF 8 to the Sultanate of Oman. This launch marks a significant milestone in our efforts to offer forward-thinking, sustainable, and high-quality mobility solutions to our customers. VinFast's trailblazing EV innovation and contemporary design align perfectly with our aspirations for the future of automotive excellence in the region.” Attending this key event, Do Hoai Linh, Market CEO of VinFast Middle East added: “The VF 8's debut in Oman represents a pivotal moment in VinFast's regional growth journey. We believe the Middle East is poised for a transformative shift toward intelligent, zero-emission mobility, and the VF 8 stands as a compelling symbol of that future.



Our partnership with Bahwan Automobiles reflects our shared commitment to delivering performance, progress, and sustainability to drivers across the Sultanate.” In alignment with the Vision Oman 2040 initiative, VinFast enters Oman at a time when interest in electric vehicles is surging, fuelled by consumer demand for cost-effective, eco-friendly alternatives and governmental efforts to lower carbon emissions. The Omani government further incentivizes this shift by offering 0% VAT on fully electric vehicle purchases. With a best-in-class ownership package, the all-electric, premium VF 8 offers exceptional value: an industry-leading 10-year/200,000 km vehicle warranty, 10-year unlimited battery warranty, complimentary home charger, premium service package, and OEM-backed 10-year roadside assistance.

The automotive industry is undergoing rapid transformation, and at the forefront of this transformation is the VinFast VF 8. More than just an electric SUV, the VF 8 delivers a driving experience that blends innovation, sustainability, and sophistication. With cutting-edge technology, outstanding performance, and a commitment to eco-friendly mobility, the VF 8 offers a glimpse into the future of transportation. VinFast's commitment to sustainability is reflected in every aspect of the VF 8. As a zero-emission vehicle, it reduces your environmental impact without sacrificing performance or luxury. From premium eco-friendly materials to sustainable manufacturing processes further underscore VinFast's dedication to creating a greener world. Together with the VF 8, drivers and VinFast are paving the way

for a more sustainable future, one journey at a time. The VinFast VF 8 features a sleek, aerodynamic design crafted by world-renowned Italian design house Pininfarina. With bold lines, dynamic proportions, and a sophisticated presence, the VF 8 sets a new standard for electric SUVs. Beneath its stylish exterior, the VF 8 is boasts a dual-motor, high-performance electric drivetrain that delivers up to 402 hp and a range of up to 493 km (NEDC) on a single charge, depending on the model variant. The VF 8's all-wheel-drive capability ensures exhilarating torque of up to 620 Nm while maintaining a stable drive. Its innovative battery system supports rapid charging, enabling 10% to 70% charging in just 31 minutes with a DC fast charger. Step inside the VF 8, and you're welcomed by cutting-edge technology designed to elevate your driving experience. A stunning 15.6-inch touchscreen display serves as the command centre for the vehicle, giving you access to entertainment and vehicle settings at your fingertips. But it doesn't stop there. The VF 8 is packed with VinFast's smart and luxurious features, which include a 360-degree surround-view monitoring system, ventilated seats in both the first and second rows, a wireless phone charger, a power tailgate, and seamless compatibility with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

ROUND-UP

BankDhofar, Dhofar Insurance launch travel insurance solution

With wide-ranging coverage, generous benefits, and adaptable features tailored to travellers’ needs, this policy delivers dependable protection and reflects a strong focus on customer well-being

MUSCAT: Travel insurance is no longer just a travel extra—it serves as a crucial safeguard for individuals embarking on family holidays, corporate travel, or overseas assignments. In an era marked by uncertainties such as flight delays, sudden health issues, and unpredictable weather, having robust insurance coverage offers essential reassurance and security. Understanding the importance of this protection, BankDhofar—

one of Oman’s largest banks—has joined forces with Dhofar Insurance Company, a leading name in the Sultanate’s insurance sector, to introduce a comprehensive travel insurance solution. With wide-ranging coverage, generous benefits, and adaptable features tailored to travellers’ needs, this policy delivers dependable protection and reflects a strong focus on customer well-being. Fully underwritten by Dhofar



Insurance, the Travel Insurance policy offers comprehensive protection for travelers facing unexpected events abroad. It covers emergency medical expenses and hospitalization up to USD 150,000, including emergency dental treatment up to USD 1,000 per year. In case of serious illness or accident, the insurance covers transportation or repatriation costs up to

USD 100,000, and sea or mountain search and rescue expenses up to USD 20,000. Additional support is provided for family members during medical emergencies. If a traveler is hospitalized for more than seven days, the policy includes one economy class air ticket or a first-class rail ticket for a visiting relative, along with accommoda-

tion expenses of USD 100 per day for up to 15 days. In the unfortunate event of death, repatriation of mortal remains is covered up to USD 35,000, and emergency return home for the traveler following the death of a close family member is also included. Financial protection for trip disruptions includes USD 1,000 for cancellations or curtailment (with a USD 50 deductible), up to USD 2,500 for delayed departures, and compensation of USD 30 for every 5-hour delay, up to USD 180. The policy also offers coverage for common travel inconveniences, such as loss of registered luggage (up to USD 1,000), delayed luggage (USD 300 after a 12-hour delay), and expenses related to the loss of a passport (up to USD 1,000). For severe incidents, the policy includes compensation of up to USD 25,000 in case of death or permanent total disability resulting from an accident, ensuring peace of mind throughout the jour-

ney. Terms and conditions apply. This travel insurance plan offers more than the usual protections—it includes thoughtful features like compassionate visit coverage, enabling a family member to travel and be with the insured during hospitalization abroad. In cases where minor children are left without supervision due to an emergency, the policy ensures their secure return home. It also provides emergency dental treatment, giving travelers access to urgent dental care when needed. The policy is designed for worldwide use and can be personalized based on where the traveler is headed and their specific needs. Whether the journey is regional or international, travelers have the flexibility to adjust their coverage to suit their individual travel plans. The travel insurance policy is part of a broader suite of bancassurance products offered by BankDhofar via its extensive network of branches.

ACHIEVEMENT

Geely Emgrand celebrates 4 millionth vehicle production milestone, redefining the global sedan market

CHINA: The 4 millionth Geely Emgrand rolled off the production line at the Zhejiang Huzhou Changxing plant, marking a historic milestone for Geely Auto. This moment not only set records and cemented Geely Emgrand’s reputation as a global name in the B-segment sedan market. This achievement signals a bold shift for Chinese automakers, moving from industrial strength to global value creation. With its world-class quality and innovation, the Geely Emgrand is redefining the rules of what a sedan can be, setting a new standard for excellence in the automotive market. The Emgrand’s journey to produce 4 million units is filled with pioneering triumphs. Since its debut, the Emgrand has claimed six “firsts and uniqueness” in Chinese automotive history, earning its title as the “national champion sedan.” It became the first to achieve monthly sales exceeding 60,000 units and the first to secure export exemption qualifications. For nine years, it has held a spot in China’s top 10 sedan sales, topped



independent sedan sales for three consecutive years, and notched 159 months with over 10,000 units sold. Certified as the top compact sedan by J.D. Power’s China Automotive Product Charm Index for two years running and the first to earn China Automotive Research Institute’s reliability certification. Over 15 years, four generations of Emgrand have transformed the sedan landscape. The journey began in 2009 with the first-generation “Safety Champion,” which earned a C-NCAP five-star rating, a first for a Chinese brand. In 2014,

the second-generation “Health Champion” introduced intelligent connectivity with 4G and voice interaction, alongside a C-ECAP platinum rating for its health-focused cockpit. The 2018 third-generation “Technology Champion” brought cutting-edge features like a 7-inch LCD instrument, LED headlights, and front parking radar, making advanced technology accessible to everyday drivers. In 2021, the fourth-generation “Architecture Champion,” built on the BMA modular platform, redefined value, quality, and driving

dynamics, earning its place as the official car of the Hangzhou Asian Games. The 2025 model raises the bar further. With its wide-bodied, low-slung design rooted in Chinese aesthetics, world-class BMA architecture, and class-leading intelligent technology, blending safety, reliability, and innovation into a new market standard. Today, it graces roads in 25 countries, with a global sale every two minutes, making it the top Chinese A-class fuel sedan in markets like Saudi Arabia and a strong contender in the Philippines. In February 2025 alone, it clinched the top spot among Chinese brand A-class fuel sedans and ranked third overall in its category. This 4 millionth vehicle produced is more than a number—it’s a testament to Geely Emgrand’s unwavering commitment to quality and its vision of empowering global drivers. From Chinese roads to international highways, Emgrand has not only driven progress but also inspired trust, proving that a Chinese sedan can lead the world.

PROMOTION

Al Hashar Automotive rolls out exclusive summer offer on INFINITI models in Oman

MUSCAT: Al Hashar Automotive, the official distributor of INFINITI in Oman, announces the launch of its all-new Summer Offer, introducing an exceptional opportunity for customers to experience refined luxury like never before. For the first time in Oman, customers can own any of INFINITI’s premium models including the QX80, QX60, QX55, and QX50 while enjoying a host of benefits. The campaign includes a complimentary six-year standard service package covering up to 120,000 kilometers’ mileage, which ensures complete peace of mind for years to come. Additionally, six years of complimentary roadside assistance as well as a six-year extended warranty with



unlimited mileage are included - delivering true confidence and convenience on every journey taken. As part of the limited-time offer, customers will also receive

complimentary insurance and registration for the first year. These exclusive benefits are designed to make the ownership experience one that is exceptional, seamless, and rewarding.

The INFINITI summer campaign is now live. Customers are invited to explore the line-up and experience the vehicles first-hand. Test drives are available at key locations across the Sultanate, including Oman Avenues Mall, Muscat Mall, and Sheraton Hotel in Muscat, Sohar City Center in Sohar, and Salalah Gardens Mall in Salalah. “This campaign is a celebration of everything INFINITI stands for - luxury, performance, and peace of mind,” said “Zaid Ali”, Infiniti Brand Manager at Al Hashar Automotive. “It’s the perfect time for our customers to step into the world of INFINITI with unmatched value and exceptional service.

EXPANSION



ahli islamic continues its growth with opening of its new branch in Al Ansab

MUSCAT: ahli islamic is undergoing a strategically planned expansion phase, driven by its clear vision to enhance access to its Sharia-compliant banking products and services. The latest step in this journey is the inauguration of its newest branch in the Al Ansab area of Muscat Governorate, a move that reflects its strategy to enhance geographic presence and expand its customer base, aiming to simplify the customer journey towards pioneering Islamic banking solutions. The new branch offers a comprehensive range of Islamic banking products and services, including the opening of various types of Sharia-compliant accounts, along with a selection of banking cards. The branch provides a wide array of BancaTakaful

of Retail Banking at ahli islamic, said: “The opening of ahli islamic’s branch in the Al Ansab area marks a new step in our expansion plan aimed at enhancing financial inclusion and broadening our local presence. We believe in the importance of being closer to our customers and providing Sharia-compliant banking solutions in locations that meet their daily needs, whether in residential neighborhoods or industrial areas. Recently, we also inaugurated an additional branch in the Rusayl Industrial Area, reaffirming our commitment to delivering exceptional banking services to various segments of society, following a well-considered approach that reflects our vision for sustainable growth.” As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing customer experiences, the new branch offers integrated banking solutions managed by highly skilled and experienced Omani staff, ensuring high-quality service and collaboration for both individuals and institutions. The spacious layout and advanced facilities of the branch reflect ahli islamic’s approach to establishing itself as a trusted financial services provider in the Sultanate. ahli islamic continues its journey of excellence and expansion, committed to delivering innovative Sharia-compliant banking solutions that meet the aspirations of its customers across the nation - thus contributing meaningfully to the Sultanate’s economic and social development.

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