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AL DAKHILIYAH

Over 600 students take part in scientific training programme



NIZWA: Activities of summer programme of the Science and Technology Centre for the 2024/2025 academic year in the Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah began on Wednesday with the participation of over 600 students from various schools across the governorate.

The programme, organised by the Directorate General of Education in the governorate, aims at fostering a culture of innovation and scientific research among students in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate and preparing a generation capable of shaping the future.

The activities of the programme are being held in several science



and technology lab centres in Al Dakhiliyah and will continue until 26 June. It seeks to engage students in flexible and stimulating learning environments that rely on modern technologies and applied scientific practices. -ONA

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL JOURNEY

Shabab Oman II to dock at Barcelona Port

GENOA: The Royal Navy of Oman's vessel "Shabab Oman II" on Wednesday departed Genoa Port in the Italian Republic following its participation in the naval parade marking Italian Navy Day, now en route to Barcelona Port in the Kingdom of Spain.

This forms part of its seventh international voyage, "Glories of the Seas", to Europe, during which it will dock at multiple ports and destinations.

During its seventh international journey, Shabab Oman II continues to convey the Sultanate of Oman's noble message of strengthening bonds of friendship and fraternity between Oman and nations worldwide. The voyage serves to introduce Omani heritage and maritime history at its international stops, showcasing the nation's authentic culture and glorious seafaring traditions. -ONA



UNOC3

Oman dedicated to global efforts for maintaining ocean health

NICE: At the behest of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Dr. Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, is taking part in the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) held in Nice, France.

In Oman's speech, Dr. Al Amri highlighted the Sultanate of Oman's pioneering efforts in preserving marine environments, protecting oceans, and safeguarding marine biodiversity in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He noted that Oman was among the first countries to prioritise environmental protection, having issued "the first legislation to protect marine environments from pollution" 53 years ago.

The country has also established "marine protected areas" spanning over 90,000 square kilometres to protect endangered species such as humpback whales, sea turtles, and coral reefs.

Additionally, Oman has banned all types of plastic shopping bags and set 2050 as its target year for achieving net-zero emissions.

He pointed out that Oman launched the "Oman Blue Carbon Project" to plant 100 million mangrove trees, aimed at carbon sequestration and protecting coastal ecosystems.

These efforts have earned



Oman high rankings in global environmental assessments, particularly in marine protection rigor and marine biodiversity habitats. Furthermore, Oman was elected President of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) for its seventh session.

He reaffirmed Oman's commitment to supporting "SDG 14", which focuses on conserving oceans and marine resources, including backing the "Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement."

Dr. Al Amri also emphasised the

need to remind the international community of the oceans' critical role as "a major carbon sink," stressing Oman's dedication to supporting global efforts to maintain ocean health and sustain marine biodiversity.

The conference's agenda included an opening session where Oman presented its national statement, outlining its stance on global marine issues while reaffirming support for SDG 14 (Life Below Water) and the Nice Action Plan.

The five-day conference fea-

tures 10 parallel high-level sessions (Ocean Action Panels) addressing various topics, including marine and coastal ecosystems, marine science and capacity-building, ocean financing, and climate action.

The event also includes exhibitions, side events, and cultural, educational, economic, and scientific activities.

The third UN Ocean Conference, running until 13 June, aims to accelerate global action to protect oceans and achieve SDG 14 (Life Below Water). -ONA



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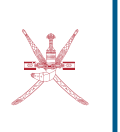
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End of Tender Documents Sale (Date):	Thursday 26 th June 2025 (12:00PM)
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Tender Closing (Submission) and Opening of Technical Bids Date:	Monday 11 th August 2025 (12:00 PM, Muscat Time)
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MoC

923 Omani jobseekers to get employment-linked training

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Labour on Wednesday signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with "Security and Safety Services Corporation" to the tune of OMR1,207,300 to provide employment-linked training for 923 Omani jobseekers.

The MoC was signed by Sayyid Salim Musallam Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of

Labour for Human Resources Development, and Said Sulaiman Al Asmi, CEO of Security and Safety Services Corporation.

The MoC explores suitable job vacancies for the jobseekers, identify necessary skills, supervise the performance of the trainees, check their dedication to quality standards and assess the extent to which they gain insights from the

training programme.

The MoC stipulates the preparation of reports to measure the success of the project, monitor challenges and propose development plans. It provides for training Omani jobseekers in the field of fisheries-related security, safety and control, and equipping them with the skills necessary to perform their job duties. -ONA



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BARKA

Mangrove forests protect marine life

BARKA: Khor Al Sawadi in the Wilayat of Barka, South Al Batinah Governorate, is renowned for its mangrove forests, locally known as "Qurm" trees, which represent one of the most biodiverse coastal ecosystems in Oman.

These trees create a thriving habitat that supports various marine organisms, including crustaceans and mollusks, while also serving as a crucial stopover for migratory birds due to their location along a global migration route.

Eng. Salim Said Al Maskari, Director of the Environment Department in South Al Batinah, stated that the Environment Authority is exerting continuous efforts to protect these trees, which face global threats due to climate change.

He noted that since the early 2000s, the authority has implemented a national programme to rehabilitate mangrove ecosystems across Oman, with Khor Al Sawadi being a key focus area.

These efforts have led to a significant natural expansion and growth of mangrove trees along the khors waterways, enhancing and protecting the local ecosystem. -ONA

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BOOK LAUNCHED

Pakistani judge launches book on prominent Omani personality Al Muhallab Ibn Abi Sufra

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer, Alim Judge of the Federal Shariat Court in Pakistan, recently launched his new book, Al Muhallab Ibn Abi Sufra, at a special ceremony held at the Pakistan School Muscat.

The event was attended by prominent figures including Dr. Mohammed Al Hajri, member of the State Council and Chairman of Social and Cultural Committee, Bilal Hasan, Deputy Chief of Mission, Pakistan Embassy, Ameer Hamza, Chairman of the Board at Pakistan Schools Oman as well as senior officials and staff of the Pakistan School Muscat.

Speaking at the launch function, Justice Anwer explained that his choice to write about Al Muhallab Ibn Abi Sufra stemmed from the historic figure's vital contributions to Islamic and Arab history, and his particular significance for both Oman and Pakistan.

"Al Muhallab belonged to the Azd tribe, one of Oman's largest tribes, and was an influential personality who played a vital role in shaping the Omani identity," he said.

"He was the one who introduced



Islam to the region now known as Pakistan in 83 AH(664AD) via the Kabul area. At that time, there were no borders as we see today."

Describing Al Muhallab as a philosopher, a courageous and wise leader, Anwer highlighted the shared maritime history between Oman and Pakistan across the Sea of Oman and the Arabian Gulf—a legacy that, he noted, is deeply embedded in both Arab and Islamic history and remains relevant for the future.

"Historic figures like Al Muhallab set an example for current and future generations," he said.

Justice Anwer added that he was keen on launching the book in Muscat — and specifically at the Pakistan School Muscat — in order to engage the younger generation with the legacy of this Omani figure, "not just for Oman, but for the Pakistani people as well."

Closer ties
"This will help foster closer ties

between Oman and Pakistan," he said. "That is part of our responsibility to the next generations — to preserve our shared history, culture, and heritage."

He clarified that the book is not a biography, but rather an exploration of Al Muhallab's historical influence, especially in relation to Pakistan.

"I gathered many facts and historical documents on Al Muhallab to make such details accessible to current and future generations in



Pakistan," he said.

The book was originally written in Urdu and later translated into Arabic and English.

The Islamic scholar from Pakistan said that Al Muhallab was born in Dibba, in present-day Oman, and later migrated to Iraq, where he emerged as a prominent leader.

"He became a leader of Iraq and a notable figure in Arab and Muslim history. His name even appeared on currency of that time,"

he added. The book covers various aspects of Al Muhallab's leadership and legacy, portraying him as a brave and intelligent military commander known for his strategic thinking and wisdom in dealing with enemies.

The launch of the book on Al Muhallab Ibn Abi Sufra in Muscat underscores the importance of historical figures in fostering cross-cultural understanding and highlights the shared heritage between Oman and Pakistan.

Oman hails Belt, Road Initiative of China

Oman Vision 2040 and its key pillars align with the objectives of the Science and Technology Exchange Initiative under the Belt and Road framework

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is participating in the 2nd Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange held in the People's Republic of China.

The Omani delegation is headed by Dr. Rahma Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation.

In her speech at the conference, Dr. Rahma emphasised the importance of international cooperation in science and technology, praising the Belt and Road Initiative's role in strengthening scientific and research partnerships among participating nations.

She also highlighted Oman Vision 2040 and its key pillars, which align with the objectives of the Science and Technology Exchange Initiative under the Belt and Road framework.

She noted Oman's key achievements since its first participation in the initiative, including the signing of an MoU on science and technology cooperation.

This has led to several collaborative programmes between Omani and Chinese universities, such as knowledge exchange in "smart campuses," enhanced scientific cooperation with Chinese private



sector institutions—particularly global company Huawei—as well as student and researcher exchanges, and cultural cooperation through Chinese language education and Arabic teaching for non-native speakers.

On the sidelines of the event, the Minister held talks with Lin Xin, Vice Minister of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, exploring ways to enhance scientific and technical exchange in priority research areas such as environmental sciences, food security, medicine,

health sciences (including traditional medicine), and artificial intelligence.

Discussions also covered expertise exchange in marine and ocean sciences, genetic resources, and mutual invitations to scientific conferences, including the upcoming Arab-Chinese Conference scheduled in August 2025.

Additionally, they reviewed cooperation in cultural exchange, teaching each country's language in higher education institutions, and increasing mutual recogni-

tion of academic credentials.

During her visit to Sichuan University in Chengdu, the Minister explored potential collaboration in scientific and research programs, particularly in creative arts.

She also discussed partnership opportunities between Omani private higher education institutions and the Chinese university, including joint exhibitions, young researcher training, bilateral research projects, cultural student events, and cooperation in AI, IoT, and modern technologies. -ONA

NORTH AL BATINAH

A'Suwaiq street vendors project 80% complete



A'SUWAIQ: The development project for street vendors in Al Khadra area in the Wilayat of A'Suwaiq has reached 80% completion, according to the North Al Batinah Governorate Municipality.

Eng. Mohsin Mohammed Al Ajmi from the municipality's Projects Department stated that the project aims to create a safe, hygienic environment while regulating commercial activities.

The development includes multiple facilities, namely shaded structures covering 460 square metres for 20 fruit and

vegetable stalls, dedicated fish-selling areas with 10 cleaning and cutting stations, and infrastructure upgrades featuring a 580-metre paved road, 70 parking spaces, and 15 lighting poles—all within a total area of approximately 2,970 square metres.

Al Ajmi emphasised that this initiative strengthens support for small-scale economic activities while enhancing urban aesthetics, reflecting the municipality's commitment to delivering quality community services and achieving sustainable regional development. -ONA



DAR AL ATTA'A

Al-Alatta neighbourhood project launched in Al-Khabourah



AL KHABOURAH: A ceremony was held on Wednesday in the Wilayat of Al Khabourah, North Al Batinah Governorate, to mark the inauguration of the first phase of Al-Alatta Neighbourhood (Hai Al-Alatta) project. The first phase of the project cost OMR1.6 million. It includes 35 standards housing units, each covering an area of 272 square metres. The project, aimed to provide housing for families whose residences were affected by past climatic conditions, boasts a range of modern solar energy units and water purification systems. It incarnates the concept of environment-friendly accommodations and sustainable community housing. The inaugural ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Khalfan Said Al Shuaili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning,

and attended by Dr. Laila Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development, Mohammed Suleiman Al Kindi, Governor of North Al Batinah, officials and representatives of supporting establishments. Al Kindi described the project as a model of cooperation between government departments, private sector establishments and civil society institutions. He added that Al-Alatta Neighbourhood embodies the spirit of solidarity and collaboration aimed to improve living conditions of families that were affected by past natural disasters. The project, which earns support from Dar Al-Atta'a Association, is being implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, the Office of North Al Batinah Governorate and private establishments.

Maryam bint Issa Al Zadjali, Chairperson of the Board of Dar Al Atta'a Association, said that the project is the result of the campaign "From the people to the people" launched by Dar Al Atta'a Association, which saw significant interaction from all sectors of society. She also said that the construction of an integrated neighbourhood was an ambition Dar Al Atta'a sought to achieve based on the fact that residence is the foundation for a stable and secure life. The launch ceremony also saw honouring the parties supporting the project in recognition for their contributions to construction of the project. The attendees made an inspection tour to the neighbourhood and hailed the quality of execution of the project and the integration of the services offered to the families. -ONA



KHAREEF

Dhofar readies for biggest Khareef with 100 hotels

<FROM A1 Targeted promotions and connectivity As part of its tourism growth strategy, the ministry has conducted an aggressive promotional campaign across key markets. This includes participation in Arab Travel Market 2025 in Dubai, where Dhofar Municipality unveiled this year's Khareef programme. Additional workshops and roadshows in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait highlighted Dhofar's offerings and new direct flight routes. Airlines including Flynas, Flyadeal, Kuwait Airways, and Jazeera Airways have added seasonal direct connections to Salalah Airport, greatly enhancing access from the GCC region. Al Abri noted that the ministry is particularly focused on attracting GCC families and repeat visitors, with special travel packages

and school holiday-aligned promotions now in place. The extended season and new infrastructure build on the momentum of Khareef 2024, which saw 1,048,000 visitors, a 9% increase from 2023 when the arrival was 962,000 visitors. Officials are optimistic that the 2025 season will surpass this, driven by improved air connectivity, diversified offerings, and broader international visibility. Collaborations with private sector partners are also expected to play a major role in offering competitive experiences throughout the season, even during traditionally lower-traffic periods. With 100 hotels, 100 days, and a refreshed focus on sustainable growth, Khareef 2025 is poised to cement Dhofar's status as a premier regional destination for nature, culture, and monsoon magic. (With inputs from ONA)



SUMMER FRUIT

Grape harvesting begins in Yanqul

YANQUL: The grape harvesting season has begun in the Wilayat of Yanqul in Al Dhahirah Governorate. The season, which continues until the beginning of August, features locally grown grapes, one of the summer fruits that are highly sought after in local and traditional markets due to their exceptional quality and rich taste. Salim bin Suhail Al Alawi, Director of the Agriculture and Water Resources Department in Yanqul, stated that grapevines in the wilayat cover an area of approximately 13 acres, with around 2,600 grape trees of various local and imported varieties. These significantly contribute to meeting the governorate's demand for grapes during the summer season, he added. He emphasised that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources provides numerous services to grape farmers, including technical supervision and advisory follow-ups related to planting distances, trellis design, modern irrigation systems, pest control, and the supply of grape seedlings, as well as scheduling preventive spraying and fertilisation. He also pointed out that these

services involve sharing farmers' expertise and experiences with others in neighboring wilayats and governorates, creating a sustainable income source for farmers while optimising the governorate's resources. This includes rationalising water consumption through modern irrigation techniques and crop-specific watering. He noted that these factors enhance farmers' economic returns while preserving the cultural and agricultural heritage of crops that thrive in Oman's fertile environment. Meanwhile, Qais bin Nasser Al Farsi, owner of a local grape farming project in Yanqul, highlighted the significance of grape cultivation in the wilayat. Having engaged in commercial grape production for over a decade and a half, he explained that grapevines require continuous care before the flowering and fruiting season, including soil preparation, fertilisation, and regular irrigation. Al Farsi added that, in addition to local black and white grapes, he has introduced other grape varieties such as Taifi, American, and Turkish, which are known for their diversity and distinct flavours. -ONA



An unforgettable Khareef experience in Hawana Salalah with exclusive offers

SALALAH: There's something magical about Dhofar when Khareef arrives. The city turns green, mountains disappear into the mist, waterfalls spring to life, and the breeze carries the scent of fresh rain and frankincense. For Gulf travellers looking to escape the summer heat and step into nature's cooler embrace, Hawana Salalah Hotels — the Dhofar region's premier resort destination, is opening its doors with an irresistible Khareef season offer; up to 35% OFF on your stay when you book by 30 June 2025. **That's not all. Guests can also enjoy:** • 30% off on food and beverages • Complimentary entry to the fun-filled Hawana Aqua Park • Special cultural and nature activities that let you feel Salalah's true soul This your chance to trade the city buzz for palm groves, mountain fog, and Omani hospitality at its finest. At Hawana Salalah's luxury hotels, you'll wake up to birdsong and mountain views, and unwind with world-class service, elegant



rooms, and easy access to top spots like Wadi Dharbat, Mughsail Beach, and the ancient port of Sumhuram. "Salalah during Khareef is like nowhere else in the region," says

Eihab Attia, the Head of Marketing. "It's a place to slow down, reconnect, and experience nature in its purest form — and we want our GCC neighbors to feel at home while doing it."

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Oman calls for efforts to boost children’s rights

Oman stressed the importance of maintaining constant international coordination to protect children from all forms of violence and exploitation



NEW YORK: The Sultanate of Oman took part in the activities of the annual session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). The session will run until 13 June 2025 at the UN headquarters in New York.

In its opening statement during the session, the Sultanate of Oman affirmed the strength of its existing cooperation and partnership with the UNICEF.

The speech highlighted national efforts to promote children’s rights and underscored Oman’s strong commitment to protect children’s rights and make childcare a core

component of its national policies. It also lauded the vital role undertaken by UNICEF at all levels, notably in crisis circumstances.

Oman also contributed to the preparation of a joint statement (on behalf of 30 countries under the humanitarian action item) that voices deep concern over the deteriorating humanitarian situation of children in the Gaza Strip. The statement calls for immediate and comprehensive protection for the Palestinian children and demands unhindered access to humanitarian aid.

Oman also presented a statement (under the item on protecting children from exploitation and abuse) in which it hailed the UNICEF’s efforts in this regard. In its statement,

Oman stressed the importance of maintaining constant international coordination to protect children from all forms of violence and exploitation. It laid emphasis on consolidating the capacities of national systems of monitoring, reporting and protection.

Oman’s participation in the UNICEF session stems from its commitment to the principles of international cooperation. It reflects steadfast support for humanitarian initiatives that enhance the protection and dignity of children around the world. -ONA

HM sends greetings

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation on his country’s Declaration of State Sovereignty Day.

In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt sentiments to President Putin and the people of his country, wishing Russia continuous progress and stability. His Majesty also wished for the bilateral cooperation and investment relations further development in all spheres.

Philippines

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. of the Philippines on his country’s Independence Anniversary. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his heartfelt sentiments and best wishes to President Ferdinand. His Majesty also wished the people of the Philippines continuous prosperity. -ONA

Discussion held on Oman’s business environment

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Economic and Financial Committee of the Shura Council hosted HH Dr Adham Turki Al Said, Chairman of the Economic Committee at the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), and a number of specialists from the Chamber.

The meeting was part of the Committee’s ongoing study of a proposal concerning the competitiveness and attractiveness of Oman’s business environment, aimed at supporting economic development efforts and enhancing the investment climate in alignment with Oman Vision 2040.

The meeting took place during the Committee’s 13th session of the second annual convening (2024–2025) of the Council’s tenth term, chaired by Ahmed Said Al Sharqi, head of the Committee, with the attendance of other committee members.

Discussions were held on the



readiness of Oman’s business and investment environment, and the key factors affecting its competitiveness and attractiveness.

The Committee also reviewed OCCI’s views on the Foreign Capital Investment Law (50/2019) post its -implementation, as well as the adequacy of current incentives and facilities provided to overcome obstacles facing investors.

The meeting explored the role of the Chamber in assessing Oman’s business climate, highlighting recent studies and their findings on the competitiveness and appeal of Oman as an investment destination.

Key challenges were addressed, along with potential solutions and recommendations aimed at enhancing Oman’s global business standing.

The members stressed the importance of improving the innovation and entrepreneurship environment by supporting start-ups and facilitating their expansion into international markets.

CELESTIAL EVENT

‘Strawberry Moon’ observed



Times News Service

MUSCAT: A “Strawberry Moon” rose over the Earth yesterday night, when a phenomenon known as a ‘major lunar standstill’ caused the full moon to hang lower in the sky than it had done in almost two decades.

June’s full moon is called the Strawberry Moon because wild strawberries ripen this time of year in parts of the Northern Hemisphere.

“The Strawberry Moon does not appear in a distinctive colour, but it was named so because this month coincides with the strawberry harvest season in America.

The name varies in different parts of the world depending on cultures and the occasions associated with this month.”

Salim Al Fraisi, astronomical expert based in Oman said, “The moon was spotted everywhere in Oman.

“It rose at 7:15 PM, which was the ideal time for viewing and photography. It will be visible throughout the night in Oman,” Salim Al Fraisi added.

Other traditional names for this full moon include the “Rose Moon” (Europe), “Hot Moon” (due to rising summer temperatures), and “Honey Moon.”



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretariat General for National Celebration announces to the following Tenders :

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2/2025	Fireworks	Second	8/7/2025	50
3/2025	Drown show	Second	8/7/2025	50

Those who are and registered with Tender Board and qualified in these fields carryout the project perfectly, may collect the tender documents from the Office of Secretariat General for National Celebration at Madinat alAalam Near Oman newspaper, during the working hours, on working days from Thursday 12 of June 2025.

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Protests in LA intensify over federal immigration sweeps, use of tear gas

The protests erupted after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents conducted raids across the city, arresting dozens of undocumented immigrants

LOS ANGELES: Protests outside a federal detention centre in Los Angeles turned tense as law enforcement agencies, including the California National Guard and Department of Homeland Security, fired non-lethal tear gas outside the facility to disperse protesters, according to media report.

Notably, the protests erupted after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents conducted raids across the city, arresting dozens of undocumented immigrants.

According to CNN, the authorities cleared a path for an armoured vehicle to come through, while protesters chanted slogans.

The protesters were heard chanting: "This is what democracy looks like!" They were seen throwing water bottles at the officers.

The Los Angeles Police Department wrote on X a "dispersal order" had been issued: "The use of less lethal munitions has been authorised. Less lethal munitions may cause pain and discomfort."

Earlier in the day, United States President Donald Trump called



the protests in Los Angeles "a full-blown assault on peace, on public order, and national sovereignty," Al Jazeera reported.

The US President was speaking at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, marking the 250th anniversary of the US Army.

"These guys are professionals. These are not amateurs," he said, adding he was working with US Senators to pass legislation to imprison people who burn the American flag for "one year."

According to Al Jazeera, Trump then took aim at California Gover-

nor Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, calling them "incompetent" and accusing them of paying "troublemakers, agitators, and insurrectionists" to participate in the protests.

"Their position is that the rioting will not stop unless ICE withdraws from Los Angeles and ceases the enforcement of federal immigration law," he said.

"So sad what they've done to our country."

Earlier, the Department of Defence confirmed that Trump is sending an additional 2,000

National Guard troops to support Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and federal law enforcement officers in Los Angeles. The deployment is in addition to the 2,000 National Guard troops ordered to deploy by Trump, warning of tougher action against those protesting immigration arrests.

"At the order of the President, the Department of Defence is mobilising an additional 2,000 California National Guard to be called into federal service to support ICE & to enable federal law-enforcement officers to safely conduct their duties," Sean Parnell, Assistant to the Secretary of Defence for Public Affairs, wrote on X.

The latest deployment comes on the same day California filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration, asking a judge to declare the deployments unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, More than 700 US Marines that were activated Monday to assist the National Guard in Los Angeles are standing by and awaiting orders outside the city, and many of them are undergoing additional training prior to assisting with the protests, CNN reported citing US officials statement. - DW



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Northern Gaza faces 'catastrophic' health collapse as hospitals go out of service

GAZA: Medical sources in the Gaza Strip have described the health situation in northern Gaza as catastrophic, following the complete shutdown of all hospitals in the area.

The remaining few operational hospitals across the Strip are on the brink of collapse, overwhelmed by severe shortages that make it nearly impossible to continue delivering health services, the sources said. They reported that hundreds of patients and wounded individuals are suffering due to the inability to complete essential medical interventions, as what remains of the healthcare system is severely depleted. Extreme overcrowding has been reported in the remaining medical facilities, as Israeli forces continue to prevent the entry of life-saving medical supplies. Emergency solutions and first-aid interventions, the sources added, "have lost meaning" as health and humanitarian indicators continue to deteriorate to "irreversible levels."

Gaza has been facing a full-scale humanitarian catastrophe since March 2, when Israel

closed all border crossings, barring the entry of food, medicine, aid, and fuel — amid ongoing military operations that human rights groups and international legal experts describe as genocidal.

Gaza: Over 20 killed by Israeli gunfire

A number of Palestinians were killed on Wednesday by Israeli occupation forces near the aid center near the Netzarim checkpoint in the central Gaza Strip.

Medical sources in the Gaza Strip reported that more than 20 people were killed and dozens wounded by Israeli fire at the aid distribution centre.

Four citizens were also killed and others wounded when an Israeli drone bombed a tent housing displaced persons in the Mawasi area of the town of Al-Qarara, north of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip.

It is reported that the Israeli occupation forces have targeted aid distribution points in Rafah and the central Gaza Strip over the past few days, resulting in dozens of deaths and injuries. - Wafa



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SPORTS

Subhi's stoppage-time penalty breaks Palestinian hearts

Red Warriors earned a dramatic draw in Amman to keep their World Cup hopes alive with a spot in the playoffs of the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to 26

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a heart-stopping finale to their AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to 26 campaign, Oman snatched a dramatic 1-1 draw against Palestine deep into stoppage time, securing a precious playoff spot for the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Amman, Jordan, on Tuesday.

With just seconds remaining at the King Abdullah II Stadium, Issam Al Subhi converted a nerveless penalty in the 97th minute to break Palestinian hearts and send Oman through by the narrowest of margins.

Palestine, needing a win to leapfrog Rasheed Jaber-coached Oman into the playoffs, were just minutes from making history after Oday Kharoub's first international goal had given them a deserved lead early in the second half.

But as tension mounted and the clock ticked down, a rash challenge by Ahmad Taha on Mohsin Al Ghassani handed Oman a lifeline they didn't squander.

Al Subhi, with ice in his veins, stepped up under immense pressure and drilled the spot-kick home to spark wild celebrations among the Omani players and fans, and despair among a Palestinian side that had battled valiantly throughout.

Palestine had started with purpose, nearly taking the lead in the fourth minute when Michel Termanini's thumping header rattled the crossbar.

Oday Kharoub and Ahmad Taha both tested Oman's defence with long-range efforts, while Oday Dabbagh's surging 19th-minute run raised early hopes.

Oman's reply came in the 28th minute when Munther Al Alawi launched a powerful run down the right flank, dancing past three defenders before sending his shot well over.

Despite enjoying more possession, Oman struggled to create chances, managing just two shots



to Palestine's nine by the break. The breakthrough came four minutes into the second half.

Substitute Adamhamza Kayed delivered a pinpoint corner that found Kharoub at the near post, his glancing header nestling into the

net to give Palestine the lead and ignite their dream.

Oman's situation worsened in the 73rd minute when midfielder Harib Al Saadi was sent off for a second bookable offence, seemingly sealing their fate.



Palestine pushed for a second, with Wessam Abou Ali twice coming close in the final ten minutes but Oman goalkeeper Faiz Al Rusheidi making crucial saves.

But football's cruel script had one final twist.



estine stunned, their World Cup hopes slipping away in the dying moments.

With South Korea and Jordan having already qualified from Group B, Iraq's 1-0 win over Jordan saw them finish third, joining Oman in the next stage.

For Palestine, it was a night of what-ifs, as Oman march on - rescued by the calmest head on the pitch when it mattered most.

Road ahead: The playoffs

Oman along with five other playoff-bound teams will be drawn into two groups of three for the October stage.

The winners of each group will secure direct qualification to the FIFA World Cup 2026. The two runners-up will then face off, with the winner advancing to the Inter-Confederation playoff for one final chance at reaching the world stage.

AFC ASIAN QUALIFIERS - ROAD TO 26

Australia secure final AFC automatic World Cup spot



KUALA LUMPUR: Australia claimed the final automatic berth to the FIFA World Cup 2026 as the AFC Asian Qualifiers - Road to 26 concluded in dramatic fashion on Tuesday.

Needing to avoid a five-goal defeat, the Socceroos not only held their ground but came from behind to edge Saudi Arabia 2-1 at the King Abdullah Sports City Stadium in Jeddah.

The victory confirmed Australia's second-place finish in Group C behind Japan, who topped the group in dominant style with a 6-0 win over Indonesia. Japan amassed 23 points, four ahead of Australia, while Saudi Arabia fin-

ished third and will now head to the playoffs alongside Indonesia.

With the automatic qualifiers and playoff teams now finalised, attention turned to Group A, where the battle for top spot came down to the wire.

Iran delivered a commanding second-half performance to defeat North Korea 3-0 and secure first place with 23 points.

Uzbekistan also impressed with a 3-0 win over Qatar but had to settle for second place, two points adrift of Iran. Nonetheless, the result sealed Uzbekistan's long-awaited qualification for their maiden FIFA World Cup Finals.

The United Arab Emirates, held

to a 1-1 draw by Kyrgyz Republic, finished third on 15 points - two ahead of Qatar - with both teams advancing to the playoff stage.

In Group B, Jordan lost to Iraq 1-0 in Amman. Although Iraq secured all three points, they finished third in the group to join Oman in the playoffs. South Korea completed their campaign with a 4-0 win over Kuwait.

Tuesday's other results: Group A: Uzbekistan 3-0 Qatar, Kyrgyz Republic 1-1 United Arab Emirates, Iran 3-0 North Korea; Group B: South Korea 4-0 Kuwait, Jordan 0-1 Iraq; Group C: Japan 6-0 Indonesia, China 1-0 Bahrain, Saudi Arabia 1-2 Australia.

WTC FINAL

Australia strike back after Rabada's five-for on day 1

LONDON: A day that began with Kagiso Rabada etching his name once again onto the Lord's honours board ended with Australia's pace trio roaring back under the evening gloom, leaving the World Test Championship (WTC) final finely poised after a see-saw opening day on Wednesday.

Fourteen wickets fell in 78.4 overs in a contest billed as a clash of world-class attacks, and it lived up to every bit of that hype. Australia were bowled out for 212 after being put in on a cloudy morning, but their pace unit responded with venom to reduce South Africa to 43 for 4 by stumps.

Rabada was the day's first headline act. Exploiting the overcast conditions with textbook seam bowling, the South African spearhead claimed 5 for 51 - his second five-wicket haul at Lord's - as Australia squandered several chances to post a commanding first-innings total.

Despite solid hands from Steven Smith (66) and debutant Beau Webster (72), Australia collapsed alarmingly, losing their last five wickets for just 20 runs in under nine overs.

The dismissals were a mix of craft and carelessness. Rabada opened up the top order, having Usman Khawaja and Cameron Green caught with beauty and



bounce. Smith looked assured in his 66, but his dismissal to part-timer Aiden Markram - opened the gates. From 192 for 5, Australia slipped to 212 all out.

But if Rabada dominated the morning, Mitchell Starc set the tone for the evening. With the new ball under lights, Starc struck in the very first over, bowling Markram with a vicious inswinger.

Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood, returning from injury, joined the charge. Wiaan Mulder nicked off to first slip, Ryan Rickelton drove loosely, and Tristan Stubbs was undone by a seaming gem from Hazlewood

that nipped back and clattered into his stumps.

South Africa were left reeling at 43 for 4 at the close, still 169 runs behind. Captain Temba Bavuma remained unbeaten on 3, along with David Bedingham on 8.

With the sun forecast to make a return on Day Two, Australia will look to press their advantage, while South Africa will hope their middle order can resist what promises to be another testing morning at Lord's.

Brief scores: Australia 1st innings: 212 (Webster 72, Smith 66; Rabada 5-51) lead South Africa 1st innings 43 for 4 (Starc 2-10)... Agencies

OMAN OIL PRICE FALLS
The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by August 2025 reaching \$66.61, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 21 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$66.82. -**ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER
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Tender launched for new commercial complex in Al Dhahirah Economic Zone

Opaz invited experienced Omani-Saudi consortia to submit bids via the electronic tendering platform ‘Isnad’

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz) announced the launch of a tender for the construction of the administrative and commercial buildings complex in the Economic Zone at Al Dhahirah EZAD Square, IP4. The Authority invited experienced Omani-Saudi consortia to submit bids via the electronic tendering platform ‘Isnad.’ The deadline for purchasing tender documents is set for 26 June, with a site visit scheduled for 30 June. The final date for submitting bids is 11 August 2025. The tender includes the construction of the main square of the Al Dhahirah Integrated Economic Zone, a business centre, an administrative building, a commercial centre, as well as a hotel and a health centre.



The scope of work includes the execution of civil works, electrical and mechanical systems, and steel structures for the buildings. It also covers external works such as the construction of internal roads, sewage networks, water and irrigation systems, and landscaping. The total land area allocated for the complex is approximately 50,000 square metres, with the first phase covering a built-up area of around 17,000 square metres and the potential to expand to



38,000 square metres. Eng. Ibrahim Yousuf Al Zadjali, EZAD Project Manager, affirmed that smart city principles have been considered in the design of

the facilities. The buildings have also been designed in line with the requirements for obtaining LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building

certification, which will be implemented by the consortium awarded the tender. Al Dhahirah Integrated Economic Zone is located 20 kilo-

metres from the Empty Quarter border crossing between the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a total area of 388 square kilometres.

BRIEFS

Oil prices fall amid US China trade talk results

SINGAPORE: Oil prices yesterday fell in early trading as markets were assessing the outcome of US-China trade talks. Brent crude futures lost 24 cents, or 0.36%, to trade at \$66.63 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude fell 21 cents, or 0.32%, to \$64.77. US and Chinese officials agreed on a framework to put their trade truce back on track and resolve China’s export restrictions on rare earth minerals and magnets, US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said at the conclusion of two days of intense negotiations in London.

Gold prices edge higher



SINGAPORE: Gold prices yesterday rose as investors assessed the outcomes of US-China trade talks and awaited key US inflation data. Spot gold gained 0.5% to \$2,337.99 per ounce, while US gold futures climbed 0.5% to \$2,359.20. US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick announced that American and Chinese officials had agreed on a framework to revive the trade truce and address China’s export restrictions on rare earth minerals and magnets. The announcement followed two days of high-level negotiations held in London. Meanwhile, market participants are closely watching for the release of the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) report for May, due later today. The data is expected to influence the outlook ahead of the Federal Reserve’s policy meeting next week, where the Fed is widely expected to keep interest rates unchanged. In other precious metals, spot silver edged down 0.1% to \$36.52 per ounce, platinum rose 1.4% to \$1,038.97, and palladium gained 1% to \$1,070.88.

US dollar posts marginal gains against major currencies

SINGAPORE: The US dollar yesterday edged higher, while the Chinese yuan held steady following the conclusion of trade talks between the United States and China in London. The US Dollar Index, which measures the dollar against a basket of six major currencies, rose by 0.17% to 99.129 in the latest trading session. The euro slipped 0.08% to \$1.1416, while the British pound fell 0.1% to \$1.3484. The US dollar held steady against the Japanese yen, trading at 145.05 yen. The Chinese yuan showed little change in onshore trading, settling at 7.1867 per dollar, and held steady in offshore markets at 7.1875. US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said that following two days of intensive trade negotiations in London, US and Chinese officials reached a framework agreement to halt mutual trade actions and remove restrictions on Chinese exports of rare earth minerals and magnets. -**ONA**

STUDENT-LED STARTUP

Startup ‘Raf’ launches AI-powered e-store platform for Oman’s market

MUSCAT: “Raf”, a student-led startup under the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Muscat, has developed an innovative Omani digital platform that empowers users to create AI-powered e-stores tailored for the local market. The platform eliminates technical barriers for youth and e-commerce enthusiasts through its intuitive interface. Saif Jumaa Al Hashar, CEO of “Raf told Oman News Agency (ONA) that Raf allows automated store setup, price adjustments, competitor tracking, and smart data analytics - aligning with Oman’s digital transformation vision by supporting SMEs with AI solutions. With a 12-member interdisciplinary team, Raf offers flexible sub-



scription plans catering to diverse entrepreneurs. “Our mission is to democratize e-commerce entry and equip Omani youth with smart business tools,” Al-Hashar stated. Selected among Oman’s top 40 startups from over 300 applicants

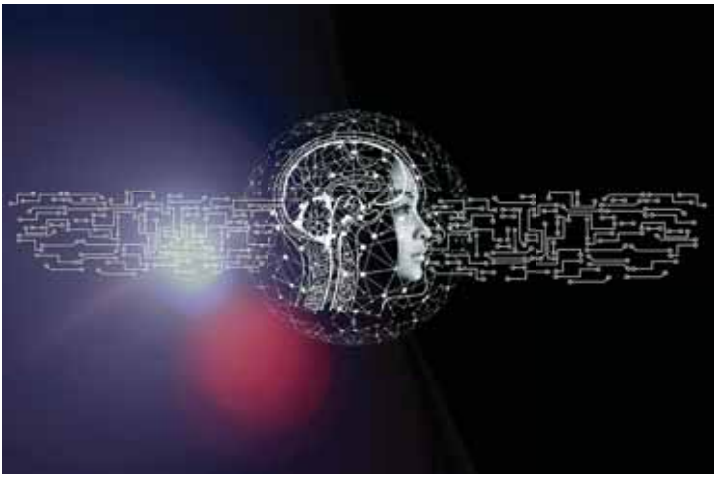
in the “Injaz Oman 2025” program, Raf completed its prototype in early 2025 after development began in January 2024. The company plans to launch the full platform by early 2026 while seeking seed funding and strategic partnerships.

Notably, Raf aims to become a regional e-commerce leader by introducing advanced AI features including sales analytics, product recommendations, and a virtual business assistant to optimize user operations. -**ONA**

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

India’s AI market is likely to triple and reach \$17 billion by 2027: BCG Report

NEW DELHI: India’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) market is set to triple to USD 17 billion by 2027 and is rapidly moving beyond experimental phases to become a core driver of competition and scale for Indian businesses says a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG). The report highlights how AI is not only boosting operational efficiency but also expanding markets, accelerating decision-making, and fostering innovation-led growth. “AI is no longer an option but a business necessity. Indian companies are using it to leapfrog traditional growth curves and compete confidently on the global stage. While the hurdle rate for successful deployment is high, the rewards are even higher, and the results speak for themselves,” said Mandeep Kohli, Managing Director and Partner, BCG India. BCG’s report reveals that India currently boasts over 600,000 AI professionals, a number projected to double to 1.25 million. This talent pool represents 16 per cent of the global AI talent, second only to the United States. Furthermore, India’s public



digital infrastructure, including Aadhaar, UPI, and ONDC, combined with increasing enterprise investment, has created a fertile environment for scalable AI innovation. Key enablers include data scale with over 700 million internet users, infrastructure growth, and a surge of approximately 2,000 AI startups launched in the past three years. The BCG report showcases how AI is delivering measurable impact through the examples of four

market leaders: Razorpay (Fintech), Lenskart (Consumer), Pocket FM (Media & Entertainment), and NoBroker (PropTech). These companies are leveraging AI to streamline operations, personalise user experiences, and unlock new revenue streams. For instance, Razorpay’s AI assistants help merchants throughout the onboarding process, including prefilling and validating. Lenskart uses AI-powered virtual try-ons and face-mapping to de-

liver a hyper-personalised experience. Pocket FM cut content production costs by up to 90 per cent and produced over 100,000 hours of content with AI. NoBroker leverages AI to accelerate the property listing process with image verification through Iris. These case studies demonstrate how Indian innovators are moving beyond pilot programs to scale AI, transforming their industries with data-driven speed, precision, and growth. For companies looking to scale AI, the report outlines a clear roadmap. BCG’s 70/20/10 Framework emphasises that 70 per cent of success stems from people, organisation, and process, rather than solely technology. Additionally, five key enablers for scaling AI include cross-functional ways of working, a modern tech stack, organisational models (such as AI Centres of Excellence), workforce reskilling, and responsible AI governance. Behavioural adoption is also crucial, with tailored learning paths, emotional curve mapping, and role-specific interventions to nudge users through GenAI adoption. -**ANI**

MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 2584 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 15.1 million, with more than 88.34 million shares changing hands. Out of 60 traded securities, 18 advanced, 21 declined, and 21 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for RO 664K while domestic investors were net buyers for RO 634K, followed by foreign investors for RO 30K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,943.31 points, down 0.06%. Prices of Bank Nizwa, OMINVEST, and Bank Muscat were up by 3.00%, 0.46%, and 0.37% respectively. Prices of Bank Dhofar, Global Financial Investments, and Al Anwar Investment were down by 2.76%, 1.89%, and 1.21% respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,520.94 points, up 0.17%. Prices of Oman Flour Mills, Oman Cables Industry, Oman Cement, Voltamp Energy, and National Biscuits were up by 5.44%, 3.14%, 1.83%, 1.52%, and 0.24% respectively. Prices of Galfar Engineering, Al Maha Ceramics, A'Saffa Foods, Al Anwar Ceramics, and Gulf Mushroom Products were down by 7.14%, 2.91%, 1.84%, 1.02%, and 0.46% respectively. Services Index was up by 0.28% before closing at 1,640.81 points. Prices of Abraj Energy, Al Maha Marketing, Muscat Gases, OQ Gas Networks, and Shell Oman Marketing were up by 3.73%, 3.31%, 1.67%, 1.27%, and 0.19% respectively. Prices of National Gas, Barka Water & Power Company, Al Suwadi Power, Al Batinah Power, and Ooredoo were down by 3.23%, 1.96%, 1.45%, 1.41%, and 1.36% respectively. Prices of

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INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %	
MSX 30 INDEX	4,591.79	4,569.41	4,591.79	4,582.46	9.33	0.20	
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,968.33	7,917.43	7,943.31	7,947.86	-4.56	-0.06	
Industry Index	6,582.76	6,507.02	6,520.94	6,509.70	11.24	0.17	
Services Index	1,642.27	1,632.52	1,640.81	1,636.26	4.55	0.28	
MSX Shariah Index	448.20	444.69	446.68	444.00	2.68	0.60	
MSX TR INDEX	6,790.13	6,757.03	6,790.13	6,776.33	13.80	0.20	
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,443.47	9,383.14	9,413.81	9,419.21	-5.40	-0.06	
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,089.22	7,996.15	8,013.26	7,999.44	13.82	0.17	
SERVICES TR IDX	2,094.29	2,081.85	2,092.43	2,086.63	5.80	0.28	
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00	
Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.....	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
88,344,425	15,097,957	2,584	28,402,765,114	18	21	21	60

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PRE VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	4,818,961	1,204,831	139	0.248	0.251	0.248	0.250	0.241	0.009	3.734	0.250	0.245	0.250	0.100	192,550,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	88,000	202,400	5	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	0.000	3.139	2.300	2.300	2.300	0.100	206,310,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	456,815	46,601	20	0.102	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.100	0.003	3.000	0.103	0.102	0.103	0.100	230,406,162
OM0000000681	VOLTAMP ENERGY	2,421	1,622	4	0.689	0.690	0.689	0.690	0.680	0.010	1.515	0.670	0.670	0.700	0.100	62,720,819
OM0000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	18,910,459	2,980,888	474	0.156	0.160	0.155	0.160	0.158	0.002	1,266	0.160	0.158	0.160	0.100	692,899,827
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	185,027	40,736	25	0.220	0.221	0.220	0.221	0.220	0.001	0.455	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.100	206,792,263
OM0000002786	BANK MUSCAT	4,424,052	1,212,104	175	0.275	0.275	0.272	0.274	0.001	0.365	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.100	264,253,192
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	40,000	9,580	4	0.239	0.240	0.239	0.239	0.239	0.000	0.239	0.239	0.239	0.100	23,900,000	
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	83,149	5,072	7	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.000	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.100	21,723,765	
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	6,125	511	3	0.083	0.085	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.083	0.080	0.083	0.100	7,470,000	
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	74,351	20,818	10	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.280	0.275	0.280	0.100	66,194,800	
OM0000003386	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	9,072,817	1,259,759	81	0.138	0.140	0.138	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.100	926,414,478
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	109,151	9,950	9	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.080	0.002	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.100	14,350,000	
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	250,185	211,409	18	0.846	0.846	0.844	0.845	0.846	-0.001	-0.118	0.845	0.844	0.845	0.100	633,750,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	7,882	1,541	7	0.199	0.199	0.195	0.195	0.197	-0.002	-1.015	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.100	42,900,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEEBA SERVICES	23,330	4,588	3	0.195	0.195	0.194	0.194	0.196	-0.002	-1.020	0.194	0.194	0.194	0.100	8,311,540
OM0000003568	OOREDOO	47,788	10,444	15	0.220	0.220	0.217	0.217	0.220	-0.003	-1.364	0.217	0.217	0.220	0.100	141,254,898
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	35,172	2,462	6	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.071	-0.001	-1.408	0.070	0.070	0.072	0.100	47,242,120
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	51,400	3,546	7	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.068	0.069	-0.001	-1.449	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.100	48,576,631
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	3,655	1,271	5	0.380	0.380	0.373	0.373	0.380	-0.007	-1.842	0.373	0.373	0.379	0.100	44,760,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	399,838	41,611	18	0.106	0.106	0.103	0.104	0.106	-0.002	-1.887	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.100	20,800,000
Total	21	39,090,758	7,270,843	1,035												

Parallel Market

OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	23,156	10,719	14	0.452	0.465	0.452	0.465	0.441	0.024	5.442	0.465	0.465	0.464	0.100	76,899,375
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	9,422,725	2,931,784	749	0.300	0.315	0.300	0.312	0.296	0.016	5.405	0.312	0.312	0.311	0.010	2,496,000,000
OM0000003000	AI MAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	275	275	1	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.968	0.032	3.306	1.000	0.880	1.000	0.100	69,000,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	2,194	183	3	0.084	0.084	0.083	0.084	0.082	0.002	2.439	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.100	54,481,587
OM0000001020	ASTAD SHIPPING	7,477,653	938,419	147	0.125	0.128	0.123	0.128	0.125	0.003	2.400	0.128	0.127	0.128	0.000	666,719,268
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	5,500	2,764	6	0.503	0.503	0.500	0.500	0.491	0.009	1.833	0.500	0.491	0.500	0.100	165,438,355
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	57,625	5,901	10	0.125	0.125	0.119	0.122	0.120	0.002	1.867	0.122	0.118	0.125	0.100	3,660,000
OM0000009906	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	29,125,983	3,567,256	382	0.123	0.124	0.120	0.124	0.123	0.001	0.813	0.124	0.127	0.124	0.000	428,976,865
OM0000001186	NATIONAL BISCUIT INDUSTRIES LIMITED	240	1,020	3	4.250	4.250	4.250	4.250	4.240	0.010	0.236	4.250	4.260	4.250	1.000	4,250,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	500	268	1	0.536	0.536	0.536	0.536	0.535	0.001	0.187	0.536	0.540	0.569	0.100	50,920,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	20,000	1,040	2	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.050	0.052	0.100	15,971,609
OM0000001681	OMAN EMBRATES HO.	215,223	16,058	21	0.075	0.076	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.000	0.000	0.074	0.074	0.075	0.100	9,018,750
OM0000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	700	105	1	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.151	0.165	0.100	2,643,549
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	8,200	1,000	2	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.120	0.122	0.100	74,191,438
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	17,339	1,169	4	0.067	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.100	99,456,889
OM0000007043	LIVA GROUP	7,500	1,875	2	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.100	99,593,586
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	83	2	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.067	0.072	0.100	10,421,877
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	25,500	1,530	5	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.100	13,334,400
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	10,000	2,190	1	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.220	-0.001	-0.455	0.219	0.218	0.242	0.100	10,022,710
OM0000009869	THE PEARL REEF	130,870	18,797	24	0.115	0.115	0.114	0.115	0.115	0.000	-0.870	0.114	0.114	0.116	0.100	67,423,804
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	48,849	10,231	7	0.210	0.210	0.208	0.208	0.210	-0.002	-0.922	0.208	0.208	0.211	0.100	41,254,205
OM0000004735	SEMBOORP SALLAH	190,895	19,672	12	0.106	0.106	0.103	0.103	0.104	-0.001	-0.962	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.100	98,320,911
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	27,080	2,383	6	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.000	-1.124	0.088	0.088	0.097	0.100	17,000,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	385,438	31,441	1	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.083	-0.001	-1.205	0.082	0.075	0.082	0.100	23,539,750
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	11,400	2,283	4	0.202	0.202	0.200	0.200	0.204	-0.004	-1.961	0.200	0.192	0.210	0.100	32,000,000
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAH	353,869	49,941	11	0.145	0.145	0.141	0.141	0.145	-0.004	-2.759	0.141	0.135	0.141	0.100	428,611,593
OM0000009609	JABAL REIF	900	91	1	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.104	-0.003	-2.885	0.101	0.101	0.104	0.100	1,774,000



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LIFESTYLE

CHINESE SCIENTISTS DEVELOP SYSTEM FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE



BEIJING: A research team has successfully developed a fully integrated wearable sweat sensing patch for online analysis of multiple Parkinson’s disease-related biomarkers.

A study conducted by a team from the Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, demonstrated that the system enables real-time detection of biomarkers in sweat, allowing non-invasive, dynamic tracking of the disease’s progression. This offers new possibilities for early intervention during the “golden window” of treatment for Parkinson’s patients.

Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that is difficult to find in its early stages. Symptoms such as tremors and slowed movement may not appear until many years after the initial degeneration of neurons. With no current cure, patients primarily rely on long-term medication to manage the condition. Therefore, early diagnosis and prediction play an incredibly important role in Parkinson’s disease treatment.

“It’s only the size of a band-aid, but it contains a ‘miniature detector’ developed by ourselves,” Zhang Qiang, said the research team head. Zhang’s team spent nearly three years developing the wearable system.

The Parkinson-related biomarkers in sweat, such as L-Dopa, ascorbic acid, and glucose, can be monitored by the sensing system in a wearable manner. Parkinson’s patients do not need to draw blood or receive injections.

The system integrates a biomimetic microfluidic module for sedentary sweat collection, an advanced electrochemical sensing platform for biomarker detection, on-site signal processing circuitry for data handling, and custom software for real-time data visualization. “It’s like installing a translator for the body, converting biological signals in sweat into user-friendly information that patients can understand,” Zhang said.

Its self-driven sweat collection chip ensures stable sampling even during physical activity, and its flexible sensing electrodes allow simultaneous assessment of multiple biomarkers. The data processing module wirelessly emits sensing data and displays monitoring results in a real-time. -OMA

Ancelotti earns first win as Brazil book World Cup spot

Vinicius Jr scored the decisive goal against Paraguay in the South American World Cup qualifiers

SAO PAULO: Brazil qualified for the 2026 World Cup with a 1-0 win against Paraguay in South American qualifying at Arena Corinthians in Sao Paulo to give Carlo Ancelotti his first win as manager. Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr scored from close range in the second half, finishing after fine work from Manchester United-bound playmaker Matheus Cunha. The victory, Ancelotti's first after a 0-0 draw against Ecuador on his debut last week, means Brazil have now qualified for every edition of the World Cup. "We needed to win and qualify for the World Cup," said Vinicius Jr. "Now the coach will have more

time to work. Of course today wasn't one of our best performances, but the important thing is always to win. "Now it's time to celebrate qualifying."

Argentina held Elsewhere, World Cup holders Argentina played out an entertaining 1-1 draw with Colombia in Buenos Aires. Liverpool winger Luis Diaz opened the scoring with a fine individual goal, dancing through three defenders before finishing past Aston Villa goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez. Argentina were reduced to 10 men with 20 minutes remaining when Chelsea midfielder Enzo Fernandez was sent off for a high-boot challenge on Colombia's Kevin Castano. But Lionel Messi's side found an equaliser nine minutes from the end through Lyon's Thiago Almad, leaving Colombia four points clear of seventh-placed Venezuela, who lost 2-0 to Uruguay. Ecuador, Argentina's nearest challengers, booked their spot at next summer's tournament in Canada, Mexico and the United States after a 0-0 draw away at Peru. - Agencies



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY

Senegal are first African side to defeat England



NOTTINGHAM: Senegal inflicted a defeat for the history books on England at the City Ground, Nottingham, in an international friendly on Tuesday. When Cheikh Sabaly slotted home the visitors' third goal, he etched a historic win in the records of the Senegal national football team. Pape Thiaw's team had completed a 3-1 victory over England - the first win for an African country over the Three Lions in 22 attempts. Ismaila Sarr and Habib Diarra earlier turned the tide in the favour of the visitors, after Harry Kane gave Thomas Tuchel's side an early lead in the friendly. "Fantastic night. We knew we could do something in this game," Senegal captain Kalidou Koulibaly told BBC Radio 5 Live. "It was a tough game, but we showed our personality and showed we can play at this level." Koulibaly related the win to Senegal's Africa Cup of Nations victory in 2022. "It is fantastic. We are not used to making history and we made it when we won AFCON, and we

made it tonight," he said. "We want to continue writing the story of Senegal. We wanted to show we have a good nation." Senegal have not lost a game since January 2024, when as defending champions they were beaten on penalties by Ivory Coast at the AFCON last-16 stage. Thiaw took charge in December and now has two wins and two draws. In England's previous 21 matches against African nations, the Three Lions had won 15 times and drawn six, Opta said. They came close to losing to Tunisia in 1990, before Steve Bull rescued a 1-1 draw with an 89th-minute equaliser against Tunisia in a friendly before the World Cup. England then had to overcome Cameroon in extra time at Italia 90, edging them out 3-2 in the quarter-finals. The last time England were beaten by a country from another continent for the first time had been in 2003, when they were defeated 3-1 at Upton Park by Australia. - Agencies

UEFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Netherlands annihilate Malta

GRONINGEN: Aston Villa forward Donyell Malen scored twice with Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk and Tottenham defender Micky van de Ven also on target as the Netherlands crushed Malta 8-0 in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday. Former Manchester United midfielder Memphis Depay scored twice in the opening 16 minutes to move on to 50 international goals and equal Robin van Persie's record total for the Netherlands. Van Dijk scored from 20 yards in the 20th minute to make it 3-0 as it became a question of just how many the Dutch would get. Xavi Simons added a fourth just after the hour mark before Malen, who came on in the 72nd minute, finished off two minutes later after good work from Van de Ven to make it five. Malen set up Noa Lang for the sixth, before the Villa man grabbed



his second goal and the hosts' seventh in the 80th minute. Spurs centre-back Van de Ven sealed the rout in the second minute of injury time with his first international goal. The Dutch have now won both

matches, although the second-placed Netherlands have two games in hand. Poland were without Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski after he said he would not play for his country while Michal Probiez was manager after being stripped of the captaincy at the weekend. Finland led 2-0 with a Joel Pohjanpalo penalty and a 64th-minute goal from Benjamin Kallman, before Poland pulled one back through Arsenal defender Jakob Kiwior. The game in Helsinki was suspended for 20 minutes after a spectator needed medical attention, before the rest of the match was played out and the hosts held on for their success. **Other results:** Group G: Finland 2 Poland 1, Group H: Romania 2 Cyprus 0, San Marino 0 Austria 4, Group K: Latvia 1 Albania 1, Serbia 3 Andorra 0. - Agencies

PREMIER LEAGUE

Lyon's Cherki completes £30m City move

MANCHESTER: Manchester City have completed the signing of attacking midfielder Rayan Cherki from Lyon before the first of this summer's transfer deadlines on Tuesday. City will pay an initial fee of £30.45m, and Cherki has signed a five-year deal until 2030. The 21-year-old will be able to play for City at the Club World Cup, which begins in the United States on 14 June. Cherki has already made almost 200 appearances for Lyon and has scored once in his two caps for France. "This is a dream for me," said Cherki. "Honestly, to be joining a club like Manchester City and have the opportunity to make the next step in my career here is something very, very special." He is City's third signing in two days, with coach Pep Guardiola having brought in Algeria left-back Rayan Ait-Nouri from Wolves for £31m on Monday, followed by back-up goalkeeper Marcus Bettinelli from Chelsea earlier on Tuesday.



Cherki made his senior debut for Lyon aged 16 in October 2019 and leaves the club having claimed 29 goals and 45 assists in 185 games. "I have worked so hard for this all my life," Cherki added. "I love this sport, and I can't wait to develop further here in Man-

chester with Pep and his backroom staff. "The responsibility to help the team continue winning is something I want to embrace. I would only leave Lyon for a project I really believe in and everything at City suggests I can develop my game and help the team be successful in the future." After representing France as they won the silver medal at last year's Paris Olympics, Cherki was handed his debut for the senior men's team last Thursday. He came off the bench in their Nations League semi-final against Spain and claimed both a goal and an assist as Les Bleus fought back from 5-1 down but lost 5-4. Cherki then started Sunday's third-place play-off and helped France to a 2-0 win over Germany. Manchester City director of football Hugo Viana said: "There's no doubt that he's now in the best place possible to develop further under Pep's guidance, and I really believe he can become a world-class player with our support and direction." - Agencies

LIVERPOOL SOUND



Reds in advanced stage of talks to sign Leverkusen's Wirtz

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool's move for Bayer Leverkusen playmaker Florian Wirtz is at an advanced stage, with the clubs in discussions over the structure of a transfer that could be worth £114m. The Reds submitted a third formal bid for the Germany playmaker last week, worth £100m guaranteed and a further £14m

of add-ons. If completed, it would smash the club's £75m record signing of captain Virgil van Dijk in 2018. Sources have told *BBC Sport* that talks are now focused on the structure of the final details of the transfer, including the value of the add-ons and how achievable they are. Leverkusen had valued

the German midfielder at around £126m. Wirtz, 22, has made it clear that his preference is to move to Anfield following interest from Manchester City and Bayern Munich. He made his debut for Leverkusen at the age of 17 and has scored 57 goals in 197 games for the club.

He helped them win the Bundesliga for the first time in 2024 and has scored seven goals in 31 appearances for Germany since making his national debut in 2021. Liverpool have already signed one player from the German club this summer, with full-back Jeremie Frimpong arriving in a £34m deal. - Agencies

IN PICTURES

Highlight of 2026 FIFA World Cup CONMEBOL Qualifier football match
Lionel Messi (centre) of Argentina vies with Davinson Sanchez (left) and Daniel Munoz of Colombia during the 2026 FIFA World Cup CONMEBOL Qualifier football match between Argentina and Colombia in Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Xinhua*



Highlight of premiere of Cirque du Soleil's "CRYSTAL" in Canada
Artists perform during the premiere of Cirque du Soleil's "CRYSTAL" in Vancouver, Canada. The show combines acrobatics and ice skating. *Xinhua*



Missile traces and smoke seen in Hebron, southern West Bank
Missile traces and smoke are seen after Israeli army likely intercepted missiles fired from Yemen, in Hebron, southern West Bank. *xinhua*



People in Gaza City mourn for victims killed in Israeli airstrikes
Palestinians mourn for victims, who were killed in Israeli airstrikes, at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. *Xinhua*



China, Kuwait hold cultural event to mark 1st UN int'l day for dialogue among civilisations
People attend a cultural event at the China Cultural Center in Hawalli Governorate, Kuwait. The cultural event has been held here to mark the first UN International Day for Dialogue among Civilisations. It was co-organised by the China Cultural Centre in Kuwait and the Old Kuwaiti Crafts Society, the celebration gathered nearly 200 guests from diverse sectors of China and Kuwait. *xinhua*



Dhanush, Nagarjuna, Rashmika attend 'Kuberaa's third single 'Pippi Pippi' audio launch in Mumbai
The audio launch of Dhanush starrer 'Kuberaa's third single 'Pippi Pippi Dum Dum Dum' was held in Mumbai. It was attended by the lead cast of the movie. 'Kuberaa' boasts an ensemble cast of Dhanush, Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna and Jim Sarabh in the lead roles. It is directed by Shekhar K.



Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City
This picture shows giraffes in Chapultepec Zoo, Mexico City, capital of Mexico. Chapultepec Zoo, located in the heart of Mexico City, is one of the most popular zoos in Latin America and is open to the public free of charge. *Xinhua*

ROUND-UP

Go bold this summer with exclusive benefits on Ford’s Raptor Range



Customers purchasing any of the Raptor models such as the Ford Ranger Raptor, F-150 Raptor, or the Bronco Raptor (4-Door), will receive exceptional value-added benefits, making this the perfect time to own one of the world’s most iconic high-performance off-road vehicles

MUSCAT: Arabian Car Marketing Company, the distributor for Ford vehicles in Oman, recently unveiled an exciting summer campaign that is set to raise the bar of excitement for off-road adventurers and per-

formance enthusiasts alike. Customers purchasing any of the Raptor models such as the Ford Ranger Raptor, F-150 Raptor, or the Bronco Raptor (4-Door), will receive exceptional value-added

benefits, making this the perfect time to own one of the world’s most iconic high-performance off-road vehicles. The benefits include 5 years/100,000 km free service, a 5-year/100,000 km Manufacturer’s warranty, free registration, free 3M Paint Protection Film Application, and a Free Accessory Package. (Conditions apply. Please visit the Ford showroom for details.). This thrilling summer campaign will last until 23rd July 2025. Sharing his thoughts about the exciting summer campaign, a spokesperson from Arabian Car Marketing Company said, “The Ford Raptor range is built for those who are not satisfied with just chasing adventure, but to dominate it. Every Raptor is engineered to go further, faster and stay aggressive. This summer, we are

thrilled to make the Raptor experience even more rewarding for our customers in Oman. Whether it is the dunes, the wadis, or the highways, the Raptor stands apart and so will its owners.” In Oman the Raptor range includes the Ranger Raptor, the F-150 Raptor and the Bronco Raptor. The Ford Ranger Raptor is a bold expression of off-road performance. Powered by a 3.0L twin-turbo EcoBoost V6 engine producing up to 392 horsepower and 583 Nm of torque and paired to a 10-speed automatic transmission, it delivers power with precision. Designed by Ford Performance, it features a reinforced chassis, Fox Live Valve shocks and a full-time 4WD system with seven selectable drive modes, including Baja mode for desert racing. The interior boasts bolstered sport seats, a 12-inch infotainment touchscreen

and advanced driver-assist features like Pre-Collision Assist and Adaptive Cruise Control. The legendary F-150 Raptor brings raw power with its 3.5L EcoBoost V6 engine producing 450 horsepower and 691 Nm of torque, paired with a 10-speed automatic transmission. Its military-grade aluminium-alloy body, reinforced frame and class-exclusive five-link rear suspension with coil springs deliver unrelenting performance. FOX Live Valve shocks and Terrain Management System with seven drive modes ensure a commanding presence on any surface. Inside, the F-150 Raptor is loaded with tech including SYNC® 4, 12-inch digital productivity screen and Ford Co-Pilot360™ for advanced safety and driver confidence. The Bronco Raptor 4-Door re-

defines rugged capability with an aggressive stance and a 3.0L EcoBoost twin-turbo V6 delivering 418 horsepower and 596 Nm of torque. Engineered with an ultra-rigid frame, HOSS 4.0 suspension with FOX dampers and 37-inch all-terrain tyres, it is built to conquer the toughest terrain. A 10-speed automatic transmission and selectable G.O.A.T. Modes (Goes Over Any Terrain) provide unmatched off-road flexibility. Safety is built-in with features like Roll Stability Control, Trail Control™ and 360-degree camera with off-road views. Customers are encouraged to visit their nearest Ford showroom to explore the range of vehicles and take advantage of the summer campaign benefits. In Oman, Ford vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.

ISLAMIC BANKING



Muzn expands its presence with new branch in Musannah

MUSCAT: As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance accessibility and bring Islamic banking services closer to customers, NBO Muzn Islamic Banking has opened a new branch in Al Musannah. This latest expansion reflects Muzn’s commitment to offering Sharia-compliant financial solutions while reinforcing its presence across the Sultanate. Salima Al Marzooqi, Chief Islamic Banking Officer at NBO, commented, “Opening Islamic banking branch in Al Musannah marks another milestone in our journey to make Islamic banking accessible across the sultanate

of Oman. Al Musannah branch provides an outstanding Islamic banking services to the customers by offering tailored financial solutions that align with their values while ensuring convenience and high service standards.” Designed to cater to the diverse financial needs of individuals and businesses, the branch provides a full suite of Islamic banking products and services. From everyday banking solutions to specialised financing and investment opportunities, the branch is equipped to support customers with modern and efficient services in the welcoming environment.

PRESTIGIOUS

Bank Muscat awarded Best Brand in Customer Experience award for 2025

MUSCAT: In affirmation of its leadership in enhancing the banking experience of customers by delivering innovative and tailored banking services, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, was recently honoured with the “Best Brand in Customer Experience-Retail Banking” Award during the prestigious awards ceremony that was organized by Muscat Media Group (MMG) at the St. Regis Hotel, Al Mouj. The recognition highlights the Bank’s pioneering role in the Sultanate’s banking sector and its continuous efforts to provide an exceptional banking experience by offering best-in-class products and services. Celebrating this achievement, His Highness Sayyid Mohammed Salim Al Said, the chief guest, presented the award to Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, General Manager – Products at Bank Muscat, in the presence of senior executives and industry leaders from across various institutions. Bank Muscat’s recognition as the Best Brand in Customer Experience– Retail Banking came based on public evaluations and



customer feedback, underscoring the deep trust that customers place in the Bank’s brand and their continued preference for Bank Muscat as their preferred banking partner. Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani,

General Manager – Products, said: “Wetake pride in winning the Best Brand in Customer Experience at the Retail Banking category and extend heartfelt gratitude to Muscat Media Group (MMG) for the well-deserved recognition. This accolade reflects the strength of

Bank Muscat’s brand, which has maintained its leadership in the banking industry for over four decades. Bank Muscat’s brand is not only one of the most trusted brands locally, but also widely recognized across the region. This recognition aligns with the Bank’s strategy of consistently elevating the experience of customers and reflects its successful and long-standing partnership with individual and corporate customers alike, as we continue our journey of excellence in service under the Bank’s vision “To serve you better every day.” Al Mashani further added: “This accolade is also a tribute to the dedication of all Bank Muscat’s employees across various departments and branches who work diligently to deliver banking services that align with the latest developments in the financial sector. The Bank upholds unwavering commitment to maintaining its leading position as a financial institution that contributes across economic, commercial, and social dimensions. We extend deep appreciation to the Bank’s valued customers for their trust in the Bank.”



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