



3 US President Donald Trump signed an executive order to dismantle the US sanctions programme on Syria, ending the Middle Eastern country's isolation from the international financial system. The curbs affected most state institutions. **►A7**

MEETING

Al Nu'amani bids
farewell to envoy
of Netherlands



MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office on Tuesday Stella Kloth, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Sultanate of Oman to bid her farewell at the end of her tour of duty.

Al Nu'amani lauded the ambassador's efforts that were exerted to boost bilateral relations and cooperation, wishing her success in her future endeavors. In her turn, the ambassador expressed her appreciation for the cooperation extended to her. She also underscored the depth of bilateral relations between the two countries. -ONA

COMMENTARY

The Power of Conviction in Foreign Policy: Oman's Case

BY MOHRA AL ZUBAIR

In 2009, three U.S. hikers were detained in Iran on charges of espionage after allegedly crossing an unmarked border during a hike near the Iran-Iraq border in northern Iraq. Their release became a pivotal moment in initiating negotiations between the U.S. and Iran. After the first hiker, Sarah Shourd, was released, U.S. officials visited Oman in December 2010 to explore whether the late Sultan Qaboos could help facilitate talks between the two nations. Shortly thereafter, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met with the late Sultan, and President Obama conveyed a request for his assistance in engaging Iran. In 2011, the remaining two hikers, Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, were also released—on both occasions, the Americans were transported from Iran to Oman.

The secret talks that ultimately led to the Iran nuclear deal involved direct engagement at the highest levels of leadership. In a 2015 speech, Ayatollah Khamenei revealed that Sultan Qaboos had acted as an intermediary after the U.S. President reached out to him to help resolve the nuclear issue and lift sanctions. Despite initial Iranian skepticism, Sultan Qaboos asked them to reconsider, and his trusted counsel helped lay the foundation for renewed U.S.-Iranian dialogue.

Oman's diplomacy was once again brought into focus. Its consistent efforts had earned it the credibility to act as a trusted intermediary between two adversaries — a status built over decades of sincere and principled engagement in pursuit of regional and global peace. That trust led to the signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2015 — a major diplomatic breakthrough between Iran and the West. But it was short-lived. In 2018, President Trump unilaterally withdrew from the deal and re-imposed sanctions. Now,



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more than a decade after Oman helped initiate those talks, and during President Trump's second term, the Sultanate once again served as an intermediary between the two sides.

The first round of renewed talks took place on April 12, 2025, in Muscat. A White House statement described the discussions as "very positive and constructive," thanking Oman for its support and noting that Special Envoy Witkoff conveyed President Trump's instructions to resolve differences "through dialogue and diplomacy, if that is possible."

Since April, five rounds of U.S.-Iran nuclear talks have taken place between Muscat and Rome. The sixth round was scheduled for June 15 in Muscat, but Iran subsequently withdrew after Israeli attacks on Iranian territory began on June 13.

President Trump later confirmed that the U.S. was aware of the planned Israeli attacks. He remarked that the day of the attacks marked Day 61 — just one day after the expiration of a 60-day ultimatum given to Iran to accept the U.S.-proposed framework. Describing the attacks as "very successful," the President added that Iran should have accepted the deal while there was still time. Iranian officials, however, had made it clear from the start that negotiations could not

continue under pressure.

These attacks underscore a familiar pattern: unilateral actions that undermine diplomatic efforts. Even as talks were underway, Israel targeted the very subject of those discussions — with the knowledge of the U.S., a direct party in these talks. This not only jeopardized the integrity of the negotiations but also signaled a disregard for the value of diplomacy, as opposed to military attacks that result in the death of innocents. The implicit message — that failure to meet a deadline could lead to deadly consequences — represents a disturbing distortion of what diplomacy is meant to achieve.

Israel's connection to the nuclear negotiations is rooted in its close alignment with U.S. foreign policy. This became especially evident in May 2023, when the current U.S. Ambassador to Oman stated during a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: "I will encourage Oman to build on its announcement permitting Israeli civilian overflights through its airspace by taking additional steps, including consideration of full normalization with Israel." While ambassadors are expected to strengthen bilateral ties between their countries and the countries to which they are assigned, this position appeared to prioritize

the interests of a third party — Israel — overlooking Oman's avowed principles in this case, which are non-negotiable.

As with its diplomatic outreach to Iran, the United States — along with other countries — has also turned to the Sultanate's good offices to help secure the release of its citizens in other countries. Shane Bauer, one of the three hikers detained in 2009, later wrote that Oman was 'the country most responsible for our eventual release.' The Sultanate has also played a key role in facilitating the release of American detainees in Yemen on multiple occasions.

From these examples, it is evident that Oman has a track record — built over decades — of being an "honest broker," facilitating talks and mediating disputes when requested. Despite the various challenges, the Sultanate has consistently demonstrated its resolve to assist its friends whenever possible and to find viable solutions to conflicts through patient and respectful dialogue.

Oman is proud of its history of friendship with the United States, first formalized almost two hundred years ago by a Treaty of Amity and Commerce. While the Sultanate seeks to strengthen its strategic relationship with the U.S. and all its friends, the undermining of sovereignty and diplomacy can only sabotage the prospects for real peace.

Oman offers a model for diplomacy rooted in integrity — not pressure, not coercion, but conviction. As the Sultanate strives toward making the world a better place, where all can live in peace and security, a nation's steadfast commitment to its moral principles in trying times is absolutely vital for the world's well-being. And today, Oman's commitment to peace, grounded in justice, respect for sovereignty, and self-determination, is more essential to the world than ever.

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Tripartite agreement inked for the
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NAKHAL: The Ministry of Health on Tuesday signed a tripartite cooperation agreement to finance the expansion project of Nakhal Health Centre, adding specialised clinics equipped with integrated medical devices, equipment, and office furnishings.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Nasser Abdullah Al Shukaili, Director General of Health Services in South Al Batinah Governorate, representing the Ministry of Health; Mohammed Abubakar Al Ghassani, Board Member of Athar Health Endowment Foundation; and Saud Hamad Al Hadhrami, businessman and project financier.

This agreement falls within the framework of strengthening community partnerships between the public and private sectors, supporting health development efforts in the wilayat. -ONA



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Transport Ministry launches a cybersecurity centre ‘Hadatha’

MUSCAT: Acting in collaboration with Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology on Tuesday launched a cybersecurity centre named ‘Hadatha’.

The centre seeks to promote research, innovation and development in the field of cybersecurity. It also aims to consolidate the educational environment as a driver of national innovation.

The ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Ali bin Amer Al Shidhani, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology for Communications and Information Technology.

It was attended by HH Sayyid Dr. Fahd bin Al Julanda Al Said, SQU Vice-Chancellor.

The ceremony included a visual presentation about “Hadatha” cybersecurity centre and the launch of the centre’s registration page. The attendees went on tour of the centre and listened to a briefing about its advanced equipment and its functions.

“Hadatha” is set to support the Sultanate of Oman’s drive towards leadership in the field of cybersecurity at the Arab level, notably by hosting joint programmes and initiatives of the departments concerned, activating technical investments, localising technologies, developing the skills of Omani youth and encouraging them to produce exportable and globally-competitive technical solutions. -ONA



Fruit Festival kicks off in Saham wilayat

The festival aims to support local producers by providing a direct marketing platform to sell their agricultural products



SAHAM: Saham Fruit Festival kicked off in the Wilayat of Saham, North Al Batinah Governorate on Tuesday.

The event is organised by the Office of the Wali of Saham in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Water Resources in the wilaya.

The festival aims to support local producers by providing a direct marketing platform to sell their agricultural products,

promote sustainable farming practices, and raise community awareness about their economic and environmental importance. It also showcases the fruits and agricultural crops cultivated in the farms of the wilayat.

Held at Saham Public Park, the festival features a variety of activities, including stalls for displaying and selling local fruits, specialized workshops on modern agricultural techniques, and educational seminars focusing on best farming practices.

Eng. Ahmed Ali Al Farsi, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in Saham, stated that the Saham Fruit Festival represents an opportunity to boost local production and support farmers by enabling them to showcase their products directly.

He added that the event contributes to spreading awareness of sustainable agriculture and highlights the importance of the agricultural sector in local community development. -ONA

IBRI

Tech Innovation Hackathon starts

IBRI: The activities of Al Dhahira Tech Innovation Hackathon 2025 commenced on Tuesday at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Ibri, with the participation of 200 individuals selected from 500 applicants, divided into 40 teams. The event was held under the patronage of Sheikh Muslim Ahmed Al Maashani, Wali of Dank.

Mohammed Ahmed Al Hadidi, CEO of Nahj Digital, stated that the hackathon—organised by the Al Dhahira Governor’s Office and implemented by Nahj Digital—serves as a practical tool to translate national plans into tangible initiatives.

It is a strategic platform aimed at fostering innovation and leveraging technology to serve society by empowering Omani youth and encouraging them to develop innovative technical solutions to address evolving societal challenges, ensuring resilience and sustainability in facing future obstacles, he pointed out.

He added that participants will compete in presenting practical solutions to national challenges across key themes, including smart government services, agriculture and water, community health, digital education, and transport and logistics.

Al Hadidi emphasised that this strong engagement reflects the enthusiasm and determination of Omani youth to actively contribute to the national digital transformation journey.

He noted that Nahj Digital is keen on transforming such events into practical implementation tools to support government institutions’ digital transformation plans by promoting open innovation and stimulating the development of sustainable technical solutions. This approach, he explained, enhances the readiness of national talent and fosters a culture of digital entrepreneurship.

The first day featured an overview of the challenge themes, the official launch of the hackathon, and interactive sessions, including constructive dialogues and enriching workshops.

On the second day, participants will continue working on developing creative technical solutions in a supportive and guided environment, followed by the presentation and submission of projects to the judging committee.

Al Dhahira Tech Innovation Hackathon 2025 will conclude on Thursday with two visual presentations highlighting the event’s outcomes and project results, along with the signing of several agreements to support startups and enhance the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Al Dhahira Governorate. -ONA

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Efforts to enhance efficiency of govt entities in risk management

This initiative is part of efforts to enhance coordination and integration between government and civil society institutions for achieving Oman Vision 2040

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of Muscat Governorate's continuous training programmes to enhance institutional performance and increase readiness to face challenges, and for integration and coordination between government institutions, a training workshop entitled 'Enhancing Administrative Capabilities in Risk Management and Business Continuity Methodologies' was held on Tuesday in Muscat Governorate.

The workshop was held in co-operation with Jadarat Development Foundation and presented by Dr. Khalifa Al Fathi, an expert in governance, risk management and compliance.

The workshop targeted more than 120 staff from the offices of Their Excellencies, the governors, employees of government agencies, and representatives of civil society organisations in Muscat Governorate.

The workshop focused on introducing participants to the concepts and basics of enterprise risk management, international frameworks and standards, as well as mechanisms for designing and applying effective methodologies to manage risks and ensure business continuity.

The workshop also discussed the differences between risks, opportunities and issues, the types of risks and their classifications, as well as the steps to assess and address them according to best practices.

The workshop aims to strengthen the capabilities of the partici-



pants in preparing effective ERM models, develop their awareness of the applied procedures related to risk management and business continuity, and enable them to make decisions based on a scientific and thoughtful assessment of risks.

"This workshop aims to build

the capacities of participants and develop their knowledge in the basics of risk management and business continuity planning to ensure the continuity of providing vital services during risks," said Saif bin Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Rubaei, Director of Risk Management in Muscat Governorate.

This initiative is part of Muscat Governorate's efforts to enhance coordination and integration between government and civil society institutions in the governorate to achieve Oman Vision 2040, and to contribute to raising the efficiency of institutional performance and enhancing the quality of life.

Dr Salwa bint Nasser Al Hashemi, Head of the Emergency and Crisis Department at the General Directorate of Health Services in Muscat Governorate, praised the efforts of the Governorate in organising such training workshops, stressing that this workshop holds great value and benefit for her and her colleagues due to the nature of their work in dealing with crises and risks.

Noman bin Zahran Al Rawahi, Head of Muttrah Charity Team, affirmed the importance of such training workshops that contribute to introducing employees to the concept of risk management and how to apply it, noting that this concept has become part of daily working life and has been adopted today by most organisations and institutions to enhance their efficiency in the face of challenges.

Intisar bint Salem Al Siyabi, an employee at the Wali of Bausher Office, expressed her views, saying: "I was pleased to attend this workshop, which addressed a vital topic that contributes to the sustainability of projects and organisations, and introduced me to new and useful concepts in risk management."

Ali bin Muslim Al Ameri, from the General Directorate of Social Development in Muscat Governorate and coordinator of the Shelter Committee, said the workshop addressed risk management

methods, whether in the normal work environment or in crises and emergencies, stressing that he benefited from the information presented, especially with regard to the programme for dealing with emergency situations and its practical application in daily tasks.

Sultan bin Mohammed Al Farsi, Directorate of Education in Muscat Governorate, highlighted that educational institutions are not isolated from risk management, as they face the same challenges that other organisations go through in preparing for crises.

He pointed out that special committees have been formed at the school level, and all employees have been equipped with training and familiarisation with risk management methods to ensure their readiness. This workshop was well appreciated by the attendees, who praised the scientific content presented and its importance in developing organisational performance and enhancing operational resilience in various sectors.

Through this workshop, Muscat Governorate confirms its commitment to continue implementing quality-training programmes targeting various government cadres, to improve organisational performance and enhance the readiness of teams to face future challenges efficiently and professionally.

EXPLANATORY PRESENTATION

Chairman of Academy for Strategic, Defence studies inspects 'Decision-Making 12' drill



MUSCAT: Maj. Gen Hamed Ahmed Sakroon, Chairman of the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies today inspected the progress and activities of the annual strategic exercise "Decision-Making 12".

The Chairman and several senior officers were briefed about the exercise. The participants gave an explanatory presentation about the exercise and how it interacts with international issues and various national scenarios.

Meanwhile, several retired commanders from the Sultan's Armed Forces and other military and security units also viewed the strategic exercise "Decision-Making 12". Upon their arrival at the National Defence College (NDC), they were received by Rear Admiral Ali Abdullah Al Shidi, Commandant of the NDC, at the presence of Maj. Gen Hamed Ahmed Sakroon, Chairman of the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies. -ona



ADVICE

Khareef Dhofar visitors advised to follow safety guidelines



< FROM A1 It also deploys field teams for awareness and guidance across different locations, commending the prominent role of the media in promoting preventive culture.

The Authority urges visitors of Khareef Dhofar season to adhere to safety guidelines during their trips to Dhofar Governorate.

This includes preparing well for the journey by ensuring vehicle maintenance, carrying a first aid kit, verifying the validity of fire extinguishers, identifying rest stops and fuel stations along the route, choosing appropriate travel times, taking breaks when

feeling fatigued, and strictly following traffic safety regulations.

Furthermore, the Authority emphasised the importance of adhering to safety instructions while staying in Dhofar Governorate.

It warned against swimming in unauthorised areas such as springs, ponds, and beaches due to the dangers of strong sea currents and high waves during the autumn season.

Visitors are also advised to stay away from hazardous locations like waterfalls and elevated areas and to supervise children, ensuring they are not left unattended in vehicles, to guarantee everyone's safety. -ona



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Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, held bilateral talks with Badr Abdelatty, Foreign Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, as part of the 16th session of the Omani-Egyptian Joint Committee meeting in Cairo on Tuesday.— **ONA**



Pakistan School inks academic pact with Majan University College

This prestigious partnership marks a significant milestone in the school system’s 50-year journey

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a major stride towards academic excellence and future-focused education, Pakistan School Muscat signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Majan University College, one of Oman’s premier higher education institutions.

This prestigious partnership marks a significant milestone in the school system’s 50-year journey and affirms its commitment to expanding academic and developmental opportunities for its students and faculty.

The signing ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of His Excellency Syed Naveed Safdar Bokhari, Ambassador of Pakistan



to the Sultanate of Oman, whose support and vision have been instrumental in fostering educational diplomacy and collaboration. Representing Majan University College were: Dr. Maha Kobeil, Dean & CEO Dr. Peter Mitchell, Head of the Faculty of English Language Studies Dr. Zahid Farooq and Dr. Muhammad Tanveer, Faculty of English Department. From Pakistan School Muscat, the following representatives attended: Ameer Hamza, Chairman, Board of Directors, Pakistan Schools Oman

Iftikhar Ahmed, Abdul Raheem, Senior Principal, Dr. Rifat Saba, Head of Academics Gul Raheem, Principal, Pakistan School Muscat Sanya Mirza, Coordinator to the Board.

This collaboration comes at a pivotal time — as Pakistan Schools in Oman celebrate its golden jubilee. It sets a visionary tone for the future, offering students a pathway to higher learning, academic enrichment, and global readiness.

Through this MoU, students of Pakistan School Muscat and its network will gain access to:

Exclusive scholarships Invitations to academic seminars and symposiums Participation in university-led student clubs and activities Profile-building opportunities aligned with international higher education standards.

Equally important, the partnership includes a strategic focus on teacher training and capacity building — with sessions planned to support professional development and elevate instructional quality across the school network.

Chairman Ameer Hamza emphasised that this collaboration embodies the school’s unwavering mission to deliver excellence in education and broaden opportunities for all learners.

Dr. Maha Kobeil expressed her strong commitment to engaging with Pakistan School students and helping shape their academic journeys.

His Excellency Syed Naveed Safdar Bokhari lauded the collaboration, recognising it as a transformative step toward empowering students and enriching their academic journey.

This partnership is not just a ceremonial agreement — it is a commitment to the future: to empower students with knowledge, skills, and the global exposure needed to thrive in an interconnected world.



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Progress in activating, improving efficiency of Tajawob highlighted

The platform serves as a technical tool supporting the government's system in handling complaints, suggestions, reports, and inquiries

MUSCAT: The first "Response and Integration" meeting was held on Tuesday with the participation of more than 130 employees from central and executive teams across 56 government institutions. This marks the first such meeting since the official launch of the national platform for suggestions, complaints, and reports, Tajawob,



last February. The platform serves as a technical tool supporting the government's system in handling complaints, suggestions, reports, and inquiries. This step comes as part of supporting digital transformation and improving the efficiency of operational methodologies adopted in tracking customer interactions with government entities. The system for receiving and processing requests represents a well-established approach in government work and a fundamental pillar in enhancing service quality, transparency, and accountability.

The meeting showcased several institutional experiences that demonstrated progress in activating the platform. Among the most notable was Muscat Municipality's experience, which successfully linked its call center to the Tajawob platform, enhancing integration across reception channels and accelerating processing times. The Royal Oman Police also presented its experience in handling reports immediately and strengthening coordination between field departments and monitoring centers, achieving high performance levels. Additionally, the meeting included an extended dialogue session where representatives from participating institutions discussed a number of initiatives and development proposals aimed at improving the platform's operational efficiency, standardising procedures, documenting successful experiences, and disseminating best practices—with a focus on leveraging operational data to support decision-making and improve

response indicators. According to statistics published on the platform's website as of the end of June 2025, government entities received more than 46,000 requests through Tajawob, including complaints, inquiries, suggestions, and reports, covering over 3,500 government services. This reflects growing public confidence in official institutional channels and an increased level of engagement with government entities. This meeting underscores government institutions' commitment to enhancing integration and coordination in applying approved methodologies for managing customer interactions through modern operational tools like the Tajawob platform. The platform helps unify reception channels, improve classification and processing efficiency, and enhance follow-up and response quality—aligning with national efforts to improve public services and institutionalise a culture of interactive governance and community participation. — ONA



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Royal Oman Police wins International Road Federation award

ATHENS: The Royal Oman Police (ROP) has won first place in the International Road Federation (IRF) Awards under the Road Safety category, recognising its advanced efforts in enhancing traffic safety through smart technologies and data analysis. The award specifically acknowledges ROP's use of artificial intelligence in traffic management, implemented in collaboration with Huawei Oman. Brigadier Eng. Ali Suleim Al Falahi, Director General of Traffic, accepted the award on behalf of ROP during the ceremony held in Athens. This achievement reflects ROP's pioneering initiatives in

developing intelligent traffic monitoring systems, accident data analysis, and AI-powered solutions to identify and scientifically address high-risk road areas. These efforts have contributed to reducing accident rates and improving response efficiency, in line with the Sultanate of Oman's commitment to achieving Oman Vision 2040 objectives. The IRF Awards – presented annually by the world's leading transportation infrastructure organisation – recognise projects and initiatives that demonstrate tangible impact in developing and improving global road networks and safety standards. — ONA

SEVERAL ISSUES DISCUSSED

Athar Health Endowment Foundation meeting

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of Athar Health Endowment Foundation convened its second meeting for the year 2025 on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Dr. Hilal Ali Al Sabti, Minister of Health and Chairman of the Board. The meeting discussed several key agenda items, including the approval of the minutes from the first board meeting of 2025, follow-up



on the implementation of previous meeting recommendations, and a review of the progress of the foundation's ongoing projects for the current year. Additionally, the board exam-

ined and discussed the external audit report for the previous year, 2024. The meeting also included an evaluation of the foundation's digital platforms' performance, a discussion on donation amounts collected through the Friends of Athar platform, donation devices, and other electronic channels, as well as a review of the financial report for the first half of 2025. — ANI

FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE

Oman Air marks inaugural direct flight to Amsterdam



MUSCAT: Oman Air, the national carrier of the Sultanate of Oman, on Tuesday celebrated the launch of its inaugural flight to Amsterdam, marking a significant addition to its growing European network and reinforcing the airline's commitment to connecting Oman with key global markets. The four-weekly service, the first direct connection between Oman and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, was officially inaugurated in a ceremony held at Muscat International Airport. The event was attended by Azzan Qassim Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, Dr. Faris Al Said, Member of the Technical Team for Oman Promotional Brand, Stella Kloth, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Sultanate of Oman, senior officials from Oman Air, government representatives, airport stakeholders, and media partners. Azzan Qassim Al Busaidi said, "The launch of direct flights between Muscat and Amsterdam marks another step in strengthening Oman's position as a high-quality, accessible tourism destination. The Netherlands is a key source market for us, and this new route enhances our ability to



welcome more visitors to experience Oman's landscapes, heritage, and hospitality. We congratulate Oman Air on this milestone and look forward to the opportunities it will bring for tourism, trade and investment." Con Korfiatis, Chief Executive Officer of Oman Air, added, "We are delighted to launch services to Amsterdam, a vibrant European gateway and a strategic addition to our network. This route not only connects two dynamic cities, but also opens new possibilities for travellers across the world. Coming just one day after our of-

ficial entry into oneworld, today's launch symbolises the momentum we're building." The launch comes just one day after Oman Air's official integration into the oneworld alliance, making Amsterdam the first new destination to join the airline's network under the oneworld banner. Through oneworld, Oman Air guests will now benefit from seamless connectivity to over 900 destinations around the world, while travellers from across Europe can more easily access the beauty, culture, and hospitality of Oman. — ONA

STRATEGIC APPOINTMENT

Oman Air welcomes Eng. Hamood Al Alawi as Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Air has announced the appointment of Eng. Hamood Al Alawi as Deputy Chief Executive Officer. This strategic appointment marks a significant step in the airline's transformation journey and underscores its commitment to building a strong pipeline of Omani leaders in the aviation sector. Hamood bin Musbah Al Alawi joins Oman Air from Oman Airports Management Company, where he served as Acting Chief Executive Officer and played a pivotal role in launching the airport's own transformation programme. Saeed bin Hamoud Al Mawali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology and Chairman of Oman Air, said, "The appointment of Hamood Al Alawi is a proud moment for the airline and the country's aviation sector. He has demonstrated exceptional leadership in his role at Oman Airports Management Company and we are confident that he will bring the same vision and drive to the national airline. This is a clear outcome of our succession planning strategy and reflects our commitment to cultivating Omani talent and ensuring our leadership reflects the national values, priorities and ambitions." Con Korfiatis, Chief Executive Officer of Oman Air, added, "Hamood Al Alawi is a strong leader with sound judgement and a deep understanding of the aviation industry. His appointment strengthens our leadership team at a critical time in our growth journey. I look forward to working closely with him as we proceed on our transformation agenda and deliver long-term sustainable value for the country." Holding a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Leeds, UK, Hamood Al Alawi brings over two decades of diverse leadership experience across the government and private sectors, with a strong track record



in asset management, corporate transformation and commercial performance. He has held senior roles with Shell International in the Netherlands, led flagship-cost efficiency initiatives for Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), and served as a member of the Executive leadership team at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, where he headed a unit responsible for an OMR1 billion strategic project. In 2024, Hamood Al Alawi was appointed to lead the transformation of Oman Airports Management Company, where, during a brief but impactful tenure, the company delivered record financial performance, including the highest EBITDA since its establishment, as well as a comprehensive restructuring programme to enhance efficiency and capacity. As Deputy CEO of Oman Air, he will play a key role in driving the day-to-day activities of the transformation, working directly with the CEO and senior leadership to facilitate change and enable the delivery of performance targets which ensure

the airline's long-term commercial viability, financial sustainability, and operational excellence. About Oman Air Oman Air (WY) began operations in 1993. Initially founded to serve important domestic routes, it has since undergone rapid growth and is today recognised as a major international carrier connecting cities around the world to Oman's stunning nature, rich heritage and welcoming culture. The award-winning airline has been instrumental in transforming Muscat into one of the Middle East's most desirable travel destinations, while supporting adjacent commercial, industrial and tourism activities. With a young and modern fleet including, among others, fuel-efficient Boeing 737 and 787 Dreamliner aircraft, which feature luxuriously appointed interiors, Oman Air is renowned for its exceptional products and services, both in the air and on the ground, and for the signature Omani hospitality it offers to every guest throughout their journey.

Gaza death toll reaches 56,647 as Israel continues genocidal war

Medical sources confirmed that of the total casualties, 6,315 civilians have been killed and 22,064 have been injured since March 18, 2025, when the Israeli occupation resumed its aggression on the Gaza Strip

GAZA: The death toll in the Gaza Strip has reached 56,647, the majority of whom were women and children, since the beginning of the Israeli aggression in October 2023. At least 134,105 others have also been injured.

Medical sources confirmed that of the total casualties, 6,315 civilians have been killed and 22,064 have been injured since March 18, 2025, when the Israeli occupation resumed its aggression on the Gaza Strip after breaking the ceasefire agreement.

Sources stated that 116 bodies, including four bodies that were recovered from under rubble, and 463 injured individuals were brought to hospitals in Gaza dur-



ing the past 24 hours.

This toll remains incomplete, as many victims remain trapped under rubble, inaccessible to ambulance and rescue crews.

UNRWA: Over 82% of Gaza under displacement orders, people have nowhere to go

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) highlighted the scale of displacement in the besieged Gaza Strip, warning that “more than 82% of Gaza is under displacement orders. People have nowhere to go.”

The agency issued the warning after an UNRWA school-turned-shelter in Gaza was struck by Israeli forces early on Monday morning, June 30. The building was housing displaced people at the time of the strike.

“An UNRWA school-turned-shelter in Gaza was struck early

on Monday, 30 June, by the Israeli Forces. Displaced people were sheltering in the building,” the agency said in a post on X. “The strike caused significant damage. No injuries were reported.”

UNRWA reiterated that humanitarian infrastructure must be protected, stating: “Humanitarian facilities are not a target.”

It concluded with an urgent plea: “Ceasefire now.”

UNRWA says displaced people are being killed while searching for food in Gaza

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) warned on Tuesday of the continued fall of civilian casualties in the Gaza Strip while trying to obtain food, amid the catastrophic humanitarian conditions endured by the besieged

population for months.

UNRWA said in a statement that civilians, especially displaced people, are being killed while searching for food in aid distribution sites, which have turned into dangerous places that threaten their lives instead of providing them with safety and the minimum necessities of life.

The agency strongly criticized the new Israeli-American mechanism for bringing aid into the Gaza Strip, considering it to have turned into a “death field,” where vulnerable people are directly targeted while standing in long lines to receive food.

UNRWA affirmed that the United Nations, including its humanitarian agencies, primarily UNRWA, remains the only entity capable of delivering humanitarian assistance safely and efficiently to populations in need, emphasizing



ing the need to return to reliable humanitarian mechanisms that ensure the protection and safety of civilians.

The agency reiterated its call for an end to the repeated targeting of civilians in Gaza and for safe and unimpeded access to humanitarian assistance, without political conditions or restrictions. It warned that the continuation of this policy deepens the humanitarian catastrophe facing more than two million citizens in the besieged Strip.

Gaza pediatrician warns of sharp rise in meningitis cases amid healthcare collapse

Dr. Ragheb Wersh Agha, Head of the Pediatrics Department at Al-Nasr and Al-Rantisi Children's Hospitals in Gaza, has warned of a dangerous surge in meningitis cases among children, with hundreds of infections reported in recent weeks.

In exclusive remarks, Dr. Agha said the hospitals are witnessing a daily increase in cases, particularly among displaced children living in overcrowded shelters with

no access to clean water or basic hygiene supplies — This increases the chances of the spread of diseases and epidemics.

“The healthcare system in Gaza is collapsing under the weight of a brutal blockade and systematic destruction of medical infrastructure,” he stated. “The situation has worsened significantly following the forced evacuation of over two-thirds of the Gaza Strip, forcing more than 1.5 million people into extremely cramped areas lacking the most basic necessities.”

Dr. Agha warned that severe overcrowding is greatly increasing the risk of infectious disease outbreaks, especially meningitis, at a time when medical facilities are suffering from critical shortages of antibiotics, protective equipment, and essential supplies.

He called on international humanitarian organisations to act immediately by providing clean drinking water, urgently needed medicines, and medical equipment.

He also emphasised the need to reinforce primary healthcare services, which now represent the first and only line of defense against potential epidemics. — Agencies

FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

UN urges global action to close \$4 trillion SDG funding gap: Guterres

SEVILLA [SPAIN]: “We’re here in Sevilla to change course,” the UN chief told world leaders on Monday, calling on them to grasp a once-in-a-decade opportunity to close a \$4 trillion financing gap facing developing countries to meet sustainable development goals - and build a better world for all.

Antonio Guterres issued his clarion call, noting that sustainable development, powered by international cooperation, is now facing “massive headwinds.”



Trust between nations

Addressing the opening session of the 4th Financing for Development Conference (FFD4) in baking hot Sevilla, Spain - basking in record high June temperatures - the Secretary-General noted multilateralism itself is also feeling the heat, while trust between nations and institutions frays.

The world is on fire, shaken by inequalities, climate chaos and raging conflicts: “Financing is the engine of development and right now, this engine is sputtering,” he told the conference. The event was attended by close to 60 world leaders, over 150 nations and around

15,000 delegates.

“As we meet, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - our global promise to transform our world for a better, fairer future - is in danger.”

Some two-thirds of the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets agreed in 2015 are significantly off track - hence the staggering \$4 trillion investment needed to turn it around.

“We are here in Sevilla to change course. To repair and rev up the engine of development to accelerate investment at the scale and speed required,” said Guterres. — ANI

THAILAND

Prime Minister suspended over leaked Cambodia call by constitutional court

BANGKOK: The Prime Minister of Thailand, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, was suspended by the country's constitutional court on Tuesday pending an investigation into a leaked phone call with a senior Cambodian politician.

The judges voted 7 to 2 to suspend the 38-year-old prime minister after accepting a petition from 36 senators accusing her of dishonesty and a breach of ethical standards.



Why has Thailand's prime minister been suspended?

Paetongtarn has faced growing dissatisfaction over her handling of a border dispute with neighbouring Cambodia, which saw a Cambodian soldier killed in a violent clash in May.

During a leaked June 15 phone call with Cambodian Senate President Hun Sen, Paetongtarn appeared to criticize an outspoken Thai army commander — considered a red line in a country where the military has significant clout.

Despite apologizing and insisting that her remarks were a negotiating tactic, thousands of conservative, nationalist-leaning protesters rallied in central Bangkok on Saturday to demand the prime minister's resignation.

“I only thought about what to

do to avoid troubles, what to do to avoid armed confrontation, for the soldiers not to suffer any loss,” she said. “I wouldn’t be able to accept it if I said something with the other leader that could lead to negative consequences.”

Paetongtarn first has 15 days in which to provide evidence to the constitutional court to support her defence, in which time Deputy Prime Minister Suriya Juangroongruangkit is expected to become acting prime minister.

“Government work doesn’t stop, there is no problem,” Tourism Minister and Pheu Thai Party Secretary-General Sorawong Thi-

enthong told the Reuters news agency. “Suriya will become caretaker prime minister.”

Thai government under pressure

However, the government has been left with only a wafer-thin majority after Paetongtarn's leaked call saw a key party abandon her coalition and threaten a no-confidence vote.

Earlier on Tuesday, King Maha Vajiralongkorn endorsed cabinet reshuffle which should have seen Paetongtarn assume the position of culture minister in addition to prime minister. But it's unclear if

she will be able to be sworn into the role during her suspension.

She said on Monday that she would accept and follow the process but she didn't want to see her work interrupted.

It's not the first time that Paetongtarn has faced allegations over ethics breaches; she is currently also under investigation by Thailand's Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in a separate case. The Constitutional Court last year removed her predecessor over a breach of ethics while her father, the influential former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, was deposed in a military coup in 2006.

Also on Tuesday, a spokeswoman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry insisted that would not comment on an “internal” Thai affair but said: “As a friendly neighbour, we hope that Thailand will maintain stability and development.”

On May 28, soldiers from both countries clashed after Lt Gen Boonsin confirmed that troops from Cambodia had moved up to 150 metres into Thai territory, built trenches and refused to retreat after several warnings. He said it was the first time since 2011 that Cambodian security forces had advanced into the area. — Agencies

USAID-FUNDED PROGRAMMES

14 million lives at risk as US slashes global health aid over next 5 years

WASHINGTON: A recent study warned that US aid cuts could result in over 14 million deaths within the next five years, reversing global health progress, Khaama Press reported.

A recent study has revealed that over 14 million people could lose their lives within the next five years due to cuts in US financial aid.

According to US media reports on Monday, June 30, these reductions in funding for US Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded programmes could reverse the progress made in global health, where nearly 92 million deaths have been prevented

across 133 countries.

The study highlights that US-AID programmes have been vital in preventing more than 25 million deaths from AIDS and polio, around 11 million deaths from diarrheal diseases, 8 million deaths from malaria, and nearly 5 million deaths from tuberculosis.

Reduction in funding

The reduction in funding threatens to undo these gains, particularly in the most vulnerable regions.

In March, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that 83% of USAID's programmes would be cut, citing that these programmes did not align with US national

interests.

This announcement has raised alarm among health experts and humanitarian organisations, as these programmes are essential in combating preventable diseases across the globe, Khaama Press stated.

An analysis conducted by a team of researchers from Spain, Brazil, and the US estimated the impact of these cuts, predicting millions of additional deaths in areas dependent on US aid for disease prevention and healthcare services. This reduction in funding could have far-reaching consequences, particularly in regions with fragile health systems.

In Afghanistan, the consequences are already being felt. US aid has decreased by 40%, and around 400 health centers have closed due to funding shortages.

This has significantly reduced access to vital healthcare services, leaving millions vulnerable to preventable diseases, Khaama Press reported.

The dramatic reduction in US foreign aid presents a serious threat to global health, reversing decades of progress in combating preventable diseases. Immediate steps must be taken to address the consequences of these cuts and mitigate the impact on public health worldwide. — ANI

IN PLACE SINCE 2004

Donald Trump ends sanctions on Syria

WASHINGTON DC: US President Donald Trump on Monday signed an executive order to dismantle the US sanctions programme on Syria, ending the Middle Eastern country's isolation from the international financial system.

Sanctions programme

The sanctions programme, which has been in place since 2004, imposed far-reaching sanctions on Syria that affected most state institutions, including the central bank.

“This is in an effort to promote and support the country's path to stability and peace,” White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt

told reporters.

Sanctions against Assad remain in place

Leavitt added that the move will enable the US to maintain sanctions on Syria's former president, Bashar Assad, and his associates, as well as on human rights abusers, drug traffickers, individuals involved in chemical weapons activities, the IS, ISIS affiliates, and Iranian proxies.

Trump's order also instructs the US State Department to review the designation of the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) as a foreign terrorist organisation. The Syrian transitional government has largely emerged from this group. — ANI

SPORTS

VS ZIMBABWE

Bosch's five-for seals record victory for SA



BULAWAYO: A career-defining performance from Corbin Bosch — his maiden Test five-wicket haul and a first-innings century — powered South Africa to their largest ever victory over Zimbabwe in terms of runs, sealing a crushing 328-run win on the fourth day of the first Test on Tuesday.

The tone was set with the very first delivery of the day. Bosch, already on a hat-trick after removing Takudzwanashe Kaitano on the last ball of day three, cramped Nick Welch with a sharp short ball that lobbed to short leg. Though Sean Williams denied him the hat-trick, Bosch struck again soon after, triggering a collapse of 4 for 18. Zimbabwe, set a daunting target of 537, never recovered despite a brief resistance.

From 82 for 6, skipper Craig Ervine and Wellington Masakadza staged a spirited 83-run seventh-wicket partnership. They briefly stalled the South African charge, with both batters playing attractive shots against spin and pace alike. Masakadza brought up his maiden Test fifty — his previous best was just 17 — while Ervine looked set for one

too before falling one short on 49, courtesy of a brilliant diving catch by Tony de Zorzi at short leg. That wicket gave Bosch his fourth and broke Zimbabwe's last meaningful stand.

Four overs later, Bosch claimed Vincent Masekela to complete his five-wicket haul (5 for 43), capping off a match to remember. Having also scored an unbeaten 100 in the first innings, he became just the fifth South African to register both a century and a five-for in the same Test — an elite double.

Debutant Lhuan-dre Pretorius' 153 on day one, coupled with Wiaan Mulder's all-round contribution (147 and 4 for 50), left Zimbabwe chasing shadows throughout the match. Bosch and Yusuf (3 for 22 in the second innings) finished the job with ruthless efficiency.

Brief scores: South Africa 418 for 9 decl (Pretorius 153, Bosch 100*, Chivanga 4-83) and 369 (Mulder 147, Maharaj 51, Masakadza 4-98) beat Zimbabwe 251 (Williams 137, Mulder 4-50, Yusuf 3-42) and 208 (Masakadza 57, Bosch 5-43, Yusuf 3-22). - Agencies

Top seed Sinner eases into second round



The Italian brushed aside Luca Nardi at Wimbledon

LONDON: Top seed Jannik Sinner eased into the Wimbledon second round on Tuesday, brushing aside fellow Italian Luca Nardi in straight sets. Unfazed by the searing heat, Sinner barely broke sweat in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 win lasting just one hour and 48 minutes on Court One.

"I'm very happy to come back here to such a special place for me," Sinner said.

"Playing an Italian is very unfortunate but one has to go through and luckily it was me."

The 23-year-old Sinner last week insisted his surprise decision to part with two of his coaching staff on the eve of Wimbledon would not affect his bid to win the tournament for the first time.

Sinner has won three of the past six Grand Slams. He has failed to reach the Wimbledon final in his four visits, with a last-four appearance in 2023 ranking as his best effort.

He will face Australian Aleksandar Vukic in the next round.

Earlier on Monday, men's singles defending champion Carlos



Alcaraz was dragged into a five-set marathon battle by Italy's Fabio Fognini, as the Spaniard needed four hours and 37 minutes to progress from the first round 7-5, 6-7(5), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1.

The world No.2 was forced to play until the deciding set before extending his winning streak to 19 matches. The two-time defending champion will face British wildcard Oliver Tarvet in the second round.

"I knew at the beginning that it was going to be really difficult

playing against Fabio," said Alcaraz who defended his French Open title earlier this month.

In the women's singles, world No.3 Jessica Pegula struggled to explain her shock Wimbledon exit as she praised the "insane" performance of opponent Elisabetta Cocciaretto on Tuesday.

Last year's US Open runner-up crashed out following a 6-2, 6-3 defeat to the Italian world No.116 in just 58 minutes.

Also on Tuesday, Heather Watson's latest Wimbledon campaign

ended in a marathon three-set defeat to 23rd seed Clara Tauson 6-2, 4-6, 3-6.

Earlier on Monday, Paula Badosa failed to reach the second round as the ninth seed from Spain was beaten by local favourite Katie Boulter 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Chinese veteran Zhang Shuai, who entered the main draw by winning three qualifying matches, lost to Serbia's Olga Danilovic 6-2, 6-4. Zhang's compatriot Yuan Yue also exited after being defeated by Eva Lys of Germany, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

SECOND TEST VS ENGLAND

India to take last-minute call on speedster Bumrah for Edgbaston Test



BIRMINGHAM: India are set to make a last-minute decision on pacer Jasprit Bumrah's inclusion for the second Test against England at Edgbaston, starting on Wednesday. While Bumrah is fully fit, the management is weighing his workload across the five-match series and may rest him in favour of a strategic appearance later.

"We're trying to manage his workload smartly," said assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate. "He's ready to play, but we'll decide closer to the match based on the pitch,

weather, and how we want to balance the attack."

The pitch in Birmingham has patchy, grassy areas with a dry base — conditions that are nudging India toward a two-spinner approach. Off-spin all-rounder Washington Sundar is in contention, possibly edging out a specialist spinner to bolster the batting.

"Washi is bowling and batting well," ten Doeschate noted. "We're looking at whether to go with the all-rounder or an out-and-out spinner."

Rain is forecast on days one, four, and five, which could affect India's call on Bumrah. The flat nature of recent English pitches adds further complexity, prompting thoughts of preserving the pace spearhead for key Tests at Lord's, Manchester, or The Oval.

India are also considering changes in the field. After Yashasvi Jaiswal's three dropped catches at Headingley, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Sai Sudharsan have been trialed in the slip cordon during practice. Reddy, who impressed in

Australia, may be drafted into the XI as a batting all-rounder, replacing Shardul Thakur, who struggled at Leeds.

"Reddy is very close to a game," said ten Doeschate. "We're trying to rejig the puzzle to get our best combination on the park."

Meanwhile, England have named an unchanged XI for the second Test against India, meaning that Jofra Archer's much-vaunted return to Test cricket has been deferred at least until next week's third Test at Lord's. - Agencies

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Trading activity on the Muscat Stock Exchange, however, witnessed a marked increase during June. The total volume of shares traded surged by 50.1% to 1.4 billion, compared to 941.9 million in May

Times News Service

MUSCAT: After posting the biggest monthly gain in the GCC during May-2025, Oman's Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) 30 Index posted a monthly decline of 1.3% in June 2025 closing the month at 4,500.9 points, according to a new report.

"In terms of sectoral performance, the decline was broad-based with all the three sectors on the exchange recording declines during the month," the Kuwait-based Kamco Invest said in its latest GCC Markets Monthly Report June 2025.

The Services Index led the downturn with a 1.6% drop, followed by the Industrial Index, which fell by 1.5%, while the Financial Index recorded a decline of 1.2%, closing the month at 7,849.6 points. The decline in the Financial Index was primarily driven by share price losses among key constituent companies, including Bank Dhofar (-12.4%) and Oman & Emirates Investment Holding Co. (-6.8%).

Similarly, the decline in the Industrial Index was fuelled by significant share price drops in sev-



eral sector constituents, such as Construction Materials Industries Co. (-15.7%) and Raysut Cement Co. (-8.4%).

The monthly stock performance chart was led by Oman Investment & Finance Co., which recorded 19.4% gain in June-2025. Muscat Insurance Co. followed with an 18.9% increase, while Muscat Gases Co. posted a 15.0% rise. On the decliners' side, Construction Materials Industries Co. registered the largest drop, falling by 15.7%, followed by Bank Dhofar and Oman Qatari Telecommunications Co., which saw declines of 12.2% and 10.5%, respectively.

Trading activity on the Muscat Stock Exchange witnessed a marked increase during June-2025. The total volume of shares traded surged by 50.1% to 1.4 billion, compared to 941.9 million in May-2025. Likewise, the total value of shares traded rose by 53.8%, reaching OMR228.2 million against OMR148.4 million in the previous month. OQ Base Industries led the monthly value traded chart with OMR46.6 million in trades, followed by Bank Muscat and OQ Gas Networks with OMR32.6 million and OMR 31.6 million, respectively. In terms

grow at an accelerating pace over the next few years. Growth is forecasted at 3.0% in 2025, rising from 1.7% in 2024, and expected to reach 3.7% in 2026 and 4.0% in 2027. The recovery is anticipated to be supported by a 2.1% increase in oil GDP in 2025, alongside a 3.4% expansion in non-oil sectors, particularly in construction, manufacturing, and services sectors.

Other GCC markets recover

After falling to the lowest level in two months during the first half of June-2025, GCC market index witnessed strong and consistent recovery during the second half of the month resulting in a 3.1% gain in the MSCI GCC index during the month. The gains were broad based with almost all the markets registering monthly gains. Kuwait was the best performing market during the month with a gain of 4.2% closely followed by Dubai that was up 4.1%. Abu Dhabi and Qatar markets gained 2.8% and 2.7%, respectively, while Saudi Arabia was up by 1.6%. The GCC sector chart also highlighted the broad-based gains with only the Energy index down marginally by 0.6% while the rest of the sectors registered gains. Insurance was the best performing index with a monthly gain of 8.2% followed by Consumer Durables & Apparel and Banks with gains of 6.7% and 4.0%, respectively.

Gains during June-2025 also pushed 1H-2025 performance into the green at the GCC level with a gain of 1.5%. Kuwait continues to lead in the region with the biggest gain of 14.8% since the start of the year mainly led by large cap stocks on the exchange with the Premier market index gaining 17.2%. Dubai also showed double-digit growth of 10.6% followed by Abu Dhabi and Qatar with gains of 5.7% and 1.7%, respectively. Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, showed a YTD-2025 decline of 7.2%, the biggest in the GCC followed by Bahrain with relatively smaller declines of 2.1%.

APPOINTMENT

Oman Shell welcomes Ali Al Janabi as new country chairman

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MUSCAT: Shell announced the appointment of Ali Al Janabi as the new Senior Vice President and Country Chairman for Oman, effective 1 July 2025.

Al Janabi has over 29 years of global experience, including 22 years at Shell, where he has held diverse leadership roles in Business Development, Commercial, Trading, and Country Management across the Chemicals, Integrated Gas, and Upstream businesses. He began his career in Shell's Gas and Power division, working in Business Development, and in 2006, was appointed LNG Supply Manager for the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia.

Prior to his new appointment in Oman, he served as Senior Vice President and Country Chair for Kazakhstan, and previously held the position of Vice President and Chairman for Shell's operations in Iraq, Tunisia, and the UAE.

Reflecting on his new role, Al Janabi said: "Shell has proudly been a partner to Oman and its people for decades. I am honoured to lead our efforts in this next chapter, reinforcing our long-standing commitment to Oman's energy future and its ambitions for a diversified and sustainable energy landscape."

He added: "Oman Shell will continue to support the growth and transformation journeys of Petroleum Development Oman and Oman LNG, especially in their efforts towards growth and emissions reductions."

"At the same time, Oman Shell remains focused on unlocking the gas potential of Blocks 10 and 11, while advancing our decarbonization goals and contributing to Oman's broader economic development."



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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) 30 Index closed at 4,513.51 points, gaining 12.6 points 0.28% from the previous session's close of 4,500.87 points. Trading value decreased to OMR 12,463,477, reflecting a 2.9% drop compared to the last session's OMR 12,833,756. The MSX report indicated that market capitalization saw an in-

crease of 0.145%, settling at approximately OMR 28.31 billion. Non-Omani investors recorded purchases worth OMR 881,000 (7.07% of total trading volume), while sales by foreign investors reached OMR 573 thousand (4.60%). Net foreign investment increased by OMR 308 thousand (2.47%). — **ONA**

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,522.11	4,477.17	4,513.51	4,500.87	12.63	0.28
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,875.56	7,794.88	7,864.28	7,849.63	14.65	0.19
Industry Index	6,525.09	6,458.58	6,521.54	6,468.93	52.61	0.81
Services Index	1,607.00	1,596.60	1,599.45	1,599.45	0.00	0.00
MSX Shariah Index	436.60	434.53	435.49	436.20	-0.71	-0.16
MSX TR INDEX	6,689.25	6,622.77	6,676.52	6,657.84	18.68	0.28
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,356.43	9,260.59	9,343.04	9,325.63	17.41	0.19
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,018.35	7,936.62	8,013.99	7,949.34	64.65	0.81
SERVICES TR IDX	2,049.31	2,036.05	2,039.74	2,039.69	0.06	0.00
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	1,204.48	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
79,321,641	12,463,477	1,736	28,311,446,374	18	16	25	59

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, JULY 1

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. BD.	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BD.	LAST OFF.	PRE. VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000000325	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	313,244	35,086	19	0.109	0.113	0.109	0.113	0.103	0.010	9709	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.100	22,600,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	6,146	4,381	8	0.700	0.720	0.700	0.720	0.700	0.020	2,857	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.100	67,401,477
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	116,317	25,705	11	0.219	0.223	0.219	0.223	0.219	0.004	1,826	0.223	0.219	0.223	0.100	208,663,686
OM0000000276	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	2,312	902	2	0.380	0.390	0.380	0.390	0.385	0.005	1,399	0.390	0.385	0.390	0.100	48,710,204
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	346,444	65,374	47	0.190	0.190	0.187	0.189	0.188	0.001	0,532	0.189	0.185	0.195	0.100	123,028,459
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	355,000	104,750	3	0.295	0.300	0.295	0.300	0.300	0.000	0,000	0.300	0.295	0.300	0.100	487,783,907
OM0000000440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	1,200	96	3	0.075	0.080	0.075	0.080	0.080	0.000	0,000	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100	7,200,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	253,042	212,975	27	0.842	0.843	0.840	0.842	0.842	0.000	0,000	0.842	0.841	0.845	0.100	631,500,000
OM0000000420	BANK NIZWA	54,404	5,441	10	0.101	0.101	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0,000	0.100	0.099	0.102	0.100	223,695,303
OM0000004788	MADINA TARAFAUL	246,320	19,882	18	0.080	0.080	0.079	0.080	0.080	0.000	0,000	0.080	0.079	0.085	0.100	14,000,000
OM0000008854	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	886,722	219,197	47	0.244	0.248	0.244	0.247	0.247	0.000	0,000	0.247	0.241	0.249	0.100	190,239,400
OM0000009072	QOGAS NETWORKS	11,071,676	1,685,318	226	0.154	0.154	0.151	0.152	0.152	0.000	0,000	0.152	0.151	0.152	0.100	458,254,836
OM0000000268	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	244,403	44,750	38	0.182	0.184	0.180	0.181	0.182	-0.001	0,549	0.181	0.181	0.181	0.100	39,820,000
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	83,710	26,707	10	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.287	-0.002	0,697	0.285	0.285	0.287	0.100	67,378,850
OM00000002786	BANK MUSCAT	704,2730	1,910,684	111	0.272	0.273	0.271	0.271	0.275	-0.004	-1,455	0.271	0.270	0.273	0.100	2034,253,604
OM0000000226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	7,000	1,292	4	0.186	0.186	0.183	0.183	0.186	-0.003	-1,613	0.183	0.182	0.190	0.100	7,840,267
OM00000003388	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	12,175,103	1,684,712	142	0.141	0.141	0.137	0.138	0.141	-0.003	-2,128	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.100	913,179,985
OM00000001887	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	96,184	21,545	6	0.225	0.225	0.224	0.224	0.229	-0.005	-2,183	0.224	0.224	0.225	0.100	22,400,000
OM00000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	56,215	3,957	4	0.072	0.072	0.070	0.070	0.072	-0.002	-2,778	0.070	0.070	0.072	0.100	50,008,444
Total		33,368,152	6,072,550	736												

Parallel Market

OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	3,106	1,373	4	0.441	0.470	0.441	0.470	0.441	0.029	6,576	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.100	29,357,640
OM0000001020	ASVAD SHIPPING	17,072,265	2,150,497	148	0.125	0.128	0.123	0.127	0.123	0.004	3,252	0.127	0.128	0.127	0.000	661,510,524
OM0000000908	QJ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFT)	167,91,997	2,109,866	286	0.124	0.128	0.123	0.129	0.125	0.004	3,200	0.129	0.125	0.129	0.000	446,273,320
OM00000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	1,835,263	373,721	124	0.197	0.207	0.197	0.206	0.200	0.006	3,000	0.206	0.206	0.206	0.100	32,960,000
OM00000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	280,379	20,274	26	0.070	0.073	0.070	0.072	0.070	0.002	2,857	0.072	0.070	0.075	0.100	1,512,000
OM0000007043	LIVA GROUP	167,50	4,355	3	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.260	0.255	0.005	1,981	0.260	0.250	0.270	0.100	103,577,259
OM00000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	724	422	2	0.605	0.605	0.580	0.580	0.570	0.010	1,754	0.580	0.583	0.600	0.100	55,100,000
OM00000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	5,000	3,500	5	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.001	1,449	0.070	0.068	0.072	0.100	8,531,250
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	900	64	1	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.001	1,429	0.071	0.067	0.071	0.100	11,044,078
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	33,498	15,899	19	0.470	0.478	0.470	0.475	0.470	0.005	1,064	0.475	0.475	0.476	0.100	78,553,125
OM0000000760	QJ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	3,631,716	1,172,166	171	0.321	0.324	0.320	0.324	0.321	0.003	0,835	0.324	0.323	0.324	0.100	10,002,962,000
OM00000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	4,545	682	2	0.150	0.151	0.150	0.151	0.150	0.001	0,667	0.151	0.150	0.160	0.100	2,661,173
OM00000002287	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	43,888	9,699	3	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.220	0.001	0,455	0.221	0.220	0.221	0.100	10,114,241
OM0000001086	DHOFAH INSURANCE	2,762	544	1	0.197	0.197	0.197	0.197	0.197	0.000	0,000	0.197	0.197	0.197	0.100	22,921,145
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	22,061	2,603	3	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0,000	0.118	0.116	0.118	0.100	17,700,000
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	5,000	575	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0,000	0.115	0.111	0.115	0.100	12,450,000
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	20,000	1,400	1	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0,000	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.100	4,375,000
OM0000001426	OMAN REFRESHMENT	3,297	2,987	1	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.000	0,000	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.100	45,000,000
OM0000001509	DHOFAH INTERNATIONAL DEV & INV.	1,000	280	1	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.000	0,000	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.100	138,895,719
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	61,807	3,152	4	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.000	0,000	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.100	15,664,463
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	8,633	4,097	4	0.474	0.475	0.474	0.475	0.475	0.000	0,000	0.475	0.460	0.485	0.100	157,164,537
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	27,438	1,289	5	0.044	0.047	0.044	0.047	0.047	0.000	0,000	0.047	0.045	0.051	0.100	3,965,000
OM00000002549	BANK DHOFAH	20,000	2,580	3	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.000	0,000	0.129	0.129	0.130	0.100	392,134,011
OM00000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	1,200	845	2	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.000	0,000	0.650	0.640	0.660	0.100	39,828,750
OM00000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	8,600	1,720	5	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.000	0,000	0.200	0.190	0.200	0.100	39,927,120
OM00000004735	SEMBPOB SALALAH	20,000	2,060	2	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.000	0,000	0.103	0.103	0.106	0.100	98,320,911
OM00000004778	TAKAFUL OMAN	200	0	2	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.000	0,000	0.044	0.046	0.052	0.100	12,440,000
OM00000007280	ARABIA FALCON INSURANCE	29,080	3,886	2	0.133	0.135	0.133	0.135	0.135	0.000	0,000	0.135	0.135	0.000	0.100	13,945,724
OM00000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	15,900	988	2	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.000	0,000	0.056	0.055	0.061	0.100	12,445,440
OM00000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	21,338	6,279	5	0.297	0.297	0.294	0.294	0.295	-0.001	-0,339	0.294	0.280	0.294	0.100	16,170,000
OM00000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	57,074	7,248	3	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.128	-0.001	-781	0.127	0.125	0.133	0.100	9,591,294
OM00000008868	THE PEARL REP	100	12	1	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.119	-0.001	-0,440	0.118	0.118	0.119	0.100	69,789,552
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	5,101,719	420,801	104	0.079	0.084	0.079	0.084	0.085	-0.001	-1,176	0.084	0.078	0.084	0.100	25,078,446
OM00000004447	OMAN REIT FUND	115,505	8,556	11	0.081	0.083	0.081	0.083	0.084	-0.001	-1,190	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.100	53,832,996
OM00000005863	PHOENIX POWER	297,808	19,801	14	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.070	0.072	-0.002	-2,778	0.070	0.071	0.072	0.100	102,361,104
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	386,857	32,002	23	0.086	0.086	0.082	0.082	0.086	-0.004	-4,651	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.100	6,970,000
Total		45,894,028	6,386,096	992												



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LIFESTYLE

New mRNA vaccine is more effective,

less costly to develop: Study

In this approach, the mRNA is separated into two fragments -- the antigen sequence and the replicase sequence -- the latter of which can be produced in advance, saving crucial time in the event a new vaccine must be developed urgently and produced at scale

A new type of mRNA vaccine is more scalable and adaptable to continuously evolving viruses such as SARS-CoV-2 and H5N1, according to a study by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health and the Pennsylvania State University.

The study was published today in npj Vaccines.

Though highly effective at inducing an immune response, current mRNA vaccines, such as those used to prevent COVID-19, present two significant challenges: the high amount of mRNA needed to produce them and the constantly evolving nature of the pathogen.

"The virus changes, moving the goal post, and updating the vaccine takes some time," said senior author Suresh Kuchipudi, Ph.D., chair of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology at Pitt Public Health.

To address these challenges, the researchers created a proof-of-concept COVID-19 vaccine using what's known as a "trans-amplifying" mRNA platform.

In this approach, the mRNA is separated into two fragments -- the antigen sequence and the replicase sequence -- the latter of which can be produced in advance, saving crucial time in the event a new vaccine must be developed urgently and produced at scale.

Additionally, the researchers analysed the spike-protein sequences of all known variants of SARS-CoV-2 for commonalities, rendering what's known as a "consensus spike protein" as the basis for the vaccine's antigen.

In mice, the vaccine induced a robust immune response against many strains of SARS-CoV-2.

"This has the potential for more lasting immunity that would not require updating, because the vaccine has the potential to provide broad protection," said Kuchipudi.

"Additionally, this format requires an mRNA dose 40 times less than conventional vaccines, so this new approach significantly reduces the overall cost of the vaccine."

The lessons learned from this study could inform more efficient vaccine development for other constantly evolving RNA viruses with pandemic potential, Kuchipudi said.

"We hope to apply the principles of this lower-cost, broad-protection antigen design to pressing challenges like bird flu," added Kuchipudi. - **ANI**

SPORTS

HEALTH ALARM

‘FIFA must consider 9am World Cup final amid heat crisis’



NEW YORK: As temperatures soar across the US, experts and players alike are sounding the alarm: FIFA must consider an unprecedented shift — scheduling the 2026 World Cup final at 9am to protect health and performance. Recent extreme heat during the Club World Cup has raised urgent concerns about next summer’s expanded 48-team World Cup, hosted across the US, Mexico, and Canada. Matches in cities like Philadelphia, New York, and Miami have seen “feels-like” temperatures exceeding 45°C, with players visibly struggling. Real Madrid’s Jude Bellingham was even pictured pouring water over his head mid-match to cool down. Professor Mike Tipton, a leading environmental physiologist at Portsmouth University, told *BBC Sport* that moving matches to early morning hours could be the only viable way to mitigate heat risk. “From a thermal-physiological perspective, starting as early as possible — yes, even 9am — makes sense,” he said. “This isn’t just about players. Officials, fans — many elderly or less fit — are all at risk.” The final is set for the open-air MetLife Stadium in New Jersey,

one of eight World Cup matches to be held there. Yet with forecasted heatwaves becoming more severe due to climate change, experts fear history could repeat — or worsen. In 1994, Ireland’s squad famously suffered in 41°C heat during a noon kickoff against Mexico. “Our brains fogged. We couldn’t press or think clearly,” recalled former goalkeeper Packie Bonner. FIFPRO, the global players’ union, echoed Tipton’s concerns. Medical director Dr. Vincent Goutteborge urged FIFA to explore 20-minute haltime breaks, stricter cooling thresholds, and match postponements when WBGT (a heat stress measure) exceeds 32°C. FIFA currently mandates breaks at that threshold, but FIFPRO says play should stop once it hits 28°C. So far, six Club World Cup matches have been delayed by severe weather, mostly due to violent thunderstorms. The 2026 tournament is vulnerable: only five of 16 stadiums have roofs. Venues in Miami, Monterrey, Houston, Dallas, Kansas City, and Atlanta are deemed “extremely high risk” for heat-stress injuries. - Agencies (With inputs from BBC Sport)

Al Hilal upset Man City, Fluminense stun Inter

Saudi Arabian club to meet Brazilian opponent in FIFA Club World Cup quarter-finals

NEW YORK: Al Hilal and Fluminense set up a Club World Cup quarterfinal meeting after eliminating Manchester City and Inter Milan on a day of upsets in the United States on Monday. The teams will clash in Orlando on Friday after Al Hilal edged City in extra time and Fluminense saw off Inter with a goal in each half. Brazilian forward Marcos Leonardo scored twice, including a 112th-minute winner, as Saudi Arabia’s Al Hilal clinched a 4-3 victory over City in Monday’s late round-of-16 fixture. The Premier League club led early through Bernardo Silva before Al Hilal responded with goals from Leonardo and Malcom at Camping World Stadium. Erling Haaland brought City level in a frenetic second half, and the sides traded further goals in extra time through Kalidou Koulibaly and substitute Phil Foden. “It was an incredible night,” Leonardo said. “We faced a great team, one of the best in the world. That makes this result very special.” The former Santos and Benfica player dedicated his performance to his mother, who is recovering from illness. “These last few months have been difficult,” the 22-year-old said. “My mother was sick and in hospital. She is fine now, thank-



fully. When I scored those two goals, I thought of her. Today she was able to watch the game. We have to value family. Today was rewarding. If it weren’t for my parents, I wouldn’t be here.” City manager Pep Guardiola admitted his team was beaten by a better opponent and said he could not fault his players’ commitment. “At this stage, they are all difficult games,” the Spaniard said. “We allowed them to create transitions but we created a lot and in general we were good. “It’s a pity. We were in such a

good place and I cannot say thank you enough to the staff, how they train and prepare, they have given everything.” Earlier on Monday, goals from German Cano and Hercules gave Brazil’s Fluminense a 2-0 win over Inter Milan in Charlotte. Argentine striker Cano opened the scoring in the third minute with a close-range header following Jhon Arias’ deflected cross from the right wing. A decision by Fluminense manager Renato Portaluppi to deploy three centre-backs - Ignacio Freytes and 40-year-old Thiago

Silva - suffocated Inter Milan’s attack for much of the match, denying the Italian side space and any clear path to goal. Despite Fluminense’s effective defensive tactics, Inter carved out a series of late chances, with Lautaro Martinez and Federico Dimarco both hitting the woodwork. Substitute Hercules put the result beyond doubt in the 93rd minute as he collected a loose ball and - with Inter Milan’s defence retreating - advanced unchallenged into the box before firing low into the far corner. “Despite the limited time we had to prepare, the players believed in the new formation,” Portaluppi told reporters. Inter Milan manager Cristian Chivu did not hide his disappointment and questioned his team’s attitude early in the match. “We didn’t start off the way a team that wanted to give their all on the pitch should,” he said. “We suffered from the intensity and pressure they brought. We were a bit presumptuous, looking to play pretty football when we could have done things simply.” xinhua

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP

Al Hilal climb ‘Everest’, as City slide

ORLANDO: Al Hilal’s astonishing 4-3 triumph over Manchester City in Florida didn’t just ignite Saudi pride — it sent shockwaves across the football world. On a night more commonly reserved for Monday Night Raw, it was raw emotion, defiance, and drama from the Pro League side that stole the spotlight in an unforgettable Club World Cup clash. “This is one of the biggest results in the history of Saudi football,” a journalist from Arryadia said, while fans and media alike danced, sang, and cried tears of joy at Camping World Stadium. “Al Hilal have shocked the world,” exclaimed former England winger Andros Townsend on Dazn. Few could argue. Al Hilal, without injured stars Salem Al Dawdari and Aleksandar Mitrovic, were given little chance before kick-off. But under new boss Simone Inzaghi — himself still smarting from Inter Milan’s



Champions League final humiliation — they pulled off what the Italian called a feat akin to “climbing Mount Everest without oxygen.” “The key was the heart,” Inzaghi said. “We knew how strong Manchester City are, and we needed something extraordinary. The players deserved this moment. They fought for every ball.” Al Hilal’s heroics mark the first

time an Asian club has defeated a European side in a competitive FIFA tournament. Europe’s giants had previously won 18 of 20 encounters. The result is more than a sporting upset; it’s a powerful moment for Saudi football, fueled by over £700 million in investment and driven by an ambition that extends to hosting the 2034 World Cup.

But as Al Hilal celebrated, the post-match spotlight also turned to Manchester City — and what went wrong. “They were all over the place at times,” former City keeper Shay Given said on Dazn. “It wasn’t a fluke. It’s really worrying for Guardiola. Al Hilal could have scored even more.” City boss Pep Guardiola admitted: “We allowed them transitions. It’s a pity — we’ve been on such a good journey. The vibe was good, the team felt right, but now we go home and rest.” With the Premier League opener against Wolves looming on 16 August, City face urgent questions. Al Hilal may have scaled their Everest, but Guardiola’s men now find themselves at the base of a mountain of their own. As Sergej Milinković-Savić put it: “Let’s see now if they will criticise us. We’ve shown what this league is capable of.” - Agencies

PORSCHE CENTRE OMAN



OAA unveils new National Karting Championship

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a bold step to accelerate the future of motorsport in the Sultanate, Porsche Centre Oman (PCO) has teamed up with the Oman Automobile Association (OAA) to launch a dynamic new chapter in Omani racing — the Porsche Centre Oman Karting Championship Series. Announced on Monday, this two-year partnership marks a milestone for motorsport development in the country, laying a solid foundation for nurturing emerging talent and fueling grassroots racing culture. The Porsche Centre Oman Karting Championship Series will debut this September with a five-event calendar, serving as a pivotal platform for both licensed racers and leisure karting enthusiasts. As the official naming rights sponsor, PCO will play a leading role in shaping the trajectory of the sport over the next two seasons. “We are proud to sponsor a project that aligns with our legacy of motorsport excellence,” said Mohamed A.R. Qassim, PCO Director. “Supporting the next generation of drivers is key to Porsche Centre Oman’s vision in the region, and this partnership reflects our commitment to youth development and motorsport innovation in the Sultanate.” The championship will feature competitive classes for race license holders — such as Rotax Max — as well as categories for casual participants, ensuring inclusivity across skill levels.

PCO will provide comprehensive branding, professional racing suits, and cash prizes for podium finishers, bringing a new level of professionalism and excitement to the national karting scene. “This new championship series for both licensed racers and leisure karts marks a new era for karting in Oman,” said Suleiman Al Rawahi, OAA Managing Director. “Partnering with Porsche Centre Oman allows us to elevate the level of competition and offer new opportunities for aspiring drivers across the country.” In addition to the core race series, the calendar will feature a 24-hour endurance race and other competitive events hosted at the Muscat Speedway, providing participants with varied formats and challenges. The partnership, set to run until Q3 2027, includes a strong promotional push — including a dedicated Instagram channel — to build fan engagement and spotlight local talent. Porsche Centre Oman’s investment underscores its broader commitment to community development, youth engagement, and the long-term sustainability of motorsport in Oman. This initiative complements Porsche’s extensive history in motorsport across the Middle East. With the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East having showcased 15 thrilling seasons in the Gulf, the new karting championship offers young Omani drivers a clear pathway from grassroots karting to the professional racing stage.

30 NOVEMBER-8 DECEMBER

Pre-registration opens for the first World Sailing Inclusion Championships

MUSCAT: World Sailing announced the official opening of pre-registration for the inaugural World Sailing Inclusion Championships, set to take place from 30 November to 8 December 2025 at the Mussanah Sailing School, located within the Barceló Mussanah Resort in Oman. Organised in partnership with Oman Sail, this landmark championship marks a significant moment in the evolution of the sport as the first-ever multiclass global sailing event hosted by World Sailing that is purposefully designed to include both Para-classified athletes and athletes with disabilities who do not meet IPC classification criteria. These athletes will compete side by side in a unified, high-performance environment that showcases sailing’s unique inclusivity. The event will feature competition across five classes. The RS Venture Connect, a two-person keelboat category, welcomes both



para-classified and inclusive teams, including those using servo-assisted control systems. The Hansa 303 single class is open to all sailors, regardless of classification. The ILCA 6 class is designated for athletes with intellectual impairments and requires classification from Virtus, Special Olympics, or World Sailing II. The RS21 blind fleet racing class is reserved for visually impaired sailors classified as B1, B2, or B3. The seated wing foiling class in-

troduces an exciting new discipline, open to both para MIC-classified and self-declared inclusive athletes. Sailors, teams, and Member National Authorities (MNAs) interested in participating are invited to complete the pre-registration form to express their interest. While pre-registration does not confirm entry, it is a vital step in helping organisers coordinate equipment allocation, accommodation arrangements, classi-

fication logistics, and the overall structure of the event. Dr Khamis Al Jabri, CEO of Oman Sail, said, “We are honoured to host the first World Sailing Inclusion Championships. This event sends a powerful message about the value of inclusion — not just in sport, but across society. We look forward to welcoming sailors from around the globe to Oman for what promises to be a memorable and inspiring championship.” Hannah Stodel, Para World Sailing Manager, added, “This landmark championship represents an exciting new chapter for sailing. The inclusion championships are a celebration of our sport’s diversity — inclusive, competitive, and welcoming to all. Whether grassroots or elite, this is a chance to compete on equal terms.” A dedicated event website has now been launched. To learn more, visit the official page at https://www.sailing.org/world-sailing-inclusion-championships.

IN PICTURES



A bullet train seen running out of a maintenance station
An aerial drone photo taken shows a bullet train running out of a maintenance station in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province. xinhua



Southern California wildfire spreads rapidly, prompts evacuations
Firefighters keep inspecting the wildfire near Banning City, Riverside County of California, the United States. A rapidly-expanding brush fire in Southern California has scorched more than 2,400 acres and prompted evacuation orders, local authorities said. xinhua



Argentina to appeal against US ruling over its national oil firm
This picture shows the YPF Tower in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentina will appeal the ruling of a court in New York that ordered the South American country to transfer 51 percent of the shares of the national oil and gas company YPF, said President Javier Milei. xinhua



Tennis fans face hottest start to Wimbledon on record
A woman blocks the sun with her hand on the opening day of the Wimbledon Championships in London, Britain. Tennis fans faced the hottest start to Wimbledon on record on Monday as temperature soared to 32 degrees Celsius.



Peru celebrates ancient Inca Festival of Sun
This picture shows people celebrating Inti Raymi, or the Festival of the Sun, in Cusco, Peru. xinhua



Fireworks at Castel Sant'Angelo in Rome, Italy
Fireworks are seen above Castel Sant'Angelo during a fireworks performance in Rome, Italy. xinhua



Highlight of fashion show in Karachi, Pakistan
A model presents a creation during a fashion show in Karachi, southern Pakistan. xinhua

ROUND-UP

Own Chery sedan with exclusive summer campaign benefits

Smart, stylish and built for modern living, the all-new Arrizo 5 is designed to enhance every journey

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



last until 17 July. (Prospective buyers may be advised that the benefits vary between model variants, model year and manufacturing year. Terms & Conditions apply. Customers can visit any Chery showroom for exact details.) Smart, stylish and built for modern living, the all-new Arrizo 5 is designed to enhance every journey. Equipped with a highly efficient 1.5L engine, it delivers the perfect

mix of performance and fuel savings. Whether navigating city traffic or heading out for a weekend drive, the intelligent CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission) ensures smooth, responsive acceleration. Its advanced suspension system adds extra stability and comfort, giving you a refined and confident ride every time you get behind the wheel. The Arrizo 5 is now available with an EMI starting from RO 61.

The Chery Arrizo 6 PRO is where technology meets elegance. Engineered with a powerful turbocharged engine, it offers exhilarating performance while maintaining fuel efficiency. The smooth CVT gearbox ensures a relaxed, effortless drive, ideal for both everyday commutes and longer road trips. Inside, premium features and intelligent safety systems work together to

create a secure, comfortable and connected environment for you and your passengers. The Arrizo 6 is now available with an EMI starting from RO 79. Redefine your expectations with the Chery Arrizo 8, a premium sedan that blends cutting-edge technology with head-turning design. Its bold front grille, sleek LED headlights and sculpted aerodynamic profile speak volumes about

its modern character. Available in both 1.6L and 2.0L turbocharged variants, the Arrizo 8 offers dynamic performance with advanced TDI (Turbocharged Direct Injection) technology that maximises power while keeping fuel consumption in check. The Arrizo 8 is now available with an EMI starting from RO 115. In Oman, Chery vehicles are distributed by New World Autos.

INDIAN SOCIAL CLUB



ISC Oman organises badminton tournament

MUSCAT: The Indian Social Club Oman (ISC) recently conducted a very exciting Badminton tournament for all its members, at its Badminton Courts in Darsait. The tournament witnessed overwhelming participation from all badminton enthusiasts within the ISC family, especially those practicing on a regular basis, raising the overall level of the sport on display to a very high degree of expertise. The tournament for the first time, witnessed participants being divided in two categories, Category A (Advanced) and Category B (Basic) with each doubles team being formed by draw of lots. Both the A & B Categories saw invigorating Leagues phases, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and then the Finals, spanning over a four-day period. The highlight of this tournament was its extremely smooth conduct and enthralling matches between all teams right up to the finals, for which we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Kutty, the Badminton Coordinator, and Manoj Ranade, the Sports Secretary of the Indian Social Club Oman, for their exceptional efforts in organizing the tournament.

The final match for the Category B final witnessed featured the young duo of Vedic & Paul in one team playing against the highly experienced team of Sunil & Gopakumar. After three invigorating sets, the team of Vedic & Paul emerged to be the winners, given their grit and agility on the court. The Category A final was another spectacular extravaganza, featuring two extremely formidable teams, Jyothilal & Sundar on one side, and Dijesh & Moncy on the other. The powerful shot-hitting team of Dijesh and Moncy faced stiff competition from the deft handling & placement expertise team of Jyothilal and Sundar, who eventually emerged victorious after three gruelling sets of superb Badminton. The prize distribution ceremony was graced by Suhail Khan, Vice Chairman of ISC, Shakeel K M, General Secretary of ISC, Manoj Ranade, Sports Secretary of ISC and Percy Pareira, who sponsored few special prizes for all the finalists. Their presence added to the significance of the occasion and underscored the importance of sports in fostering general fitness, team spirit, and camaraderie.

EXISTING BRANCH IN SALALAH

Sayarti inaugurates new customer service lounge

MUSCAT: In line with its ongoing commitment to enhancing customer experience, Sayarti, a prominent player in the mobility and equipment sector and part of The Zubair Corporation, as well as a leading provider in vehicle rental and used car sales, has announced the opening of a newly expanded and upgraded customer service lounge within its current branch premises. The move occurs ahead of the Khareef Salalah season and demonstrates the company's dedication to offering a more comfortable and efficient environment for



its clients. The opening of the new lounge is a key part of Sayarti's strategy to enhance direct cus-

tomers engagement. Designed to the highest standards, the lounge features spacious areas, modern

facilities, and a streamlined experience designed to ensure faster service and greater comfort. Sohraab Hasnain, General Manager of Sayarti, said: "We are proud to inaugurate this new customer lounge, a significant step forward in our ongoing development plans. With this initiative, we aim to provide a warm, comfortable environment that reflects our commitment to quality, efficiency, and attentive service. As we approach the Khareef season, we are fully prepared with a wide range of the latest vehicle models to meet our customers' diverse needs."

EXPEDITION

Jetour flags off 'Middle East Drive' across six GCC nations

MUSCAT: Jetour flagged off the highly anticipated "Jetour Middle East Drive", an ambitious regional expedition that will see eight Jetour SUVs — led by the breakthrough T2 PHEV and T2—travel across six GCC nations under the rallying theme "Think Future." Starting in Oman, the convoy will cross into the United Arab Emirates before powering on to Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. More than a road trip, the landmark campaign underscores Jetour's unwavering commitment to deliver innovation, performance, and cultural connection to customers throughout the Middle East. "This drive is our bold declaration of intent," said Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO, MHD Automobiles—the exclusive distributor of Jetour in Oman. "By taking the T2 and T2 PHEV across every border



in the GCC, we are proving, in real time, that Jetour is ready for tomorrow's mobility challenges—combining hybrid durability, cutting-edge technology, and an explorer's spirit with the everyday comfort our customers demand." Eight Vehicles, One Vision: A mixed fleet of T2 and T2 PHEV

SUVs, purpose-built for seamless city driving and rugged off-road adventure. 6 Countries, 10,000+ kilometers: A dynamic, on-road laboratory demonstrating Jetour's strength, efficiency, and reliability across diverse terrains and climates. "Travel+" Strategy in Motion:

The journey embodies Jetour's philosophy of weaving advanced technology into culturally rich, adventure-driven experiences that inspire drivers to explore more. Recognizing the ecosystem of innovation behind the brand, Jetour invited strategic partner Huawei on stage during the Muscat ceremony to honor two standout team members with Tokens of Appreciation for amplifying Jetour's voice and values across the region. As the convoy exits Oman's borders, daily updates will capture real-time performance data, driver stories, and scenic highlights, available on Jetour's official social platforms and regional microsite. The "Think Future" campaign sets the tone for forthcoming product launches and experiential activations that place Middle Eastern drivers at the forefront of Jetour's global roadmap.

SUV

Lynk & Co 06 - Smart SUV for a connected world

MUSCAT: In a world of design that is a blend of style and function and that is dominated by power and precision, the Lynk & Co 06 steps in as the ideal mix of what is expected today in terms of modern transportation and urban class. This is not your typical SUV but rather a different approach to driving that is born out of the connected age. The next generation of city mobility. On the road the future of urban transport is here. The Lynk & Co 06 is an urban luxury SUV that we put at your service as we see you navigate through the dynamic streets of Muscat or plan your next weekend getaway. For just OMR 6,966, it is the premiere of a new age of premium mobility that is smart, styled, and also very accessible. With the design DNA of Volvo Cars, Lynk & Co has turned the compact SUV game on its head. In Oman, we present the 06 in association with Towell Auto Group and Mobility Auto, a premium experience that

is also very much a result of global know-how and local trust. The 06 is turning heads with its radical and future-focused design. We see the Z-shaped waistline, aggressive posture, and floating roof, in which it presents a sports and urban persona. In the front we have Energy Cube LED headlamps and taillights that improve visibility and also present a high-tech signature look, which also plays home to the sculpted body panels and wide grille, which in turn create a bold front end. Also, it has the aluminum alloy wheels that add to the sporty feel and, at the same time, the large panoramic sunroof, which lets in natural light into the cabin, thus creating an open feel. Also, you can choose from standard colors like Sonic Green, Pastel Lilac, Pearl White, and Misty Grey, each of which is designed to project confidence and individuality. Step in, and you will be greeted by the Lynk&Co 06 which has been designed for today's world. We have gone with soft-touch



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console to the smart keyless entry and push-start ignition, has been put in to deliver ease without compromise. In the engine bay sits a 1.5-liter turbocharged unit that puts out 181 PS and 290 Nm of torque, which in

turn is connected to a quick 7-speed Dual Clutch Transmission (7DCT). For your daily commute or a weekend trip, the MacPherson front and multi-link rear suspension provides a level of balance and comfort. Also, you can choose from four drive modes, which are Eco, Comfort, Sport, and Individual. Equipped with over 17 Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, the 06 sets the pace in terms of intelligent safety. We see features such as Adaptive Cruise Control, Autonomous Emergency Braking, Forward Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning, and Blind Spot Detection, which all work together to look out for you at all times. Stylish and compact yet very tech-enabled, the Lynk & Co 06 is the ideal choice for young professionals going for their first new car or families that are looking to upgrade. At a very competitive price of just OMR 6,966, the 06 brings in premium performance, SUV confidence, and digital-age comfort in a very designed package.

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