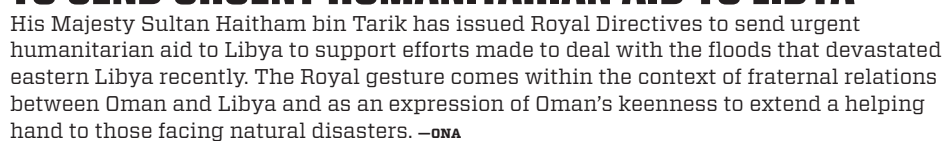


A horizontal banner for Bank Muscat. On the left, there is a QR code and a red button with the text 'Know more' in white. Below the button is the website 'bankmuscat.com'. In the center, an illustration shows a chef in a blue uniform and red hat serving a small child in a matching uniform. To the right of the illustration, the text 'Big Dreams Start Small' is in black, and 'Open your child's account with Bank Muscat' is in red. On the far right, there is a red circular logo with a white stylized 'B' and the text 'Bank Muscat. Better Everyday. T & C Apply' below it.



HH Sayyid Fahd also highlighted the march of comprehensive development in Oman which is in accordance with a system that is based on justice and equal-

He reiterated that human rights in the Sultanate of Oman are protected through the Basic Law of the State, as well as national laws and regulations issued in this regard. **>A2**

MUSCAT: Oman oil market price for November delivery 2023 on Wednesday reached \$93.82, rising by \$1.51 from the price of Tuesday, which stood at \$92.31.

“The average price of Oman oil (September delivery 2023) stabilised at \$80.54 per barrel, \$5.76 per barrel higher than August delivery 2023,” the DME said. Higher oil prices could be beneficial for Oman and Gulf Cooperation Council states.

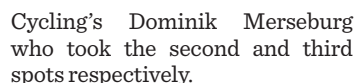
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2 In its 5th meeting during 2023, the Tender Board awarded tenders to the tune of OMR488.70mn to carry out additional works of development projects in many fields. **>A5**

3 US Speaker Kevin McCarthy authorised House committees on Tuesday to launch a formal impeachment probe on United States President Joe Biden, according to media report. **>A7**

Algeria's Yacine Hamza, the first stage winner, took the honours in the 147 km final stage from Ain Razat to Ittin.

Hamza clocked 03:21:47 ahead of Universe Cycling Team's Tom Wijffe and Team Storck-Metropol



peat of the penultimate and third stage as a close sprint was witnessed with six cyclists crossing the finishing line at the same time.

The meeting looked into means of contributing to fostering the culture of startups in educational institutions, enhancing community awareness of their importance, empowering those with innovative ideas, supporting the establishment of startup firms in

this field and linking them to business opportunities.

The meeting also explored investment and financing opportunities in local and global markets, in addition to means of improving Oman's ranking in international indicators related to innovation, technology and ease of doing business.

The committee discussed ways to contribute to sustainable development by grooming a generation that is well-versed in the fields of innovation and knowledge-econo-

mies and that keeps pace with the requirements of technical transformation in all fields.

It exchanged views about means of spreading awareness about the importance of supporting emerging projects for various groups. It also discussed an initiative to introduce business subjects in curricula of educational institutions, among other issues.

Later, HH Sayyid Bilarab toured an exhibition showcasing models of eight Omani startups, their services and products based on innovation and their patents.





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MEETING

Heads of delegations appreciate Oman for hosting GCC Human Rights Institutions Forum



< FROM A1 Moreover, the meeting discussed several topics included in the agenda of the forum, such as the GCC Human Rights Strategy and means of developing GCC coordination in a bid to boost joint action regionally and internationally and enhance cooperation with the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. On their turn, the heads of delegations expressed their appreciation for Oman's hosting of this forum which contributed to reaching positive outcomes. They also affirmed that human rights are protected in Oman.

Furthermore, the meeting was attended by Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Sheikh Al Fadhil Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary General of the Council of Ministers and Sheikh Abdullah Shuwain Al Hosni, Chairman of Oman Human Rights Commission. — **ONA**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Agreements inked to boost education, health sectors in Dhofar governorate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: OQ Salalah and OQ Gas Networks (OQGN) signed four agreements and memoranda of understanding with some governmental entities in Dhofar Governorate.

This step embodies the community partnership initiative adopted by OQ, the global integrated energy group, out of its belief in the importance of the development efforts exerted by governmental authorities with the objective of enhancing the educational and health services as well as promoting entrepreneurship.

As part of its keen attention to supporting the health services, OQGN signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health.

CT Scan device

By virtue of this MoU, the company will provide a CT Scan device for the Heart Centre at Sultan Qaboos Hospital in Salalah and will develop Al-Saadah and Awqad Health Centres.

The memorandum was signed by Engineer Faisal bin Ali Al-Mamari, Deputy Chief Executive for Human Resources, Technology and Work Culture at OQGN and Dr. Ali bin Abdullah Al-Meqbali, Director General of Health Services in Dhofar Governorate on behalf of the Directorate Gen-



eral of Health Services in Dhofar Governorate.

OQGN also signed a collaboration agreement with the Directorate General of Education in Dhofar Governorate to provide 20 schools with video and projection devices that enable students to present their educational content derived from the Internet.

Through this agreement, the company seeks to support the educational efforts that enable students in educational and cognitive fields.

The pact was signed by Engineer Faisal bin Ali Al-Mamari, Deputy Chief Executive for Human Resources, Technology and Work Culture at OQGN and Yaqoob bin Saif Al-Shehimi, Director General of Education in Dhofar Governorate.

OQ Group Salalah also signed a collaboration agreement with the Directorate General for Culture,

Sports and Youth in Dhofar Governorate with the objective of providing the necessary funding for developing the facilities of Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Recreation.

This pact reflects OQ's belief in the importance of enabling the Omani youth to practice physical activities. It enhances the efforts exerted to promote sports.

As part of the efforts exerted by OQ to enhance the academic potentials, OQ Salalah signed a collaboration agreement with the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (UTAS), Salalah Branch.

This pact provides for developing mutual cooperation between the two parties to broaden the horizons of students in the academic fields. The agreement was signed by Ahmed bin Abdullah Muqabel, Deputy Chief Executive for Hu-

man Resources, Technology and Work Culture at OQ Salalah and Ahmed bin Ali Al-Shehri, Assistant President of UTAS in Salalah.

A collaboration agreement

In line with the community partnership strategy adopted by the Group, OQ Salalah signed a collaboration agreement with Dhofar University with the objective of cooperating in practical areas and honing the skills and academic knowledge of students.

The agreement was signed by Ahmed bin Abdullah Muqabel, Deputy Chief Executive for Human Resources, Technology and Work Culture at OQ Salalah and Professor Dr. Amer bin Ali Al-Rawas, Chancellor of Dhofar University.

On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Executive for Human Resources, Technology and Work Culture at OQ Salalah said: "We signed these agreements as part of our strategic partnerships to enhance the national potentials and achieve the common good of society. The pacts will contribute to advancing the development programs, especially the public health and educational ones that are aimed at developing communities. The ultimate goals of these agreements and memoranda of cooperation are to achieve the social and economic well-being of the Omani citizens."

THIRD MEETING

CBO reviews global and regional developments



MUSCAT: The Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) held its third meeting for 2023.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Board reviewed global and regional economic developments and their impact on the Omani economy in general and the banking sector in particular. The Board urged following up these developments to evaluate their effects. In addition, the Board reviewed the international stance on crypto currencies and the related studies conducted by the executive management of the Central Bank in this regard.

The Board discussed and approved the annual budget of the College of Banking and Financial Studies for the academic year 2023-2024. The Board also reviewed the financial position of

the Central Bank of Oman alongside a number of reports submitted by the bank's executive management on the prospects for financial stability, the quarterly report of the Oman Financial and Credit Information Centre "Mala'a", and the financial soundness indicators report for banks. Moreover, the Board reviewed the position of reserves and the performance of the central bank's foreign investments, and the report on financing small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Furthermore, the Board reviewed the initiatives implemented within the bank's strategy 2021-2023, reviewing the general framework of the Central Bank of Oman's strategy 2024-2026. The board also discussed several other topics on the agenda and took appropriate decisions. — **ONA**

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Role of families in protecting GCC values among children reviewed

The forum coincides with celebrations marking the Gulf Family Day, which falls on 14 September every year



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Social Development, on Wednesday hosted the Gulf Family Forum 2023, which took the theme of ‘Contemporary Gulf Family: The Challenges and the Aspirations’.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Abdullah Nasser Al Harrasi, Minister of Information.

The forum coincides with celebrations marking the Gulf Family Day, which falls on 14 September every year.

The forum addresses the role of families in protecting GCC values among children, in the backdrop of global developments. It underscores families’ role in grooming generations that are more capable of optimising future opportunities. The forum lays emphasis on the role of modern media in instilling such morals.

Dr. Abdullah stressed that the family is the basic building block in shaping the individual and society. “The forum offers an opportunity to study the role of family in addressing the challenges facing the Gulf family,” he added.

The minister pointed out that the forum assumes special significance at a time new living conditions continue to emerge and impose unprecedented situations and conditions that impact life in many ways.

In a statement to the press, the minister said that modern technologies bring about new concepts and phenomena that influence family life, with the positive effects enhancing family solidarity and the negative impacts challenging the intactness of families and disrupting their ability to shape the individual and the society.

The minister reiterated the fact that His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik always underlines the need to protect the family and con-

solidate its ability to deal with the challenges of contemporary life.

Dr. Abdullah added that His Majesty the Sultan cautions against negative and non-constructive use of modern technologies and calls for protecting families against trends that undermine family structure or influence families’ educational role, identity or values in an adverse manner.

This, the minister said, can be achieved by consolidating the authentic principles derived from the teachings of the Islamic religion and by urging families to support their children by helping appreciate and espouse sound values.

The opening of the forum was attended by Dr. Laila Ahmed Al Najjar, Minister of Social Development, Omani and GCC officials, experts in Gulf organisations and specialists in social affairs from universities and research centres concerned. — **ONA**

GCC hails Omani High Commissioner for Human Rights’ statement at UN

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The GCC countries expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the content on the fundamental challenges facing the world, from climate change and conflicts, to governance and development.

This came in a statement delivered by Ambassador Idris bin Abdul Rahman Al Khanjari, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations and international organisations in Geneva on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, within the framework of the interactive dialogue on statement of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at the 54th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

He indicated that the GCC countries agree with the High Com-

missioner that human rights and development are closely interconnected, through the joint pursuit of achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, and the necessity of recognising that achieving prosperity and justice depends on protecting human rights for all.

Effects of climate change

Al Khanjari stressed that the GCC countries express in particular their concern about the effects of climate change and the worrying water scarcity that were discussed, and stress the importance of adopting the necessary policies and procedures at the governance and institutional levels to ensure sustainable management of resources.

The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations added that the GCC countries are aware of the problem of global food secu-

rity, which is exacerbated by geopolitical turmoil, and renew their call for the necessity of coordinated international cooperation in this field.

They also express their concern about the humanitarian situation of refugees and migrants in some European countries.

He stated that the GCC countries agree with the High Commissioner that “leaving no one behind” is not just an empty slogan, but rather a collective commitment towards human rights.

The GCC countries affirm their commitment to joint and multilateral work to develop policies that promote development while preserving human dignity.

Al Khanjari stressed that the GCC countries look forward to constructive interaction in the upcoming summits and events to embody our common goals in human rights and development.

FROM BRITISH MUSEUM

National Museum celebrates the repatriation of Syrian antiquities

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The National Museum celebrated on Wednesday the delivery of Syrian antiquities to their homeland from the United Kingdom.

The National Museum celebrated the delivery of Syrian antiquities to their homeland from the British Museum in the United Kingdom, through coordination with a number of military authorities concerned with local and international archaeological affairs, and within the framework of the mediation efforts adopted by the National Museum, and its support for efforts to preserve the damaged Syrian cultural heritage during the years of crisis.

Dr. Lubanah Mshawah, Syrian Minister of Culture, expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Sultanate of Oman, which responded to the request to return the artifacts without hesitation and undertook to receive and transport the artifact to Muscat, explaining that this return has a special symbolism, as it was crowned with success after efforts made by several parties for years, driven by their awareness of the human and cultural value of these antiquities.

Jamal bin Hassan Al-Moosawi, Secretary-General of the National Museum, said: “The initiative to return Syrian artifacts to their homeland is the result of tripartite cooperation between



the National Museum, the General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums of the Syrian Arab Republic, and the Hermitage Museum in the Russian Federation, and a continuation of the process of cooperation regarding the preservation and preservation of heritage.” The Syrians who were affected during the years of crisis.

He stressed that contributing to the revival of Syrian cultural heritage during the exceptional circumstances is a humanitarian duty and a shared responsibility, and it has a major role in enhancing the sense of national identity, achieving the concept of reconciliation and tolerance, builds confidence, and contributes to the return of political and social stability, to complete the path to building and rebuilding Syria.

Dr. Idris Ahmed Mia, Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic accredited to the Sultanate

of Oman, said: “The cultural and cultural denominators and commonalities between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Sultanate of Oman are ancient. The Sultanate of Oman and Syria share a deep-rooted history and civilisation levels, as its lands contain antiquities dating back to the Stone and Bronze Ages as well as This is the case in Syria.”

The Ambassador added: “The brothers in the Sultanate recovering Syrian antiquities and returning them to their original homeland is further evidence of the keenness of Oman, leadership and people, on global human heritage in general and Syrian heritage in particular.”

It is worth noting that the returned artifacts are a stone “lintel” and parts of an archaeological building made of steatite dating back to the middle of the fourth century AD (the Byzantine Empire).

GROWTH THROUGH TOURISM

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Tender No.	20/2023
Tender Title	Construction of Dry Stack Storage for Housing Boats at Marina Bandar Al Rawdah
Tender Submission Closing Date	9.10.2023
Tender Process Details	Please visit: www.omran.om/tenders/



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Tenders worth more than OMR488mn awarded

The meeting was held under the auspices of Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy

MUSCAT: In its 5th meeting during 2023, the Tender Board on Wednesday awarded tenders to the tune of OMR488.70 million to carry out additional works that are in completion of development projects in many fields.

The meeting was held under the auspices of Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy.

The additional works covered five main projects: The design and construction of Oman Cultural Complex building comprising the National Theatre,



the National Library, and the National Records and Archives Authority and eight other facilities (OMR147,800,000); the supply of medicines, vaccines and serums for the Ministry of Health (OMR130,641,592); a project to design and implement the remaining parts of the first phase of Al Batinah Coastal Road (OMR78,951,000); the dualisation of Al-Ansab-Al-Jifnain Road

(OMR53,000,000) and a project to furnish the Health Ministry's new building (OMR7,851,605).

The Tender Board also approved the following projects: The construction of a tunnel at Ateen Road's intersection with 18 November Street in the wilayat of Salalah (OMR7,521,813); the management, organisation, implementation and marketing of Muscat Winter Wonderland

activities (OMR6,930,000); the design and implementation of Oman's pavilion and exhibition at Expo 2025 in Osaka Kansai, Japan (OMR6,600,000); the dualisation of Sultan Taimur Street in the city of Salalah, Dhofar Governorate (OMR6,201,339) and the dualisation of Al-Farouq Street in the city of Salalah, Dhofar Governorate (OMR4,979,360), among other projects. — **ONA**

PRE-COVID LEVEL

Salalah Airport sees rise in air traffic

SALALAH: Salalah Airport has recorded a significant increase in the air traffic during this year's Khareef Dhofar season. According to the statistics released on Wednesday, the airport has restored its traffic to its pre-COVID-19 times with a 29 percent increase in number of flights and 34.4 percent growth in number of passengers during the 2023 Khareef Dhofar as compared to the corresponding period in 2022.

Compared to pre-COVID-19 times when the total number of flights were 1,362 in July 2019 and 1,620 flights in August 2019, this year the Salalah Airport received 1,424 flights while in July 2022 there were 1,125 flights.



In August 2023, the airport registered a total of 1,744 flights, much higher than 1,330 in August 2022.

The total air traffic at the airport during July and August was 3,168 flights, as compared to 2,455 flights in the corresponding period in 2022. The Salalah Airport also witnessed an increase in the number of passengers by more than 34 percent to 471,911 during July and August this year, as compared to 351,109 passengers in 2022 during the corresponding period.

VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCING

State Council attends Arab Regional Conference

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the State Council, took part via video-conferencing in the Arab Regional Conference on Population and Development, themed "Challenges and Prospects Ten Years After the 2013 Cairo Declaration".

Oman was represented during the conference, which was held in Lebanon, by Dr. Raya Salim Al Manthiri, Member of the State Council. The conference was organised by the ESCWA, the United Nations Population Fund - Regional Office for Arab States, and the Arab League in partnership with the International Planned



Parenthood Federation.

Moreover, the conference's sessions discussed a spectrum of topics, including letters resulting from regional talks regarding the 2013 Cairo Declaration, as well as topics related to human rights and achieving equality, among other topics. — **ONA**

MEETING

Oman, UK moot ways to increase trade exchange



MUSCAT: Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, held a meeting on Wednesday at Invest Oman Lounge with Nigel Huddleston, Minister of State at the Department of Business and Trade in the United Kingdom (UK).

During the meeting, the ministers discussed various aspects of joint cooperation between the two friendly countries, reviewed indicators of growth in trade exchange and the progress made in negotiations of the free trade agreement between GCC states and the UK.

Meanwhile, Nasser Khamis Al Jashmi, Secretary-General

of the Ministry of Finance, Head of the Omani side in the Omani-British Strategic Advisory Group, and Mohsin Hamad Al Hadhrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, also conferred with Huddleston. Discussions during the meeting covered cooperation in the field of trade, renewable energy and green hydrogen, as well as the tasks of the Omani-British Strategic Advisory Group.

Huddleston is expected to attend the 65th GCC Commercial Cooperation Committee's meeting, scheduled to be held in Salalah on Thursday and to discuss the GCC-UK free trade agreement. — **ONA**

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND WATER RESOURCES

Virtual assistant launched to enhance customer service

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources (MAFWR) launched on Wednesday the Muain service, through which it seeks to serve and meet the needs of visitors around the clock via the WhatsApp platform on the number 72200113.

The ministry aims to employ the virtual assistant service Muain via the WhatsApp application in the customer service hall to help beneficiaries obtain the service seven days a week, and to upgrade the services provided to beneficiaries from traditional outlets to developed outlets



through direct interaction between the service provider with the beneficiary via phone without personal presence when submitting the request.

The Ministry seeks to operate an interactive services hall between visitors and the Ministry to facilitate and simplify procedures for providing services through various channels and in various ways that enable the public to in-

teract with them at all times, reduce the personal presence of the number of visitors and reach all segments of society by listing the services provided by the Ministry to beneficiaries through the interactive platform of Muain.

The Muain service allows beneficiaries to receive real-time, 24-hour automated response to determine the geographical locations of the Ministry's facilities, and to book appointments to meet with decision-makers in the Ministry. In addition to providing phone numbers and communication channels with the administrative divisions of the Ministry, and direct communication with the customer services team.

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Local Online Tender Announcement

The Internal Tender Committee at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences announces the tenders shown in the following table:

S.N.	Tender No.	Tender Subject	Establishments eligible to bid	Document's Price	Last date for bid purchase online	Last date for bid submission
1	52/2023	Providing cleaning services for the buildings of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Nizwa Branch	Companies specialized in this field and registered with the Tender Board at the First Grade	RO 25/- (Twenty Five Omani Riyals)	23/09/2023 at 02:30 pm	27/09/2023 at 10:00 am
2	53/2023	Purchase of antivirus licenses for 6 branches of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences	Companies specialized in this field and registered with the Tender Board at the Excellent and First Grades	RO 25/- (Twenty Five Omani Riyals)	19/10/2023 at 02:30 pm	22/10/2023 at 10:00 am

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Tender documents may be purchased online starting from Wednesday 13/09/2023 at 07:30 am through the following link: <https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>

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Preference in awarding will be given to small and medium enterprises registered with the Authority for SME development and whose bid includes the biggest percentage of Omanisation and a biggest purchase percentage of national products.

The University shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any other bid.

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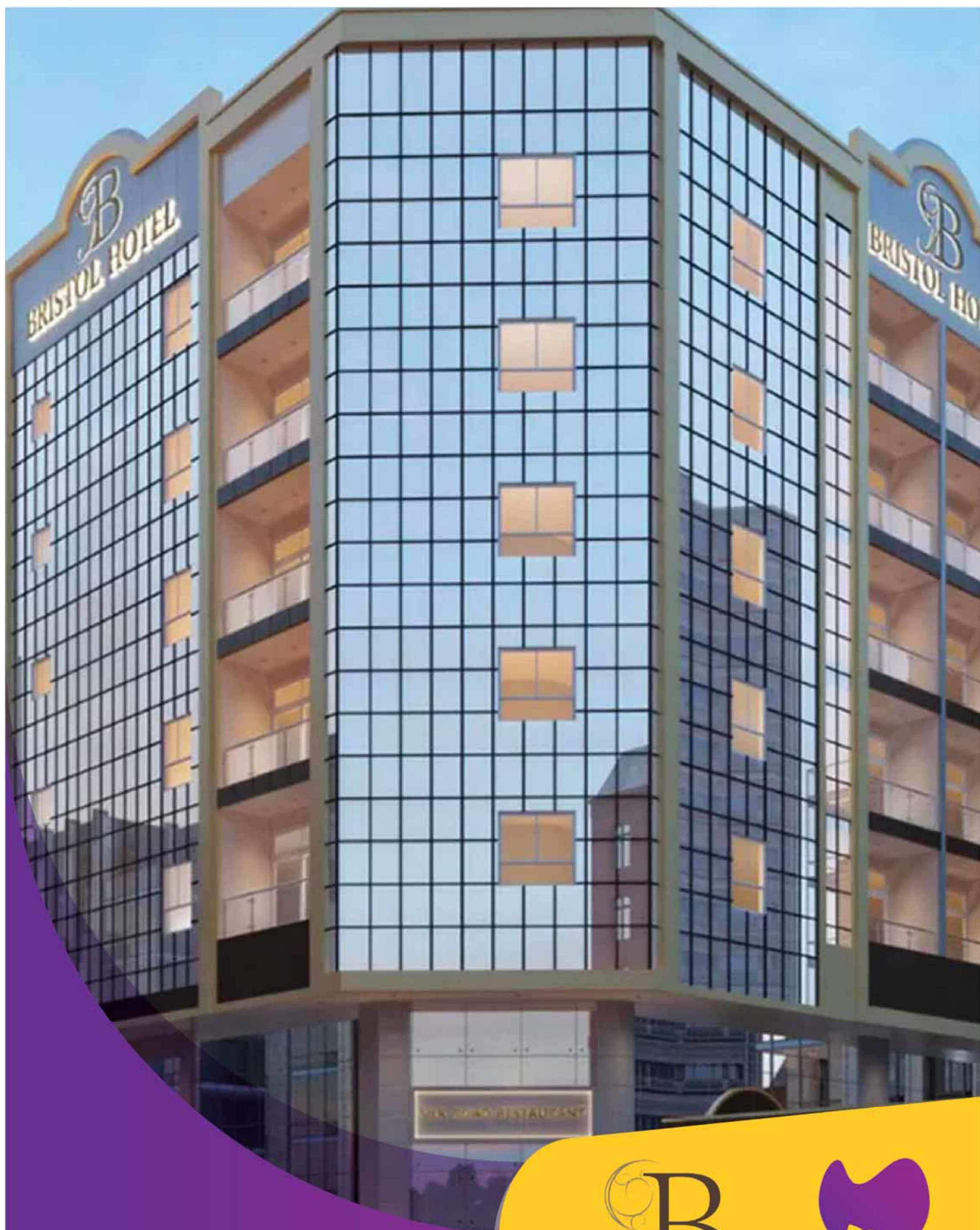
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Putin and Kim meet at Siberian space centre

Kim told Putin that North Korea would be “together” with Russia in what he termed a “fight against imperialism”



MOSCOW: Russian North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met with Russian President Vladimir Putin Wednesday for a day of talks that began at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia's Far East. The two leaders met at a remote Siberian rocket launch site and began the day by inspecting a Soyuz-2 space facility. Later, the two lavished one another with compliments during a state dinner. Their decision to kick off their

meeting at the cosmodrome may suggest Kim is seeking Russian assistance for developing military satellites. “That’s why we came here. The leader of the DPRK shows great interest in rocket engineering, they are also trying to develop space,” said Putin when asked by Russian reporters whether Russia would help North Korea build satellites. Kim told Putin that North Korea would be “together” with Russia in what he termed a “fight against imperialism.”

“Russia has risen to a sacred fight to protect its sovereignty and security... against the hegemonic forces. We will always support the decisions of President Putin and the Russian leadership... and we will be together in the fight against imperialism,” Kim told Putin via a translator. Kim travelled to Russia in his armoured train, as state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported. He then drove by limousine to the launch facility, where Putin said he was “very glad to see” him. -DW

STORM DANIEL

‘Medicane’ left Libya trapped between floods and the sea

TRIPOLI: It’s the heaviest rain-fall Libya has seen in the past 40 years. Storm Daniel had already caused severe floods in Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. Then, above the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea, it swelled to a so-called “medicane” — a portmanteau of “Mediterranean” and “hurricane.” It was the result of a weather pattern known as an “Omega block.” Now dissipated, the omega block over central Europe had led to a series of unusually hot late-summer days.



Low-pressure systems from the Atlantic, approaching from the northwest, subsequently caused this high-pressure effect to shift southeast. Storm Daniel brought torrential downpours to Greece, Bulgaria, and Turkey before moving toward the northern African coast, which it hit with storm surges and heavy floods. The devastation was particularly catastrophic in Libya, which has been plagued by civil crisis and political instability since 2011. Coastal towns to the north of the country have been flooded, with dams breaking and entire neighborhoods being swept away. Thousands are feared dead. A medicane is a cyclone over the Mediterranean Sea. The term was coined in the 1980s when satellites picked up images of cloud patterns reminiscent of a hurricane over the Mediterranean. Like a hurricane, they were shaped in a spiral, with a cloudless center, known as the “eye” of the hurricane. Spinning around the eye at high wind speeds were sheets of clouds and rain. Hence, the combination of the terms “Mediterranean” and

“hurricane.” With a diameter of 186 miles at most, medicanes are significantly smaller than hurricanes, which can reach five times that size. They usually dissipate after a few hours and rarely last two days. Hurricanes, on the other hand, frequently build momentum over the span of an entire week. Medicanes such as storm Daniel are most frequent in the autumn but can be observed throughout the winter. They develop when cold air from temperate latitudes pushes towards the equator, forming what’s known as a cut-off low — or cold drop — in the upper air flow. The low-pressure system that became storm Daniel was one such isolated cold drop. The summer was far hotter than usual, which left the Mediterranean Sea warmer than usual. Once water temperatures rise above 24 degrees Celsius, water vapour condenses and creates a cloud vortex. In most cases, these vortexes do not exceed wind speeds comparable to those of a tropical storm, which are approximately between 63 and 118 kilometres

per hour. However, they carry immense amounts of water, which can lead to severe floods. The fact that cities along the coast were so severely affected is in part due to Libya’s topography. The thin strip of coast is encircled by a long and steep mountain plateau that spans some 300 kilometres. On average, the mountainous range is about 400 metres to 600 metres high, with the highest point reaching 880 metres. Its northern face has a relatively steep drop towards the Mediterranean and is rocky and jagged, marked by numerous water courses and covered with loose red soil. It was along this plateau that the extreme rain clouds dumped the immense amounts of water they carried. Unable to absorb the deluge, rivers and lakes swelled over their banks and spilled down the slopes to the valley below in flash floods. In this way, coastal towns were practically surrounded on all sides by cascades of water. Eventually, dams were no longer able to withstand the pressure, causing huge swathes of land to flood in a very short time. -DW

GUANGDONG PROVINCE

Chinese city hunts for crocodiles

BEIJING: Chinese media reported on Tuesday that more than 70 crocodiles had escaped after deluges in Guangdong province caused a lake at a crocodile farm to overflow. Authorities asked residents around the city of Maoming to stay inside as the severity of deluges hampered the search for the reptiles. “Crocodiles are still in the water, and several government departments are working to catch them,” the state-affiliated China National Radio (CNR) reported, citing the local agriculture office. “The specific situation is still under investigation,” CNR said, adding that the exact number of animals still on the loose was not known. The newspaper Beijing News said emergency forces were sent



to locate the escaped crocodiles with the help of sonar equipment. Authorities said the high water levels had made the search difficult, and asked residents to stay indoors. Footage showed responders in red uniforms searching flooded fields in rescue boats. In other images, crocodiles could be seen that had already been captured with their mouths and limbs tied

together. Crocodiles are bred in China which is sometimes used in traditional Chinese medicine. At least 69 grown crocodiles and six younger ones were kept at a farm near the lake that burst its banks, allowing the creatures to escape. CNR also said the affected area was also home to a “crocodile theme park.” -DW

IMPEACHMENT PROBE

McCarthy tells US House committees to open Biden impeachment inquiry

WASHINGTON, DC: Speaker Kevin McCarthy authorised House committees on Tuesday to launch a formal impeachment probe on US President Joe Biden based on the House GOP’s investigations into his family’s foreign business ties and the prosecution of his son Hunter Biden, *The Hill* reported. McCarthy stated that the investigation will be overseen by House Oversight and Accountability Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.), in collaboration with House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) “Today, I am directing our House committees to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden,” McCarthy said in a brief statement at the Capitol on Tuesday. “I do not make this decision lightly. And regardless of your party, or who you voted for these facts should concern all Americans,” he



added. McCarthy’s formal support for impeachment comes after he previously stated that he believed the House probes would eventually lead to an impeachment investigation. The House Oversight Committee has not concluded that Biden directly benefited financially from his son Hunter Biden’s business operations or that he made any policy judgements as a result of

them in the months that it has been studying them. The White House, which has aggressively opposed GOP efforts to initiate an impeachment investigation, said earlier on Tuesday that launching a formal investigation is “red meat” for the Republican base. “Opening impeachment despite zero evidence of wrongdoing by POTUS is simply red meat for the extreme rightwing so they can keep baselessly attacking him,” Ian Sams, White House spokesman for oversight and investigations, wrote on X. Moreover, the US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy also chastised former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) in 2019 for launching an impeachment investigation without a formal House vote. McCarthy, however, would not indicate whether a formal House vote on opening an investigation will be held on Tuesday, despite previously promising to do so. -DW

US

Probe into Seattle cop laughing over death of an Indian student begins

WASHINGTON, DC: An investigation has been launched against Seattle police union leaders after an officer was recorded on his body camera appearing to joke about the death of an Indian-origin woman who was killed by a police patrol vehicle in January this year, NBC News reported. On Monday, the Seattle Police Department released footage from Officer Daniel Auderer’s body camera. Auderer left his body camera on after responding to the South Lake Union area where a marked patrol vehicle driven by another officer Kevin Dave struck and killed Indian-origin woman

Jaahnavi Kandula, according to NBC News report. A day after the incident, the police said that the officer had been responding to a “priority one call.” In the footage Auderer, who serves as vice president of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, is driving and can be heard talking about the accident that involved 23-year-old graduate student Kandula in a call with the guild’s president Mike Solan. In the video, Auderer can be heard saying “she is dead” before bursting out into laughter. Referring to Kandula, Auderer said, “No, it’s a regular person.” Towards the end of the clip, he can

be heard saying, through bursts of laughter, “Yeah, just write a check. Eleven thousand dollars. She was 26 anyway,” misstating the age of the victim. He further said, “She had limited value,” *New York Post* reported. Auderer said that he did not believe a criminal investigation was being carried out. He said, “I mean, he was going 50 mph. That’s not out of control. That’s not reckless for a trained driver.” However, a report released in June revealed that Dave was driving 74 mph in a 25-mph zone while responding to a different “high-priority” call, NBC News reported. -ANI

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SPORTS

USA prove too good for Oman

Branko Ivankovic's Red Warriors lose 4-0 to their much higher ranked rivals in an international friendly in Minnesota

MUSCAT: The gulf in the FIFA world rankings between the United States (USA) and Oman was evident during the international friendly at Allianz Field in St. Paul, Minnesota on Tuesday [4.30am kickoff, Oman time, on Wednesday] as the hosts romped home with a 4-0 win over the Red Warriors.

Branko Ivankovic-coached Oman are ranked 73rd while the USA are placed as high as No.11 in the world.

The Red Warriors, who are preparing themselves for the FIFA Asian Qualifiers and Asian Cup, did exhibit flashes of brilliance as they held their fancied rivals at bay to concede just one goal in the first 45 minutes.

Striker Folarin Balogun opened the scoring for the hosts, coached by Greg Berhalter, as early as in the 13th minute of the match. It was his second goal since switching national allegiances.

Monaco forward Balogun had switched from England in May and scored in the Nations League final against Canada a month later.

A fierce strike by teammate Sergino Dest was parried out by Oman keeper Ibrahim Al Mukhaini, and Balogun reacted swiftly to bury the loose ball.

The USA had been far from impressive in their 3-0 win over Uzbekistan on Saturday but looked sharper and they doubled their lead on the hour through Brenden Aaronson. The midfielder, who plays in Germany for Union Berlin, drilled a free-kick through a porous Oman wall and past the unsighted Al Mukhaini to make it 2-0.

Aaronson went close to adding another with a fine solo run and low shot which the Oman keeper did well to get down to but the third goal arrived soon enough with Ricardo Pepi who found the target



for the second straight game.

DeJuan Jones broke down the right and found Pepi with a low ball into the box which the striker collected before spinning sharply and firing into the bottom corner.

The fourth goal came via two players USA coach Berhalter had brought on to make their debuts - Benjamin Cremaschi found Kevin Parades down the right and his low cross was turned into his own net by the sliding Oman defender Khalid Al Breiki.

The US thoroughly dominated from start to finish, firing 19 shots to Oman's seven.

Later, coach Berhalter told *FOX Sports*: "It wasn't specifically 'when we score, don't let up,' it was like we need to bring more intensi-

ty than we bought in the last game.

"And we need to threaten the backline with runs behind more than we did last game. I thought that was really poor last game [vs Uzbekistan], and we need to be cleaner on the ball. And there were still times where it takes a little bit too long, [we] hold on to the ball a little bit too much. But overall, it was a great effort by the guys."

Oman's World Cup qualifiers begin in November

Oman's national team players will now return to play for their respective clubs before regrouping in November ahead of their FIFA second round Asian qualifiers.

Oman have been drawn in Group D of joint FIFA and Asian

Cup Qualifiers second round with Kyrgyz Republic, Malaysia and winner of Chinese Taipei vs Timor Leste match, who feature among 20 nations in the first round.

Oman's opening Group D match will be on November 16 at home against Chinese Taipei or Timor Leste. The second-round matches will be held from November 16, 2023-June 11, 2024.

Those ten nations from the first round join the remaining 26 in the second round, which will feature nine groups of four nations, with the winners and runners-up then progressing through to the third round.

The 18 nations that reach the third round will be divided into three groups of six, via a draw

conducted at a later date, with the top two nations in each group qualifying for the FIFA World Cup.

The fourth round consists of the half-dozen nations that finished third and fourth in the third round being slotted into two groups of three, with the winner of both groups also receiving a direct ticket to the FIFA World Cup.

The fifth round features the two runners-up from the fourth-round clashing in a two-legged, home-and-away tie to determine Asia's representative in the FIFA play-off tournament.





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CONTAINERBOARD SEGMENT

The paper containerboard segment in the region has been growing above the global average of 2.5 per cent at 3-4 per cent on the back of the strong GDP growth, evolution of e-commerce and population growth, an expert said at the Propaper Dubai 2023 expo. >B2

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,710.67 points, up by 0.32 per cent from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.07 per cent at 466.08 points. Sahara Hospitality, up 6.12 per cent, was the top gainer while Barka Water & Power Company, down 6.98 per cent, was the top loser. >B2

Conference focuses on importance of adopting integrated solutions

Digital Transformation Conference also highlighted an array of topics about artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, information technology (IT), and the growth of e-commerce, in addition to technology and cyberspace in the future



Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Information Technology Society, said, "The conference focused on the digital transformation programme, modern technologies and artificial intelligence."



He pointed out that the conference reviewed some technologies and their impact on digital transformation in institutions, such as the economic impact and augmenting productivity in private

sector establishments. He added that the transformation brought about by technology in all fields has a fundamental impact on the digital transformation in Oman. This transformation, he said,

has an economic and technical basis, thus good preparation is a must for the future in terms of qualifying national cadres, changing specialisations, and qualifying employees. -ONA

INFORMATIVE

Oman to host 14th Middle East Healthcare Insurance Conference

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Capital Market Authority (CMA), will host the 14th Middle East Health Insurance Conference 2023 for the third time in a row. The conference will be held from September 24 to 26.

The conference is organised by the Middle East Insurance Review. It will see wide regional and international participation. This year's conference will discuss issues related to risk management in health insurance and mitigating fraud and abuse of health benefits, as they pose a negative impact on the quality and cost of insurance and health services.

CMA's interest in hosting this important international event comes in conjunction with the growth and increased turnout for health insurance products in recent years. Health insurance acquired the largest share of the gross insurance premiums at 35.4 per cent, thus topping all insurance products.

The gross direct premiums of health insurance activity also increased by 16.9 per cent to cross OMR191 million in 2022, com-



pared to OMR163 million in 2021.

The conference will review the status of the health insurance market in the Sultanate of Oman and its level of regulatory and supervisory development, in addition to the technological developments and the qualitative shift that the "Dhamani" electronic platform will bring about.

The conference is considered a great opportunity to meet expertise and exchange ideas and future visions for the health insurance

sector, in addition to exchanging international experiences and best practices pertaining to mitigating fraud and abuse of health insurance benefits.

A number of working papers will be presented during the conference, dealing with best practices based on the use of technology, artificial intelligence (AI), scientific innovations related to risk management in health insurance and the legal measures applied in this regard. -ONA

TECHTALKS

Experts unite for series of technical talks about research, science and technology

MUSCAT: TechTalks, a new initiative launched by Birbain collaboration with Oman Hydrogen Centre held its first meeting at Hormuz Grand Muscat. The session was attended by energy experts, academia and government.

The idea behind these technical talks is to create an environment in which stakeholders, researchers and thought leaders can come together to share knowledge and discuss the latest developments in science, technology and engineering in support of growth in the Sultanate of Oman.

TechTalks will bring together industry experts, developers, investors, policymakers, academia and thought leaders in a series of interactive and informal discussion-led sessions. These sessions will dive into key advancements supporting the development of industries in Oman, in line with sustainable development, economic diversification and support in-country value. Tech Talks will cover topics such as the green transition, future energies such as green hydrogen, carbon removal and sustainability.

The first in the series titled:



"Discovering underground H₂ storage" was organised in collaboration with the Oman Hydrogen Centre. During this session, experts shared technical insights and learnings from global feasibility studies specific to the storage of hydrogen and explored Oman's untapped potential for underground storage within its geological formations.

This review of the 'Hystories' project dived deep into underground energy storage, emphasising hydrogen and ammonia. Evaluating technical and economic aspects, it explored their potential for secure, efficient, and sustainable energy storage.

Oman's potential for underground hydrogen storage is im-

mense due to favourable geological attributes such as abundant salt caverns and porous rock formations. These provide secure, large-scale storage options that can support renewable energy integration, carbon reduction, and positioning the country as a regional hydrogen hub.

Abdullah Al Harthy (Chairman Birba) stated, "Through this inspiring initiative, we look forward to sharing know-how and exploring opportunities in Oman and highlighting how under the wise guidance of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Oman's Vision 2040 is creating the conditions where more than ever investors in our country can grow, succeed and thrive."

TECH GIANT

Apple unveils iPhone 15 with USB-C type charging



CALIFORNIA: Tech giant, Apple unveiled its much-awaited iPhone 15 and iPhone 15 Plus at its "Wonderlust" event on Tuesday with USB-C type charging.

According to The Verge, an American technology-based website, all models of the iPhone 15 will come with the Dynamic Island. That's the pill-shaped cutout that first debuted on the iPhone 14 Pro and Pro Max, providing a new way to see certain notifications and interact with apps. The iPhone 15 also has an OLED Super Retina display, which supports Dolby Vision content with 1,600 nits of brightness. The peak brightness of this display is 2,000 nits in sunlight, double that of the iPhone 14.

The biggest noticeable upgrade to the iPhone 15 and 15 Plus outside of the visible USB-C and Dynamic Island changes is an improved camera system. The main camera sensor is moving to a 48-megapixel one, up from the 12-megapixel one found on the previous iPhone 14. There's also a 12-megapixel telephoto and im-

provements to the portrait mode mean you won't have to manually switch to portrait mode anymore, reported The Verge.

The iPhone 15 will come with a 6.1-inch display while iPhone 15 Plus comes with a 6.7-inch display. The iPhone 15 is priced starting at \$799 (approx. 67,000 INR) for a 128GB model and the iPhone 15 Plus starts at \$899 (approx. 74,000 INR) for a 128GB version. Apple is also promising "all-day battery life" with the iPhone 15 thanks to a larger battery.

Watch Ultra 2 with new S9 chip

Apple also announced its newest flagship smartwatch, the Apple Watch Ultra 2. On Tuesday, Apple Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook and his team launched the Apple Watch Ultra 2.

According to a report by US-based tech portal TechCrunch, the Ultra 2's design looks quite similar to that of the first-generation Apple Watch Ultra, which means the most significant upgrade is on the inside. -ANI

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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 262 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of OMR2.63 million, with more than 10.28 million shares changing hands. Out of 37 traded securities, 11 advanced, 9 declined, and 17 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for OMR397,000 while domestic investors were net buyers for OMR396,000, followed by foreign investors for OMR2,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,706.68 points, up 0.34 per cent. Prices of Ahli Bank, Oman United Insurance were up by 4.94 per cent, 0.37 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Investment, Bank Nizwa were up by 1.27 per cent, 1.01 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 5,776.38 points, down 0.31 per cent. Prices of were up by respectively. Prices of Voltamp Energy, Oman Refreshment, Raysut Cement, Galfar Engineering were up by 3.20 per cent, 1.52 per cent, 0.69 per cent, 0.63 per cent respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.48 per cent before closing at 1,633.34 points. Prices of Sahara Hospitality, National Gas, Al Batinah Power, Sembcorp Salalah, Dhofar Generating were up by 6.12 per cent, 5.56 per cent, 4.55 per cent, 3.16 per cent, 2.38 per cent respectively. Prices of Muscat Gases, Musandam Power were up by 2.44 per cent, 1.09 per cent respectively. — United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES						
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,721.90	4,694.87	4,710.67	4,695.65	15.02	0.32
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,722.90	7,680.21	7,706.68	7,680.21	26.47	0.34
Industry Index	5,789.30	5,763.05	5,776.38	5,774.17	-17.80	-0.31
Services Index	1,634.49	1,625.55	1,633.34	1,625.55	7.79	0.48
MSX Shariah Index	466.83	464.91	466.08	466.43	-0.34	-0.07
MSX TR INDEX	6,216.94	6,181.36	6,202.17	6,182.39	19.78	0.32
FINANCIAL TR IDX	8,427.10	8,380.52	8,409.40	8,380.52	28.88	0.34
SERVICES TR IDX	1,805.21	1,795.34	1,803.94	1,795.34	8.61	0.48
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,184.41	6,156.37	6,170.61	6,189.62	-19.01	-0.31
Trading Summary						
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal
10,283,631	2,632,172	262	23,732,309,547	11	9	17

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BR	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP	
REGULAR MARKET																	
	OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	5,000	1,350	1	0.270	0.270	0.270	0.270	0.269	0.001	0.372	0.270	0.268	0.275	0.100	27,000,000
	OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	200,000	82,200	2	0.411	0.411	0.411	0.411	0.410	0.001	0.244	0.411	0.411	0.415	0.100	97,164,510
	OM0000001533	OMINVEST	260,000	104,000	8	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.395	0.400	0.100	267,346,170
	OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	25,000	1,600	3	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.067	0.100	7,800,000
	OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	20,000	3,900	1	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.195	0.190	0.195	0.100	42,900,000
	OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	3,094,116	882,520	59	0.286	0.286	0.284	0.285	0.285	0.000	0.000	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.100	2,139,323,163
	OM0000003000	AI MAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	1,000	1,012	1	1.012	1.012	1.012	1.012	1.012	0.000	0.000	1.012	1.010	1.012	0.100	69,828,000
	OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	405,495	410,148	17	1.010	1.012	1.008	1.008	1.008	0.000	0.000	1.008	1.008	1.012	0.100	756,000,000
	OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	104,660	5,966	8	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.100	11,400,000
	OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	596,000	62,554	6	0.105	0.105	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.100	568,660,404
	OM0000003968	OOREDOO	294,700	113,636	9	0.386	0.386	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.000	0.000	0.384	0.385	0.388	0.100	249,962,584
	OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	20,000	1,700	1	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.084	0.087	0.100	14,875,000
Total	12		5,025,971	1,670,585	116												
Parallel Market																	
	OM0000002812	SAHARA HOSPITALITY	100	260	1	2.600	2.600	2.600	2.600	2.450	0.150	6.122	2.600	2.600	0.000	1.000	20,600,580
	OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	180	17	1	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.090	0.005	5.556	0.095	0.088	0.094	0.100	8,075,000
	OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	4,443,146	755,345	40	0.171	0.171	0.170	0.170	0.162	0.008	4.938	0.170	0.168	0.170	0.100	399,441,769
	OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	1,000	23	1	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.022	0.001	4.545	0.023	0.022	0.000	0.100	15,522,411
	OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	252,011	24,698	10	0.098	0.099	0.098	0.098	0.095	0.003	3.158	0.098	0.090	0.100	0.100	93,548,051
	OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	50,000	2,150	4	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.001	2.381	0.043	0.042	0.043	0.100	9,556,320
	OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	20	18	1	0.895	0.895	0.895	0.895	0.892	0.003	0.336	0.895	0.895	0.950	0.100	85,025,000
	OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	3,802	19,168	7	5.150	5.200	5.000	5.200	5.000	0.000	0.000	5.200	4.900	5.200	1.000	15,600,000
	OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	3,000	120	1	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.040	0.041	0.100	3,400,000
	OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	1,253	95	1	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.100	1,596,000
	OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	800	19	1	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.000	0.024	0.100	17,145,752
	OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	1,119	66	1	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.000	0.000	0.059	0.056	0.059	0.100	86,293,486
	OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	2,062	188	2	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.088	0.091	0.100	14,155,086
	OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	92,935	24,274	23	0.292	0.293	0.292	0.293	0.293	0.000	0.000	0.293	0.293	0.295	0.100	225,668,600
	OM0000003921	GALFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	8,250	1,279	3	0.155	0.159	0.155	0.159	0.160	-0.001	-0.625	0.159	0.150	0.160	0.100	32,274,845
	OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	24,500	3,553	5	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.146	-0.001	-0.685	0.145	0.140	0.147	0.100	29,000,000
	OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	131,700	12,907	7	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.099	-0.001	-1.010	0.098	0.098	0.100	0.100	219,221,397
	OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	1,000	272	1	0.272	0.272	0.272	0.272	0.275	-0.003	-1.091	0.272	0.272	0.275	0.100	19,146,980
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	OM0000001426	OMAN REFRESHMENT	6,722	10,923	2	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.650	-0.025	-1.515	1.625	1.625	1.700	0.100	81,250,000
	OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	10,000	1,200	3	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.123	-0.003	-2.439	0.120	0.115	0.120	0.100	3,600,000
	OM0000003961	VOLTAMP ENERGY	5,000	601	4	0.116	0.121	0.116	0.121	0.125	-0.004	-3.200	0.121	0.116	0.121	0.100	9,849,733
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Total	23		5,134,944	863,532	134												

PROPAPER DUBAI

Regional containerboard segment growing above global average at 3-4%

DUBAI: The paper containerboard segment in the region has been growing above the global average of 2.5 per cent at 3-4 per cent on the back of the strong GDP growth, evolution of e-commerce and population growth, an expert said at the Propaper Dubai 2023 expo.

“The commodity industry in the region is also subject to technicalities like supply and demand, performance etc., but we are seeing the containerboard industry growing forward and accordingly regular investments are also happening to bridge the gap between demand and supply,” said Eng. Sami Al-Safran, President of the Arab Federation for Paper, Printing and Packaging Industries (AFPPPI), and Group President of the Saudi-based Middle East Paper Company (MEPCO).

Cost inflation, environmental concerns, raw material availability and policy vacuum are some of the challenges faced by the industry in



the region, but this is offset by opportunities such as sustainability, e-commerce development, economic growth and a large end-user segment, he said in a presentation at the ongoing Propaper Dubai 2023, organised by Verifair at Festival Arena, Dubai Festival City. The show also incorporates Super

Sourcing Dubai under the auspices of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

“Propaper Dubai 2023 is focused on bringing market-leading industry thought leaders to shed light on the market and trends to facilitate transparency and knowledge sharing. The participants at the expo

represent a cross-section of industry verticals and are known for market-leading innovation,” said Jeen Joshua, Managing Director, Verifair.

Regional players come together to fight dumping

Eng. Safran said the net containerboard imports to the ME region stand at 20 per cent and the demand and supply could balance out by 2025, though further imports should be anticipated considering the excellent access to the regional market for overseas suppliers.

“At AFPPPI, local industry players are coming together seeking support from the government for different things and one of these is dumping. GCC companies have filed anti-dumping cases against suppliers from Germany, France and India, and investigations have confirmed that there is physical dumping and this will be addressed by putting in place safeguards such as higher duties,” he said.

STATE AUDIT INSTITUTION

Workshop held on National Integrity Promotion Plan

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The State Audit Institution (SAI) organised an executive workshop on the National Integrity Promotion Plan (2022-2030) at SAI's headquarters in Muscat yesterday.

The workshop was held under the patronage of Ahmed bin Salem Al-Rujaibi, Deputy Chairman of the State Audit Institution, in the presence of Sayyid Dr Munther bin Hilal Al-Busaidi, Deputy Chairman of the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit. The workshop was attended by several officials in the civil and military state administrative apparatus units in addition to representatives of civil society institutions and several SAI specialists.

The executive workshop started with a speech delivered by Senior Audit Specialist Shabeeb bin Nasser Al Busaidi, General Director of Legal Works at SAI. During the speech, he stressed that the approval of the National Integrity Promotion Plan (2022-2030) comes from the keenness of the Sultanate of Oman to adopt the best international practices in all fields, emphasising that the wise vision of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik represents the primary guide for state institutions to embody the principles of justice, integrity and proper resource management. Integrity and efficiency in resource management are considered the basic foundations for institutional development.



Then, visual presentations on the National Integrity Promotion Plan (2022-2030) and the mechanism for following up the implementation of its objectives were delivered in the workshop. At the end, a discussion panel was held during which attendees' inquiries and interventions were answered.

Ahmed bin Salim Al Rujaibi, Deputy Chairman of the State Audit Institution, stated that the National Integrity Promotion Plan seeks to achieve its mission of adopting best practices in areas of integrity, transparency and anti-corruption with the effective participation from the public and private sectors, civil society institutions and individuals. He further stated that the plan includes four main principles, the first of which focuses on integrity by adopting principles and values of integrity and honest practices towards public funds and public office; whilst the second principle focuses on transparency through

institutional disclosure based on principles of accuracy, appropriateness and reliability. The third principle deals with accountability by creating inclusive legislations and efficient procedures to activate accountability and the fourth principle addresses partnership, which can be achieved through active cooperation by all relevant parties.

Regarding the themes and objectives of the National Integrity Promotion Plan, he stated that the plan is based on five themes, from which six main objectives and 21 sub-objectives emanate.

The first objective is on the legislative system and it aims to promote integrity and combat corruption by an inclusive legislative system and efficient human resources.

The second theme is on efficient institutional performance as it targets institutional performance and services of high quality and efficiency ensuring justice and equality.

He also stated that the third theme of the plan is integrity in the private sector and it aims to strengthen the private sector's contribution to the activities and programs of public fund protection and corruption prevention.

The fourth theme is transparency and effective community partnership. It aims to promote integrity towards public funds and public office and combat corruption.

The fifth theme addresses effective local and international cooperation and partnership to coordinate efforts and activate local cooperation to promote integrity and combat corruption.

Regarding the added-value and target objectives of implementing the themes of the National Integrity Promotion Plan, he assures that the plan's themes and objectives seek, in cooperation with state-relevant entities, to achieve a set of general results at the national level during the period of (2022-2030).

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LIFESTYLE

HOW PLANTS PASS DOWN GENETIC

WASHINGTON DC: When organisms pass on their genes to future generations, they include more than the DNA code. Some additionally transmit chemical indicators that guide cells on how to use the code. The transmission of these markers to subsequent generations is referred to as epigenetic inheritance. It is very frequent in plants. So, significant findings here may have implications for agriculture, food supplies, and the environment.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) Professors and HHMI Investigators Rob Martienssen and Leemor Joshua-Tor have been researching how plants pass along the markers that keep transposons inactive. Transposons are also known as jumping genes. When switched on, they can move around and disrupt other genes. To silence them and protect the genome, cells add regulatory marks to specific DNA sites. This process is called methylation.

Martienssen and Joshua-Tor have now shown how protein DDM1 makes way for the enzyme that places these marks on new DNA strands. Plant cells need DDM1 because their DNA is tightly packaged. To keep their genomes compact and orderly, cells wrap their DNA around packing proteins called histones. "But that blocks access to the DNA for all sorts of important enzymes," Martienssen explains. Before methylation can occur, "you have to remove or slide the histones out of the way."

Martienssen and former CSHL colleague Eric Richards first discovered DDM1 30 years ago. Since then, researchers have learned it slides DNA along its packing proteins to expose sites needing methylation. Martienssen likens the movement to a yo-yo gliding along a string. The histones "can move up and down the DNA, exposing parts of the DNA at a time, but never falling off," he explains.

Through genetic and biochemical experiments, Martienssen pinpointed the exact histones DDM1 displaces. Joshua-Tor used cryo-electron microscopy to capture detailed images of the enzyme interacting with DNA and associated packing proteins. They were able to see how DDM1 grabs onto particular histones to remodel packaged DNA. "An un-

expected bond that ties DDM1 together turned out to correspond to the first mutation found all those years ago," Joshua-Tor says.

The experiments also revealed how DDM1's affinity for certain histones preserves epigenetic controls across generations. The team showed that a histone found only in pollen is resistant to DDM1 and acts as a placeholder during cell division. "It remembers where the histone was during plant development and retains that memory into the next generation," Martienssen says.

Plants may not be alone here. Humans also depend on DDM1-like proteins to maintain DNA methylation. The new discovery may help explain how those proteins keep our genomes functional and intact. **-ANI**

MEMORIES

Hope to achieve good results: Mendis

Aqib Ilyas-led Oman team departs for first Gulf T20I Cricket Championship in Qatar from September 15

MUSCAT: Oman national team is all set to compete in the inaugural edition of the 2023 Men's Gulf T20I Cricket Championship, which will be held in Doha, Qatar, from September 15-23.

The team will be led by Aqib Ilyas in the absence of regular skipper Zeeshan Maqsood, while Ayaan Khan has been named the vice-captain, according to a press statement from Oman Cricket (OC) on Wednesday.

Oman will begin their campaign in the six-nation championship, organised by the Qatar Cricket Association (QCA) with a match against the UAE on September 16.

The single round-robin format will see Oman take on hosts on September 17 followed by a clash against Bahrain on September 19.

Coached by Duleep Mendis, Oman will play their penultimate match against Saudi Arabia on September 20 before rounding off



their engagements with a match against Kuwait on September 22.

The top two teams from the group will clash in the final a day later.

All the matches will be played at the West End International Cricket Stadium and the championship will be broadcast live to more than nine countries. The championship will be held under the auspices of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and in accordance with in-

ternational laws of the game.

Speaking ahead of the team's departure on Wednesday, Mendis said: "It is a great initiative to host a T20I championship in the region. I hope that it becomes an annual affair and each country gets a chance to host the event. We are looking forward to this first event."

On the team's preparations, the experienced Oman coach said: "Despite the scorching summer, the boys have been really training hard

for this tournament. We have played a few practice games to acclimatise with the match conditions and, more importantly, the weather. The boys are ready and I hope we can achieve good results. We have done good homework ahead of our departure to Qatar on Wednesday."

The national team cricketers were last seen in action during the ICC ODI World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe in June-July where Oman exceeded expectations to

make it to the Super Six stage in the ten-nation event.

Despite a switch in the format, the core team that travelled to Zimbabwe remains the same with only one new face in the squad.

Shakeel Ahmed, a left-arm spinner, has been drafted into the national team for the first time.

Experienced all-rounder Mehran Khan makes a comeback and will support the existing group of all-rounders in the team -

Aqib Ilyas, Aayan Khan, Shoaib Khan, Mohammed Nadeem, and Rafiullah.

The batting mainstays would be opening batters - Jatinder Singh and Kashyap Prajapati - while the sole wicketkeeper is Mohammed Naseem Khushi. The other specialist spinner is Jay Odedra and the pace attack will be spearheaded by Bilal Khan, Kaleemullah, and Fayyaz Butt.

Oman last played a T20I in November 2022 when they hosted a four-nation Desert Cup tournament that featured Canada, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Squad: Aqib Ilyas (captain, Renaissance CT), Ayaan Khan (vice-captain), Jatinder Singh, Kashyap Prajapati, Shoaib Khan (all from Muscat CT), Mohammed Nadeem, Mohammed Naseem Khushi, Kaleemullah, (all from Yalla Shabab), Jay Odedra, Bilal Khan, Rafiullah, Shakeel Ahmed, (all from Oman Stallions), Fayyaz Butt (Renaissance CT), and Mehran Khan (VLCC).

Officials: Duleep Mendis (head coach), Evert Laubscher (assistant coach), Mazher Saleem Khan (team coordinator), Zeeshan Siddiqui (analyst), and Sean Nowak (physiotherapist).

Schedule (all Oman times): September 16: Oman vs UAE (5.30pm), Sept 17: Oman vs Qatar (5.30pm), Sept 19: Oman vs Bahrain (9.30pm), Sept 20: Oman vs Saudi (9.30pm), Sept 22: Oman vs Kuwait (9.30pm). Sept 23: Final (9.30pm).

ASIA CUP SUPER FOUR

India skipper lauds Hardik in win against Sri Lanka

COLOMBO: India skipper Rohit Sharma hailed all-rounder Hardik Pandya for a phenomenal display with the ball against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup Super Four clash on Tuesday.

With the victory, India qualified for the Asia Cup 2023 final with a game to spare. Before the final game on Sunday, India will be in action against Bangladesh on Friday.

India's bowling attack combined to end Sri Lanka's 13 ODI match unbeaten streak, as the hosts bundled out for 172 chasing a paltry target at the R Premadasa Stadium on Tuesday.

While spinners from either side dominated the game, the pacers, too, played a part in India's 41-run victory over the co-hosts.

Earlier in the game, Dunieth Wellalage and Charith Asalanka sliced through India's top order to help Sri Lanka bundle out India for 213.

Youngster Wellalage achieved a remarkable feat as he secured his maiden 5-wicket haul, single-handedly dismantling a formidable Indian batting lineup and bagging the wicket of top batters like Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya.

Hardik stepped up with the ball when the game was slipping from their hands and India were desperate for a wicket.

Wellalage was breathing fire on one end, while the rest of the batters were holding on to one end. Hardik pulled back the momentum in India's favour as he dismissed Maheesh Theekshana. Even though Hardik ended the night with a single wicket,



his five overs were a sight to behold.

"He has worked really hard in his bowling for the last couple of years. It doesn't happen overnight and it's pleasing to see. He looked like taking a wicket off every ball. Was not an easy target to defend as the pitch got easier at the end and we had to put it consistently in one area and I think we did quite well," Rohit said in the post-match presentation.

Along with Hardik, Kuldeep once again stole the limelight with a four-wicket haul making him the second fastest to 150 ODI

wickets after Mohammed Shami.

"For the past year or so he has been bowling really really well. He has done a lot of hard work on his rhythm. He went back to the drawing board and worked on it. The ball is coming out nicely and you can see the results in the last 10 ODIs," Rohit added.

Brief scores: India 213 (Rohit Sharma 53, KL Rahul 39; Dunieth Wellalage 5-40, Charith Asalanka 4-18) beat Sri Lanka 172 (Dunieth Wellalage 42*, Dhananjaya de Silva 41; Kuldeep Yadav 4-43, Jasprit Bumrah 2-30, Ravindra Jadeja 2-33). - **ANI**

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES



Managerless Germany defeat France

BERLIN: Struggling Germany returned to winning ways on Tuesday, after goals from Thomas Muller and Leroy Sane helped them beat France 2-1 in an international friendly match in Dortmund.

Two days after the dismissal of head coach Hansi Flick and the appointment of caretaker Rudi Voller, Germany made a fairy-tale start, as Muller benefitted from Benjamin Henrich's cross to slot home past France goalkeeper Mike Maignan in the fourth minute.

Germany doubled their lead against the run of play in 87th minute, as Leroy Sane latched onto Kai Havertz's pass to score from a tight angle in the 87th minute.

France eventually found the back of the net in the closing stages, as Sane fouled Eduardo Camavinga inside the area, allowing Griezmann to step up and convert the resultant penalty.

At Hampden Park, England continued their modern-day superiority in the 150-year rivalry with Scotland by beating their in-form hosts 3-1 in a friendly at a raucous Hampden. Phil Foden got the opener before the terrific Jude Bellingham was gifted a second three minutes later. Scotland reduced the margin but Harry Kane slotted home the visitors' third after a mesmeric Bellingham assist.

SOUTH AMERICAN WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Argentina triumph without Messi; Brazil down Peru



Argentina's Enzo Fernandez (left) and Brazil's Marquinhos celebrate after scoring during their respective matches



LA PAZ: Argentina rested Lionel Messi but still beat Bolivia 3-0 to make it two wins from two in their 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier on Tuesday. Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez opened the scoring, with further strikes from Nicolas Tagliafico and Nicolas Gonzalez sealing victory in La Paz.

Brazil also secured their second win after beating Peru 1-0 thanks to a 90th-minute goal from Marquinhos.

Messi watched Argentina's victory from the bench but was not listed among the substitutes having complained of tiredness after scoring the only goal in Wednesday's win against Ecuador.

Former Manchester United midfielder Angel di Maria captained the side in Messi's absence and provided the cross for Fernandez to stroke home a first-half opener. Bolivia forward Roberto Fernandez was then sent off for a high challenge on Cristian Romero, before Tagliafico headed home Di Maria's free-kick before the break.

Gonzalez wrapped up the win

with a left-footed drive late on. Brazil are the only other side in South American qualifying to make a perfect start but were frustrated for large periods by a defiant Peru side in Lima. The game looked to be heading for a draw before Neymar's in-swinging corner was glanced home at the near post by Marquinhos.

The result means Brazil remain top of the 10-team South American standings with six points from two matches, ahead of reigning world champions Argentina on goal difference. Peru are seventh with one point so far.

Elsewhere, Chile and Colombia played out a goalless draw in Santiago, while a stoppage-time penalty from Salomon Rondon secured a 1-0 victory for Venezuela against Paraguay.

Marcelo Bielsa suffered his first defeat in charge of Uruguay after Ecuador came from behind to win 2-1. Bielsa's side took the lead through Agustin Canobbio, but a goal in each half from Felix Torres secured the win for Ecuador, who also missed a penalty.

EURO 2024 QUALIFIERS

Frattesi's brace gives Italy victory over Ukraine; Spain rout Cyprus

ROME: Davide Frattesi's brace gave Italy a much-needed victory in the UEFA Euro 2024 qualifiers as they beat Ukraine 2-1 at San Siro on Tuesday.

The Azzurri were under fire after coming off a frustrating 1-1 draw with North Macedonia in new coach Luciano Spalletti's debut, and had only collected four points after the first three games.

The defending European champions took the lead two minutes later when Georgiy Sudakov's howler allowed Zaccagni to win back possession and assisted for Frattesi to drill home.

Italy continued their pressure and doubled the lead in the 29th minute when Frattesi thought he was offside after he found the net, but the goal stood after a VAR



check as a Ukraine defender was deemed to have played him onside.

The Azzurri then allowed complacency to creep in, giving Ukraine a couple of chances, as Gianluigi Donnarumma was called

into action to get down well to deny Artem Dovbyk in the 35th minute, before Andriy Yarmolenko pulled a goal back.

With the win, Italy climbed to second in Group C with seven

points from four matches, six points behind pace-setters England, who have played a game more.

Following their 2-0 win over Malta, North Macedonia joined Italy and Ukraine on seven points. Elif Elmas' and Jonav Manev's goals in the first half were enough to keep the Euro 2020 contenders in contention.

Elsewhere, Norway defeated Georgia 2-1, with Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard scoring as Norway delayed Scotland's qualification for Euro 2024 on Tuesday night.

Scotland needed a draw between the two in Group A to qualify for the finals in Germany, but Haaland's header and Odegaard's shot from the edge of the area ef-

fectively killed those ambitions before halftime.

Georgia scored in stoppage time through Budu Zivzivadze, resulting in a stressful last few seconds, but Norway held on to keep their qualification chances alive.

In the other Group A game, Spain - Scotland's next opponents - defeated Cyprus 6-0 in Granada.

Gavi and Mikel Merino scored from midfield to put La Roja ahead 2-0 at the break. The remaining goals were scored by substitutes, including Joselu, Ferran Torres, and Alex Baena, with the former Manchester City striker scoring a brace.

Belgium defeated Estonia 5-0, putting them one win away from qualifying for Euro 2024. Romelu Lukaku scored twice.

The Red Devils led 2-0 at halftime with goals from Jan Vertonghen and Leandro Trossard, before Lukaku clinched the victory with two goals in two minutes just before the hour mark. Charles de Ketelaere added a fifth goal to close off the scoring.

Belgium is joined at the top of Group F by Austria, which won a critical 3-1 away at Sweden, whose qualifying dreams have been dashed.

Switzerland maintains its lead at the top of Group I after a 3-0 victory over Andorra. Goals by Cedric Itten, Granit Khaka, and Xherdan Shaqiri's late penalty keep them three points clear of Israel, which beat Belarus 1-0 courtesy to a late victory from Gaviel Kanichowsky. - **Agencies**

ROUND-UP

Oman Shell honours outstanding senior and junior Shell NXplorers projects of 2023



RECOGNITION

An innovative learning programme, Shell NXplorers aims to equip students with the cognitive tools and creative and complex problem-solving skills needed to create positive change in the food, water and energy nexus



Muscat: Oman Shell and the Ministry of Education (MoE), recently awarded the outstanding Shell NXplorers projects developed by students from schools across Oman. Five years since its successful launch in collaboration with MoE, the Shell NXplorers programme has grown this year to include not only senior students from grades 9 to 12, but also junior students from grades 5 to 8. An innovative learning programme, Shell NXplorers aims to

equip students with the cognitive tools and creative and complex problem-solving skills needed to create positive change in the food, water and energy nexus. Since its launch in 2018, the Shell NXplorers programme has benefitted more than 2,900 students and has equipped over 241 teachers with key skills to mentor and nurture Omani youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related fields of study. 44 science and maths teachers from

different governorates of the Sultanate of Oman were also able to meet and discuss the triumphs and challenges of the programme as part of the launch of the Alumni Club this year. Oman Shell awarded the best senior and junior NXplorers projects for the year 2023 in the presence of the chief guest, Dr. Jokhabint Abdullah Al Shukaili, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Oman Authority for Academic Accreditation and Educational

Quality Assurance (OAAAQA). Speaking about the uniqueness of the programme and its impact on Oman's youth, Malak Al Shai-bani, General Manager - Corporate Relations and In-Country Value at Oman Shell said, "The Shell NXplorers programme is designed to motivate and inspire students to use their creativity and knowledge to develop solutions related to food, water and energy challenges. The programme also helps students to enhance their collabo-

ration skills as they team up to create innovative projects addressing challenges faced by their local communities. Oman Shell is committed to supporting the Sultanate of Oman through sustainable social investment programmes like Shell NXplorers. Initiatives like the NXplorers programme not only cultivates the growing interest of young Omanis in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related fields of study, but also supports the

Sultanate's energy transition and national economic diversification goals as outlined in Oman Vision 2040, thereby fostering the development of a knowledge-driven economy." As Oman progresses towards its vision for the future and achieves its national goals, programmes like Shell NXplorers will continue to have a lasting impact on the next generation's ability to build a bright, prosperous and sustainable tomorrow.

RECOGNITION

Alizz Islamic Bank's website wins 'Corporate Website of the Year' award

MUSCAT: With a strong belief in enhancing the online customer experience, Alizz Islamic Bank recently launched its new corporate website. The site, which can be navigated with ease via desktop, tablet or mobile device, offers customers and visitors a unique user experience. The new website is a testament of Alizz Islamic Bank's commitment towards enhancing customer experience and focusing on digital transformation. In recognition of the profound transformation of new website the bank was felicitated with the award for 'Corporate Website of the Year' at the OERLive DX Excellence Awards. The award was received by Adam Al Jabry, Unit Head of Marketing & Corporate Communications, Velimir Stanojevic, Head of Alternative Channels and Yarab Al Zadjali, Manager of Alternative Channels on behalf of the bank. The new Alizz Islamic Bank website is dynamic and fully responsive making it easy to navigate on a wide range of web browsers and portable devices. The website also introduces a web version of the Alizz Islamic Bank chatbot



which was previously launched on WhatsApp and the bank's official Instagram account. Ali Al Mani, Chief Executive Officer of Alizz Islamic Bank said, "The new Alizz Islamic Bank website reflects the exceptional customer experience and high standards that we strive to deliver

as part of our business objective. We are continuously enhancing all customer touch points and working on benchmarking with the best practice focusing on excellence in customer service at a whole new level. Communication methods are changing, with people engaging companies more through non-

traditional, more immediate digital channels. For us, the best way to promote products and services and quickly interact with customers is through the most popular channels used via smartphones." Al Mani added, "We at Alizz Islamic Bank recognise the importance of online channels in the

daily life of the customers whether existing or potential. As part of our overall strategy it is critical for us to understand how customers behave and what do they need. We are proud to launch the new website and we will continue to enhance the user experience as we go along."

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● Charcoal Filter: Optional
● H x W x D: 48.0 x 90.0 x 27.0 cm



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60cm Wall Mounted Pyramid Cooker Hood
● Number of Motors: 1
● Number of Grease Filters: 2
● No. of Power Levels: 3
● Dishwasher Safe Filters
● Charcoal Filter
● H x W x D: 74.0 x 59.8 x 49.0 cm



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● Number of Grease Filters: 3
● No. of Power Levels: 3 ● Dishwasher Safe Filters
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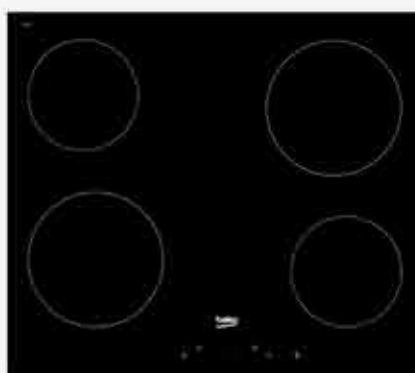
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● 60 cm Vitroceramic Hob with 4 Vitroceramic ● 9 Cooking Level
● Overheat safety system ● LED Display - Touchcontrol (Artouch)
● Glass Surface ● H x W x D: 3.7 x 58 x 51 cm



BBWHT12101XS
90 cm Gas Oven with Gas Grill Function
● Mechanical Timer ● Integrated Ignition ● Cooling Fan
● Triple glass door ● Oven Type: Gas Cooking - Fan Assisted
● Gas Grill ● H x W x D: 59.5 x 89.6 x 56.5

*Source Euromonitor International Limited: Large Appliances as per "Major Appliances" In Consumer Appliances 2022ed, retail volume, 2021 data.



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