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HM RECEIVES CREDENTIALS OF ENVOYS



Ambassadors expressed great honour in presenting their credentials to HM the Sultan

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik yesterday received, at Al Barakah Palace, the credentials of a number of Ambassadors of Arab and friendly countries appointed to the Sultanate of Oman. His Majesty received the credentials of the following:

- Olha Selykh, Ambassador of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine to the Sultanate of Oman.
- Yasser Mohammed Shaban, Ambassador of President Abdel Fattah El Sisi of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Sultanate of Oman.
- Hrachya Poladian, Ambassador of President Vahagn Khachaturyan of the Republic of Armenia to the Sultanate of Oman.
- Maartje Peters, Ambassador of King Willem-Alexander of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Sultanate of Oman.

The ambassadors conveyed the greetings of the leaders of their respective countries to His Majesty the Sultan. They expressed their great honour and pleasure in presenting their credentials to His Majesty the Sultan, hoping that their tours of duty would be successful in achieving mutual benefits between their countries and the Sultanate of Oman.

The ambassadors affirmed their determination to strive diligently to strengthen relations and boost investments in various sectors to achieve the desired goals and future visions for their countries and the Sultanate of Oman. His Majesty the Sultan welcomed the Ambassadors, expressing his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the leaders of their countries for their kind greetings and sincere wishes. His Majesty prayed to God Almighty to grant

them success in carrying out their responsibilities, assuring them that they will receive full support from the Government and the people to enable them to perform their practical duties with ease, serving the interests and aspirations of their countries and the Sultanate of Oman. The ceremony for the presentation of credentials was attended by the Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, the Foreign Minister, the Commander of the Royal Guard of Oman, and the Military Aides to His Majesty the Sultan. — OMA

MUTUAL WAIVER OF VISAS

His Majesty the Sultan issues three Royal Decrees

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik on Wednesday issued three Royal Decrees reading as follows:

Royal Decree No. (97/2025) ratifies the agreement between the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on mutual waiver of visas for holders of diplomatic, special and service passports, signed in Muscat on 26 October 2025, reading as follows:

Official Gazette
Article (1) ratifies the aforementioned agreement in accordance with the version attached to this decree.

Article (2) says that this Royal decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue.

Royal Decree No. (98/2025) ratifies the agreement between the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Belarus on mutual waiving of visas, signed in Minsk on 6 October 2025, reading as follows:

Article (1) ratifies the aforementioned agreement in accordance with the version attached to this decree.

Article (2) says that this Royal decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue. — OMA

Royal Decree No. (99/2025) ratifies the agreement between the government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Belarus on international road transport of goods, signed in Minsk on 6 October 2025, reading as follows:

Article (1) ratifies the aforementioned agreement in accordance with the version attached to this decree.

Article (2) says that this Royal decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue. — OMA

MILESTONE

Artificial heart transplant conducted by Royal Hospital's National Heart Centre

MUSCAT: A specialised Omani medical team from the National Heart Centre, Royal Hospital, has successfully performed an artificial heart transplant for a patient (a woman) who was suffering from serious failure in the cardiac muscle. The operation sets a milestone in the development of heart failure treatments in the Sultanate of Oman. The surgical team was co-led by Dr. Walid bin Amer Al Badi and Dr. Qasim bin Saleh Al Abri. The operation took four hours, followed by intensive medical care that continued until the patient's condition stabilised and she left the hospital.



Dr. Waleed bin Amer Al Badi, a consultant cardiac surgeon at the Royal Hospital, said, "The medical

team performed a left-side artificial heart implantation procedure that involved the use of a device

that assisted the natural heart to continue to pump blood efficiently and helped the patient to regain vitality and normal activity." Dr. Qasim bin Saleh Al Abri, Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at the National Heart Centre, expressed delight at the addition of this advanced type of operations to the surgical services offered by the centre. He pointed out that such operations are performed as a prelude to full heart transplants or as a permanent treatment option in some cases. The patient expressed her deep gratitude to the medical team at the National Heart Centre. **>A3**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN
Oman pavilion at climate summit



1 The Sultanate of Oman's pavilion, which opened at the Conference of the Parties (COP30) on Climate Change held in the Brazilian city of Belém, showcases Oman's path toward Green Transition and Net Zero initiatives. **>A2**

OMAN
EA documents osprey nesting sites

2 The Environment Authority has conducted a field study to monitor and document the nesting sites of the osprey in the Musandam to enhance marine biodiversity conservation programmes. **>A3**

MARKET
First batch of wind turbines arrives

3 OQ Alternative Energy (OQAE)- a subsidiary of OQ - has confirmed the arrival of the first batch of wind turbines for the Riyah 1 and Riyah 2 wind farms. **>B1**

OMAN

PRAYER
TIMINGS

Dhuhr.....11:56pm

Asr.....3:05pm

Maghrib.....5:27pm

Isha.....6:40pm

Fajr (Tomorrow).....5:02am

MEETINGS

Al Nu'amani receives US Ambassador, bids farewell to Jordanian envoy

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, received on Wednesday at his office Ana Escrogima, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Sultanate of Oman.

During the meeting, they discussed the course of the close bilateral relations and their continuous and tangible development at all levels, as well as ways to enhance them in service of mutual interests and to meet the aspirations of the leaderships and friendly peoples of both countries.

The Minister of the Royal Office

also received Tharwah Neimat, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to bid her farewell at the end of her tour of duty.

Al Nu'amani lauded the ambassador's efforts in enhancing areas of joint cooperation between Oman and Jordan, wishing her continued success in her future endeavors.

The Ambassador expressed her deep appreciation for the cooperation and care she received from the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, praising the strength of the bilateral relations that bind the two countries. — **ONA**



AL WUSTA GOVERNORATE'S



Over OMR700,000 allocated for road network restoration

HAIMA: Al Wusta Governorate this year carried out a 10-month road network restoration programme between January and October 2025.

1,228.5 kilometres

The restoration, which covered an area of 1,228.5 kilometres, cost

more than OMR700,000.

The programme was part of the strategic plan of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology to upgrade road infrastructure so that it could meet global traffic safety standards.

— **ONA**

Oman pavilion focuses on green transition path

Oman's pavilion at COP30 in Belém was inaugurated by Dr. Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority



bodies Oman Vision 2040 in combining economic development with environmental protection. It highlights Oman's commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050 through a set of interactive themes and scientific presentations that clarify its efforts in facing climate change and conserving biodiversity. The pavilion displays Oman's key national policies and strategies in sustainability and clean energy, including Green Hydrogen and Renewable Energy projects, for which an area exceeding 50,000 square kilometres has been

allocated with investments estimated at \$49 billion and a production capacity reaching 1.38 million tonnes annually.

The pavilion also highlights Oman's expansion in wind energy projects with five new projects currently under implementation until 2027. Furthermore, it showcases the adoption of aerial surveying, drone, and satellite monitoring technologies to reduce emissions and monitor geological carbon storage in Northern and Central Oman.

The pavilion demonstrates

Oman's progress in the 2024 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) issued by Yale University, where it ranked 34th globally with a score of 64.5 points, advancing ahead of many regional countries.

The pavilion hosts daily dialogue sessions and presentations with the participation of figures from within and outside Oman, representing the governmental, private, and academic sectors, as well as regional and international organizations. These sessions address climate change issues, adaptation efforts, and national sector initiatives to reduce emissions, enhancing the exchange of international expertise and underscoring Oman's role in actively contributing to achieving Net Zero by 2050.

The pavilion emphasises Oman's expansion of its network of nature reserves, which has seen a growth in protected areas by about 2 percent of Oman's total area in recent years, thereby enhancing its efforts to achieve the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). — **ONA**

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Auction of RO 75 Million Bonds (with Up to RO 25 Million Greenshoe Option), 7 Years at 4.2% Per Annum

Government Development Bonds

On behalf of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Oman announces the 78th Issuance of Government Development Bonds (GDBs) to be auctioned. The 78th Issuance of GDBs will be issued on Sunday, 23rd November 2025, carrying a coupon rate of 4.2% per annum for a maturity period of 7 years (maturing on 23rd November 2032). These Bonds will be auctioned and priced on Wednesday, 19th November 2025. Investors may apply for these Bonds through licensed commercial banks by completing the application form.

Security of Capital

The GDBs are direct and unconditional obligations of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.

Steady Returns

Interest shall accrue from the date of issuance and will be paid semi-annually on 23rd May and 23rd November of every year until maturity. The first payment will be made on 23rd May 2026. Interest payments will cease once the Bond matures.

Liquidity

The bonds will be listed and can be traded before maturity in the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) at the prevailing market price.

Collateral Advantage

The Bonds can be used as collateral security to obtain loans from any licensed commercial bank.

Who Can Invest?

The 78th Issuance of GDBs is offered to all categories of investors, residents and non-residents (irrespective of their nationalities).

How to buy the bonds?

Investors may obtain bonds through any licensed commercial bank operating in the Sultanate of Oman, upon the submission of an eligible application form. Investors must provide their MCD Investor Code in the application form.

Bank Account Details

The investor must provide the same Bank Account details registered with Muscat Clearing and Depository Co. S.A.O.C. (MCD).

MCD Investor Code

Anyone without an MCD Investor Code can obtain it from MCD's website (www.mcd.gov.om) or via the Oman Stocks app at least one day before applying through the commercial bank.

For any enquiries:

Tel: +968 24822222

E-mail: mcd.support@mcd.om

You may also contact us via the "Contact Us" tab on the company's website.

Subscription & Auction Period

Opens: **Wen, 12th Nov 2025**

Closes: **Tue, 18th Nov 2025**

Auction: **Wen, 19th Nov 2025**

The minimum subscription amount

RO 100

To view the prospectus for the 78th Issuance of GDBs, please visit the following websites:

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Central Bank of Oman | www.cbo.gov.om

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12TH EDITION

Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature winners announced

MUSCAT: The Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre for Culture and Science announced on Wednesday that the Asilah Forum Foundation from Morocco won the Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature in its 12th session in the field of private cultural institutions in the field of culture, and the sculptor Essam Mohamed Sayed Darwish from Egypt won in the field of sculpture in the field of arts, and the writer Hikmat Al-Majzoub Al-Sabbagh, known as /Yumna Al-Eid/ from Lebanon won in the field of autobiography in the field of literature.

The competition, in its 12th edition dedicated to Arabs in general, included the field of private cultural institutions in the field of culture, the field of sculpture in the field of arts, and the field of autobiography in the field of literature.

The Sultan Qaboos Competition for Culture, Arts and Literature is organised out of interest in intellectual and cognitive achievement, to consolidate cultural awareness, and to support distinguished intellectuals, artists and writers. It is an annual award that celebrates intellectual achievement and honors Omani and Arab creativity, as it is local in one year in which the competi-

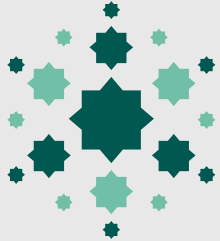
tion is limited to Omanis only, and Arab in the following year in which Omanis compete with all their Arab brothers.

The total number of applicants in the 12th session who met the nomination requirements was 466 candidates, distributed as follows: 88 candidates in private cultural institutions, 97 candidates in sculpture, and 281 candidates in the autobiography category.

His Excellency Habib bin Mohammed Al-Riyami, Chairman of the Sultan Qaboos Higher Center for Culture and Science, stated that the Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature over the past years has addressed specific paths and is one of the determinants of soft power in the Sultanate of Oman.

He added that the center, through the award, is trying to present the Sultanate of Oman to the world, stressing that the session dedicated to Omanis seeks to enhance ambitions through paths that serve the direction for the Sultanate of Oman to reach beyond its geographical framework, while in the session dedicated to Arabs, the Sultanate of Oman presents itself to others in a sophisticated manner, so that it offers the award that is not limited by a geographical location, a specific idea, a specific time, or a specific age.

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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CITY

Integrated automated radio-pharmaceutical injector device launched

MUSCAT: The Sultan Qaboos Comprehensive Cancer Care & Research Centre at the University Medical City on Wednesday launched the latest integrated automated injector device globally for the preparation and injection of high-energy radio-pharmaceuticals.

This medical achievement embodies the rapid progress in the nuclear medicine system at the University Medical City, marking a qualitative step in developing advanced diagnostic and radiation therapy services.

The device is distinguished by its support for a wide range of radioisotopes used in patient diagnosis and treatment, making it the most diverse and efficient device in its class. It also features ease of use, accurate preparation and injection, while ensuring the highest levels of safety and radiation protection, thanks to its smart protection systems.

The advantages of the device translate into increased performance efficiency and enhanced workflow within the Radio-pharmacy Unit, due to the automation of preparation and injection processes. The device also provides advanced capabilities for remote procedure management via the automated control screen or website, allowing control and monitoring of

all operations performed by the device in a radiation-protected work environment, and significantly reducing the opportunities for radiation exposure for workers.

This launch comes within the University Medical City's vision to develop the national healthcare system, by localising advanced medical technologies that enhance sustainability and the quality of services provided to the community. It also solidifies its position as a leading academic, therapeutic, and research centre that actively contributes to achieving the goals of Oman Vision 2040 towards an innovative and knowledge-based health sector. — **ONA**



Health condition improves significantly

< FROM A1 She added that, prior to the operation, she had been suffering from severe fatigue and difficulty in carrying out normal daily tasks before the operation. She observed that her health condition improved significantly after the surgery.

The artificial heart in use represents an advanced treatment option for patients who suffer severe heart failure. It bridges hu-

man heart transplants or serves as a permanent option in some cases.

The introduction of the artificial heart technology adds momentum to the services of the National Heart Centre, following the centre's success in performing minimally invasive cardiac surgeries and human heart transplants. It reflects the ability of the centre's professionals to keep pace with the latest global practices. — **ONA**

Khoula Hospital and Al Yusr Charity sign financing agreement

The project is to augment the operational capacity of the Day Care facility while broadening the spectrum of surgical interventions to encompass highly specialised fields

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health, represented by the Directorate General of Khoula Hospital, has formalised a collaborative agreement with Al Yusr Charity Foundation to finance the third phase of procuring medical equipment and surgical instruments



for the Day Care Unit at Khoula Hospital. The agreement further encompasses the implementation of a comprehensive training and qualification programme for medical professionals in specialised and rare disciplines across Khoula Hospital, Al Nahdha Hospital and Al Wattayah Complex for Gynecology and Obstetrics.

This third phase of the project is designed to augment the operational capacity of the Day Care facility at Khoula Hospital while broadening the spectrum of surgical interventions to encompass highly specialised fields, thereby establishing localised specialised healthcare services within the

Sultanate of Oman.

Through this initiative, the Directorate General of Khoula Hospital aims to perform over 10,000 surgical procedures annually, serving patients from both Khoula and Al Nahdha Hospitals. This substantial increase in surgical capacity will significantly reduce waiting periods and enhance the quality of specialised medical care available to both citizens and residents.

Dr. Rashid bin Mohammed Al Alawi, Director General of Khoula Hospital, conveyed his profound gratitude to Al Yusr Charity Foundation for their generous support and meaningful contri-

bution to healthcare advancement, noting that this collaboration aligns with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 to establish an integrated and sustainable healthcare framework.

In his remarks, Omar bin Mohammed Al Farsi, Director General of Al Yusr Charity Foundation, emphasised that this support forms part of the Foundation's ongoing commitment to strengthening day clinic operations, which have demonstrated notable progress in prior phases.

He characterised the initiative as a manifestation of the Foundation's dedication to social responsibility and its continuous support for health and social programmes that advance medical excellence and address patient needs.

This partnership underscores the vital importance of effective collaboration between public and private sectors in advancing healthcare and development projects, while demonstrating Al Yusr Charity Foundation's steadfast commitment to supporting the health sector through innovative initiatives that benefit all segments of society. — **ONA**

MARINE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

Environment Authority documents osprey nesting sites in Musandam

KHASAB: The Environment Authority (EA) has conducted a comprehensive field study to monitor and document the nesting sites of the osprey in the Musandam Governorate, as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance marine biodiversity conservation programmes in the Sultanate of Oman.

The osprey is a large bird of prey, distinguished by its white head, brown wings, powerful talons, and yellowish eyes. It typically inhabits coastal areas and islands, feeding on surface fish. Although globally classified as a threatened species, it is considered less vulnerable in the Sultanate of Oman, making its monitoring and behaviour studies essential for its conservation.

Engineer Noura bint Abdullah Al-Shehhi, Head of the Biodiversity and Vegetation Development Department at the Environment Department in Musandam Governorate, said that this study represents an important step towards documenting marine biodiversity



in the Sultanate of Oman, noting that its results will contribute to developing effective strategies to protect the osprey and its natural habitats.

She added that the study results showed the detection of 45 osprey nests in several locations within the governorate, including 19 nests containing eggs. The number of eggs in each nest ranged from one to four. The survey was conducted between January and April 2025, using modern technologies includ-

ing trap and professional cameras and GPS devices, in addition to field surveys carried out by a specialised team from the authority. The data were analysed and evaluated using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and compared with the results of regional and international studies to assess the bird's behaviour and environmental characteristics.

She explained that the osprey prefers to nest in close groups on the mountainous outcrops and

remote islands of the Musandam Peninsula, particularly in the eastern part of the peninsula in the Khasab region, while the western areas in the Bukha region and parts of the Dibba region are its main feeding grounds. She indicated that the study's findings revealed several natural threats facing the osprey, including habitat degradation, climate change, and attacks on nests and eggs by mountain foxes, Indian crows, and terns. No human-induced challenges or hunting activities threatening the bird were recorded in the region.

For his part, Salem bin Humaid Al-Junaibi, Director of the Environment Department in Musandam Governorate, explained that the Environment Authority is working to support research and documentation projects related to wildlife in the Sultanate of Oman, stressing that this project comes within the Authority's efforts to preserve and develop both terrestrial and marine wildlife. — **ONA**

AL DAKHILIYAH GOVERNORATE

OMR60mn development, service projects unveiled

SAMAIL: The Al Dakhiliyah Governorate revealed development and service projects being implemented in the Wilayat of Samail with a total cost exceeding OMR60 million. This was announced during the fifth edition of the "In the Governor's Hospitality" forum, held on Wednesday in the Wilayat of Samail, as part of the Governorate's efforts to enhance comprehensive development and improve quality of life in various sectors.

The forum, held under the title "Communication and Shared Visions", aimed to discuss ongoing and future projects, local development priorities, and to strengthen the partnership between government agencies, the private sector, and the local community to achieve the goals of Oman Vision 2040.

Sheikh Hilal bin Said Al Hajri, Governor of Al Dakhiliyah, said the forum represents a dialogue platform that brings together officials and citizens in a framework



of constructive communication to follow up on the progress of projects and discuss challenges.

He noted that the Governorate attaches great importance to involving the community in formulating development plans to contribute to balanced and sustainable development.

He added that the Governorate is working to enhance integration between the public and private sectors and encourage investment in service, tourism, and urban fields, stressing that the field meetings organised by the Governorate contribute to evaluating development projects and monitoring the efficiency of their implementation. — **ONA**

IN PICTURES

HM the Sultan receives credentials of several Ambassadors



ORGANISED BY ESCWA



Oman participates in Arab Forum on Public Finance and Budgeting in Beirut

BEIRUT: The Sultanate of Oman participated in the Arab Forum on Public Finance and Budgeting, held on Wednesday in the Lebanese capital, Beirut.

The forum was organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in cooperation with UNICEF and a number of international partners concerned with financial and social affairs.

The forum discussed ways to enhance the sustainability of public finance and guide public spending towards social and human development priorities.

This is part of following up on the implementation of the “Seville

Commitment,” which aims to protect investments directed toward human development, social protection, and improving the quality of essential services.

The Omani delegation to the forum was headed by Dr. Nasser bin Rashid Al Maawali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy.

The forum emphasised importance of enhancing regional cooperation and exchanging expertise among Arab countries in preparing and implementing public budgets, and developing tools for transparency, governance, and financial innovation, thereby contributing to the achievement of sustainable social development. — OMA

Arab Ministers of Justice meet in Cairo

The Omani delegation was headed by Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs

CAIRO: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, participated in the 41st Session of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice, which was held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Arab League in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The Omani delegation was headed by Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs.

During the meeting, the Arab Ministers of Justice discussed a number of items on the agenda, including the report of the Technical Secretariat of the Council on the steps taken to implement the



Council’s resolutions, the resolutions and recommendations of the Executive Bureau of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice from its 74th and 75th meetings, and the issue of combating terrorism in light of relevant Arab agreements and their implementation mechanism.

Unifying Arab legislation

The Council also discussed issues related to unifying Arab legislation, the Arab Convention Against Corruption, the draft Arab Con-

vention on the Status of Refugees in Arab States, the draft Arab Convention on the Protection of Personal Data, ways to enhance cooperation between the secretariats of the Councils of Arab Ministers of Justice and Interior and reviewing the special account of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice.

The Council also considered proposals from a number of Arab countries, namely the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Tunisian Republic, the King-

dom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Republic of Sudan, in addition to proposals from the General Secretariat of the Arab League.

It also reviewed the work programme of the Technical Secretariat of the Council between its 41st and 42nd sessions, the agenda items of the Arab Center for Legal and Judicial Research, and the determination of the venue and time for the 42nd session of the Council.

MUTUAL COOPERATION



Oman, Russia hold strategic dialogue session in Muscat

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Russian Federation held the Second Omani-Russian Strategic Dialogue Session on Wednesday in Muscat.

The session was co-chaired on the Omani side by Maj. Gen Idrees Abdulrahman Al Kindi, Secretary-General of the National Security Council, with the participation of Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry Political Affairs, and a number of representatives from the concerned military, security, and civil units.

On the Russian side, the session

was co-chaired by Sergey Shoigu, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, with the participation of a number of Russian officials.

During the session, both sides affirmed the sincere desire of the leaderships of the two countries to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation in a way that serves mutual interests and advances the existing relations towards further progress and growth in various fields. In addition, a number of files and issues of mutual concern were discussed.

— ONA

TRANSPORT MINISTRY

OMR3.2mn worth of project launched

SHALEEM & AL HALLANI-YAT ISLANDS: The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology is carrying out construction work for the grading down Al Shuwaimiyah mountain pass along the Shaleem-Al Shuwaimiyah road in Dhofar.

The project, which costs more than OMR3.2 million, is in pursuance of the Ministry's ongoing

efforts to develop Dhofar Governorate's road network, enhance traffic safety and support the governorate's economic and tourism activity. It observes the highest engineering specifications in a manner that ensures urban development and traffic safety and meets the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 for sound infrastructure and sustainable transport. — ONA

Al Mahrouqi calls for bridging theory and practice for students

The opening of the two-day event was held under the auspices of Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation



eration with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO) and the Omani National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.

The opening of the two-day event was held under the auspices of Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

Al Mahrouqi said that the philosophy of the Productive University is based on an educational strategy that considers the actual reality of society, keeps pace with global challenges, and seeks to reduce the gap between the university and the labour market, and between theoretical and applied education. This is achieved by linking theory with practice and developing students' thinking and problem-solving skills.

She explained that the forum aims to exchange ideas, experiences, and knowledge, which contributes to launching institutional initiatives that support joint scientific research, development, and innovation, and activates partnerships between the academic, governmental, and industrial sectors.

Furthermore, it aims to discuss the launch of an Arab initiative that enhances cooperation in

developing the curricula and programmes of Arab universities, facilitating their integration with production and service institutions in the Arab world.

The first day's programme included five main working sessions, which discussed several themes, including: The Productive University (concept, dimensions, and global models), the scientific knowledge and skills sought by the labour market, and the requirements for enhancing the role of universities in the industrial sector, with the participation of experts from various educational institutions.

— ONA

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Oman signs 4 air transport service pacts

PUNTA CANA: The Sultanate of Oman has signed four bilateral air transport service agreements with the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Zambia, and Cabo Verde. The signings took place during Oman's participation in the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Air Services Negotiation Event, hosted in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

These agreements establish



the regulatory framework for air transport services between the Sultanate of Oman and the signatory states, aligning with the rapid evolution of the civil aviation sector at both regional and international levels.

This strategic initiative forms part of the Civil Aviation Authority's comprehensive strategy to strengthen Oman's global air connectivity, expand its international

air transport agreement network, and enhance commercial, tourism, and investment exchanges. These developments directly support the transportation and logistics sector objectives outlined in Oman Vision 2040.

The agreements were formally signed on behalf of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman by Eng. Naif bin Ali Al Abri, CAA Chairman. — ONA



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COMPANY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Shareholders,

We would like to present to you the Un-Audited Consolidated Financial Statements For the Period Ended 30th September 2025.

At the group level, the total turnover of the Company for the period ended 30th September 2025 is 18.449 million OMR compared with 13.537 million OMR for the same period of the last year, i.e. an increase of 36%.

The parent Company's total turnover for the period ended 30th September 2025 is 17.216 million OMR compared with 12.900 million OMR for the same period of last year, i.e. an increase of 33%.

At the group level, **re-stated** net profit after tax for the period ended 30th September 2025 is OMR 1,710,551 compared with **restated** net loss of 1,833,004 OMR for the same period of the last year.

The parent Company's **restated** net profit after tax for the period ended 30th September 2025 is 1,678,388 OMR compared with **restated** net loss of 1,723,163 OMR for the same period of the last year.

During the year 2025, Management has **restated the inventories to match with IAS 8** and corresponding corrections in cost of revenue where the **current year results** were affected by **positive 2,163,894 OMR**. The same took place for the **year 2024** that was **affected by the same amount negatively**. The above **restatement has no impact on Retained Earnings and Equity**

The Management is focusing on the enhancement of LPG business to yield better results in the coming period and the Company will put all its efforts to maximise the shareholders return.

Thanking you,

Engr. Omar Ahmed Salim Qatan
Chairman

SEPARATE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	30 September 2025		30 September 2024	
	Parent RO	Group RO	Parent RO	Group RO
Revenue	17,215,598	18,448,927	12,900,043	13,537,341
Cost of sales	(14,473,954)	(15,422,342)	(13,930,169)	(14,473,821)
Gross Profit	2,741,644	3,026,585	(1,030,126)	(936,479)
General and administration expenses	(818,060)	(1,066,818)	(754,686)	(956,341)
Investment and Other Income	79,528	79,528	61,650	61,873
Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	2,003,112	2,039,295	(1,723,163)	(1,830,948)
Provision for Income tax	(324,724)	(328,744)	-	(2,056)
Net Profit/(Net Loss) for the period after tax	1,678,388	1,710,551	(1,723,163)	(1,833,004)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	1,678,388	1,710,551	(1,723,163)	(1,833,004)
Earnings per share	0.056	0.057	(0.057)	(0.061)

SEPARATE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	30 September 2025		30 September 2024		31 December 2024	
	Parent RO	Group RO	Parent RO	Group RO	Parent RO	Group RO
ASSETS						
Non-current Assets:						
Property, plant and equipment	2,513,438	2,794,336	2,754,207	3,081,278	2,629,232	2,952,407
Right of use assets	193,094	193,094	207,494	207,494	203,894	203,894
Deferred Tax Asset	-	-	-	-	217,946	216,103
Investment	2,004,118	-	2,004,118	-	2,004,118	-
Goodwill	-	996,800	-	996,800	-	996,800
Trade Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-current Assets	4,710,650	3,984,230	4,965,819	4,285,572	5,055,190	4,369,204
Current Assets:						
Inventories	956,730	1,187,549	2,692,686	2,822,276	855,321	1,005,429
Trade and other receivables	4,018,589	3,961,886	3,566,577	3,587,507	4,072,716	3,998,884
Cash and cash equivalents	1,047,488	1,163,485	1,336,247	1,479,260	1,015,809	1,219,674
Total Current Assets	6,022,807	6,312,920	7,595,509	7,889,043	5,943,846	6,223,988
TOTAL ASSETS	10,733,457	10,297,150	12,561,328	12,174,615	10,999,036	10,593,191
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Equity:						
Share capital	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Statutory reserve	1,000,000	1,015,863	1,000,000	1,013,094	1,000,000	1,013,094
Special reserve	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067
Land revaluation reserve	807,666	807,666	807,666	807,666	807,666	807,666
Retained earnings	(553,019)	(680,108)	(504,126)	(647,778)	(2,231,407)	(2,379,393)
Total Equity	5,711,714	5,600,488	5,760,607	5,630,049	4,033,326	3,898,433
Non-current Liabilities:						
End of service benefits	139,848	176,765	138,909	150,917	117,977	142,432
Non current portion of Term Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non current portion of lease liabilities	237,680	237,680	255,747	255,747	255,093	255,093
Deferred tax	106,778	112,164	133,189	139,690	-	-
Total Non-current Liabilities	484,306	526,609	527,845	546,354	373,070	397,525
Current Liabilities:						
Trade and other payables	3,808,126	3,436,720	5,958,296	5,681,709	6,331,162	6,035,755
Bank overdraft	704,501	704,501	255,356	255,356	235,937	235,937
Current portion of Term Loan	-	-	32,092	32,092	-	-
Current portion of lease liabilities	4,592	4,592	6,914	6,914	5,323	5,323
Income Tax	20,218	24,240	20,218	22,141	20,218	20,218
Total Current Liabilities	4,537,437	4,170,053	6,272,876	5,998,212	6,592,640	6,297,233
Total Liabilities	5,021,743	4,696,662	6,800,721	6,544,566	6,965,710	6,694,758
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	10,733,457	10,297,150	12,561,328	12,174,615	10,999,036	10,593,191
Net Assets Per Share (RO)	0.190	0.187	0.192	0.188	0.134	0.130

Note: The complete account will be sent by email to any Shareholders who request them in either Arabic or English as requested within 7 days of the request.

Oman takes part in meeting of GCC Ministers of Interior in Kuwait

The meeting reviewed a number of topics that contribute to enhancing the process of joint Gulf security cooperation, and coordinating efforts and goals to achieve security and stability in the region

KUWAIT: The Sultanate of Oman participated on Wednesday in the 42nd meeting of Ministers of Interior of GCC states in Kuwait. The meeting reviewed a number of topics that contribute to enhancing



the process of joint Gulf security cooperation, and coordinating efforts and goals to achieve security and stability in the region.

Omani delegation
The Omani delegation was headed by Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior. The meeting discussed the efforts made in developing the joint Gulf security work system and the completion rates of joint projects

aimed at achieving integration between GCC states in the security field. Consultations and exchanges of views were also held on establishing the practical foundations for applying unified security strategies to enhance the efficiency of security agencies and embody a unified Gulf stance in confronting current and future challenges. Within the framework of the meeting, the GCC Ministers of Interior witnessed the honouring



of the winners of the Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Security Research Award for the GCC countries for the year 2024/2025 at Bayan Palace in Kuwait.

Institutional and Individual Award categories
In the Institutional Award Category, the Sultanate of Oman achieved first and second place: The Police College won 1st place; Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences

won 2nd place and the Research and Development Center in the UAE came in 3rd place. In the Individual Award Category, the winners were: 1st place for Dr. Ali Kadhim Al Sindi, Dr. Khawla Abdulrahman Al Shamsi, and Ali Ahmed Amini from the Kingdom of Bahrain; 2nd place for Maj. Gen Abdullah Khalifa Al Muftah from the State of Qatar and 3rd place for Lt. Colonel Dr. Mariam Tarish Al Marri from the UAE. — **ONA**

AL DAKHILIYAH GOVERNORATE



Importance of premarital medical checkups stressed

NIZWA: The Directorate General of Health Services in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate on Wednesday organised a symposium in Nizwa on the importance of premarital medical examinations. During the symposium, health experts explained to members of the public that such examinations help limit the spread of genetic and infectious diseases. They added that the tests secure the future of new families and promote community health in general. The symposium was held by Farq Health Centre at the University of Technology and Applied

Sciences in Nizwa. It included a working paper by Prof. Salam Salim Al Kindi, Director of the National Centre for Blood Diseases and Bone Marrow Transplantation. The paper dealt with hereditary blood diseases in the Sultanate of Oman. In the presentation, Prof. Salam spoke about the prevalence of sickle cell anemia and thalassemia and stressed the importance of early screening to limit new infections. The symposium was held under the auspices of Sheikh Saleh Dhiyab Al Rubai'ee, Wali of Nizwa. — **ONA**

CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC COLLABORATION

National Museum, Muscat Music and Art Academy sign cooperation programme

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The National Museum signed a cooperation programme with the Muscat Music and Art Academy on Wednesday, 12 November 2025, with the aim of strengthening cultural and artistic collaboration of mutual interest between the two parties in the fields of art, culture, music, education, and training. The agreement was signed on behalf of the National Museum by Jamal bin Hassan Al Moosawi, Secretary-General of the National Museum, and on behalf of the Muscat Academy for Music and Arts by Dr Sharifa bint Khalfan bin Nasser Al Yahyai, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Academy. The agreement includes several collaborative programmes, such as supporting the training and qualification of students and trainees from the Muscat Music and Art Academy through participation in the cultural and artistic events organised by the Museum, as well as in activities that promote and enhance musical and cultural tourism in the Sultanate of Oman. It also includes training opportunities for students and trainees to prepare them for employment in the culture, music, and arts sectors through participation in musical programmes and artistic events hosted by the Museum. It is worth noting that the agree-



ment seeks to provide training programmes, artistic participation, and joint facilities for the Academy's students and trainees at the National Museum, thereby

helping to develop their skills and capabilities, and to supply the national labour market with qualified Omani talent. It also aims to promote museum

culture, musical and artistic tourism, and to highlight both the traditional and contemporary artistic and musical heritage of the Sultanate of Oman internationally. **Oman's cultural heritage**
This agreement comes within the framework of the National Museum's efforts to expand and strengthen its cooperation and partnerships with local government institutions, to highlight the richness of Oman's cultural heritage, to reinforce national identity, and to enrich the musical experience as an art form intrinsically linked to the nation's cultural identity.

SYSTEMIC BIAS

It's US President vs the press again with new threat to BBC

NEW YORK: The President of the United States could take Britain's national broadcaster to court amid a debate over editorial decisions at the BBC that has claimed two of its most senior executives. Contents of a memo sent to a BBC internal editorial standards committee by Michael Prescott, a former external adviser, was published by the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper between November 3-6. It raised concerns about the BBC's coverage of immigration, racism, historical content, transgender issues, and BBC Arabic's coverage of the Gaza war. It also highlighted issues with an episode of the BBC's flagship current affairs programme, Panorama. Prescott cited problems with the show's depiction of Trump's speech to supporters in Washington DC on January 6, 2021, as the US Congress prepared to certify the election victory of Joe Biden. Following that speech, the crowd marched to the US Capitol building, with a violent riot ensuing. Screened a week before the 2024 presidential election, Prescott raised concerns about the way the episode fused two separate clips together to give the impression that Trump incited the crowd's actions on January 6. In reality, the clips took place almost an hour apart. The omitted period included



a moment where Trump called for a peaceful march to the Capitol building. **A high-profile fallout**
On Sunday, the BBC's Director-General Tim Davie and head of news and current affairs Deborah Turness resigned from their positions. Both have dismissed suggestions of systemic bias at the broadcaster. In a letter to MPs, the broadcaster's chair Samir Shah said the BBC accepted "that the way the speech was edited did give the impression of a direct call for violent action" and apologised "for that error of judgement." A lawyer for Trump has now called on the BBC to apologise, retract the documentary and "ap-

propriately compensate President Trump for the harm caused" by Friday, November 14, 2025, or face a \$1 billion (about €863 million) lawsuit. Media observers have said the memo's criticisms of the Panorama edit are reasonable, but are concerned about wider attacks on the BBC's record of impartiality. "It certainly was a mistake," said Mel Bunce, director of the Centre for Journalism and Democracy at City St George's University, UK. "My far greater concern is the attacks on the BBC that are resulting from this." Similarly, Dafydd Townley, a political historian at Portsmouth University and chair of the UK American Politics Group, said the possibility of legal action against

the broadcaster could "severely impinge the BBC's reputation in the US, but also its ability to report and gain extensive reach in the US." The BBC has ranked in the top three of 52 news sources in the United States in YouGov's annual trust in media poll since 2022. The fallout has continued to raise questions about the broadcaster, particularly ahead of a scheduled review to be carried out by the UK government. The BBC is publicly funded by a license fee paid by households with televisions or who use streaming services; however its decision-making is independent from the government. **Timeline: Trump vs the press**
It is not the first time Donald Trump has been willing to take legal action against media organizations. His most recent activities have seen some of the biggest American media companies sued for millions, or billions of dollars. These have included CNN, ABC (US) and CBS, and the owners of major newspapers like the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*. Journalists attached to reporting on Trump have also been sued by the president. Recent cases brought by Trump against other large media companies include:

CNN
Donald Trump filed against CNN in October 2022 for \$475 million. A chief allegation in the filing was that CNN's use of the phrase "the Big Lie" to describe Trump's claims the 2020 election was stolen from him, associated him with Adolf Hitler. A US federal judge dismissed the case in July 2023, saying the statements made on CNN "while repugnant, were not, as a matter of law, defamatory."
ABC News (Disney)
In December 2024, ABC News agreed to pay \$15 million toward a foundation for Trump's presidential library after it settled a lawsuit with the president. Trump brought a defamation lawsuit against ABC after its news anchor George Stephanopoulos inaccurately described on-air the verdicts of New York writer E. Jean Carroll's civil case against the president.
CBS (owned by Disney)
In July 2025, Paramount Global, which owns the broadcaster CBS, agreed to settle a \$20 billion lawsuit brought against it. Trump had sued CBS for the way it edited an interview with his presidential election rival Kamala Harris for an episode of its flagship current affairs programme, 60 Minutes.

Wall Street Journal
In July 2025, Donald Trump sued the *Wall Street Journal* and its owners, including Rupert Murdoch, for at least \$10 billion for publishing a story that quoted a 2003 letter it said was signed by him and written to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The Journal and its owners have defended the reporting and have said they will contest the lawsuit.
New York Times
In October 2025, Trump refiled a \$15 billion lawsuit brought by Trump against the *New York Times* and three of its journalists. The original filing was tossed by District Court Judge Steven Merriam in September. With a November 14 deadline, it is unclear how the president's latest legal threats against the BBC will play out, particularly as the Panorama episode was not screened or available in the US. But combined with non-legal actions, such as removing the *Associated Press* from the White House press gallery or issuing orders to scrap funding for public broadcasters PBS and NPR, Voice of America and Radio free Europe, the threat of litigation continues a trend of actions by the president against legacy media organisations. — **DW**

Trump softens stance on H-1B visa reform, says US requires talent

The US President further noted that while he supports raising wages for American workers, the US must still “bring this talent” to maintain its industrial and technological edge

WASHINGTON DC: US President Donald Trump has appeared to have softened his stance on his administration’s aggressive push on H-1B visa reforms, acknowledging the need to import specialised foreign talent to fill critical roles in the American workforce.

During an interview with Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Tuesday, Trump defended the value of skilled immigrant workers, arguing that the US cannot simply repurpose long-term unemployed Americans for complex roles in manufacturing and defence without extensive training. The US President further noted that while he supports raising wages for American workers, the US must still “bring this talent” to maintain its industrial and technological edge.

“I agree, but you also have to



bring this talent,” Trump said when asked whether H-1B visa reform would be a major priority for his administration. Earlier in September, Trump signed a proclamation that triggered a major overhaul of the H-1B visa petition. According to the proclamation, there will now be a USD 100,000 fee for new H-1B visa applications, a sharp increase from the previous level of about USD 1,500. The US State Department later clarified that the new fee require-

ment applies only to individuals or companies filing new H-1B petitions or entering the H-1B lottery after September 21. Current visa holders and petitions submitted before that date remain unaffected. Under the proclamation, a USD 100,000 payment must accompany every new H-1B visa petition filed after the deadline, including those submitted for entries in the 2026 lottery. When countered during the interview that the US has “plenty of talented people,” Trump coun-

tered, “No, you don’t. There are certain skills you don’t have, and people have to learn them. You can’t take people off the unemployment line and say, ‘I’m going to put you into a factory where we’re going to make missiles.’” The US President further cited an example from the state of Georgia, where, according to him, the removal of skilled foreign workers created difficulties in manufacturing complex products. “They had people from South Korea that had made batteries all their life. Making batteries is very complicated and very dangerous -- a lot of explosions, a lot of problems. They had like 500 or 600 people in the early stages to make batteries and to teach people how to do it,” he said. Trump was referring to the raids conducted by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials at an under-construction Hyundai plant in the state of Georgia in September, during which hundreds of South Korean workers were arrested and deported. He emphasised that such industries require specialised expertise that cannot be immediately filled by untrained or long-term unemployed workers.

“You can’t just say a country is coming in, going to invest USD 10 billion to build a plant, and take people off the unemployment line who haven’t worked in five years and they’re going to start making missiles. It doesn’t work that way,” he added. Trump’s remarks mark a notable shift from his earlier hardline stance on foreign worker visas, particularly the H-1B programme, which has been one of the central topics in US debates over immigration and employment. -ANI



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CADET COLLEGE, WANA

Pakistan PM lauds security forces for rescuing students

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday commended the officers and soldiers of the Pakistan armed forces for safely rescuing majority of students during an ongoing operation against the terrorists who attacked the Cadet College, Wana. The prime minister, in a statement issued by the PM Office, said that, owing to the professional capabilities of the brave soldiers of the Pakistan Army, the students were being safely rescued. “The entire nation, including myself, is praying for the safe rescue of all students and the success of the Pakistan Army in the opera-



tion,” the prime minister stated. He said that the officers and soldiers of the Pakistan Army were foiling the nefarious designs of the terrorists.

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of presenting the unaudited consolidated financial results of your company for the period ended 30th September 2025 (YTD September 2025).

Operational Overview

The Container Terminal (CT) has handled 3.2 million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) for the period ended September 2025, against 2.5 million TEUs for the same period last year, an increase of 26%. The increase in volume is mainly due to additional vessel calls after completion of Container Terminal upgrade.

The General Cargo Terminal (GCT) handled 19.8 million metric tons of general cargo for the period ended September 2025 compared to 17.0 million metric tons for the same period last year, an increase of 17%. The increase in volume is mainly attributed to the higher dry bulk and bagged cargo volumes.

Financial Overview

Consolidated net profit for the period ended September 2025 was recorded at RO 4.7 million, compared to corresponding period last year with a profit of RO 2.1 million. Consolidated EBITDA was recorded at RO 20.3 million, compared to RO 11.2 million during same period last year.

Total consolidated revenue from operations increased by 26% compared to the same period last year, mainly driven by strong GCT volumes and additional vessel calls after completion of Container Terminal upgrade.

Compared to the same period last year, the expenses for the first 9 months of 2025 increased by 21%. This is mainly driven by increased volumes and capacity like new equipment lease and depreciation related to the Container terminal upgrade.

Employee Development

The Company continues to invest in training and development of its workers, with a focus on Omanization and skill development of local talent.

Safety continues to be maintained as a top priority to ensure that employees continue to perform and deliver their tasks safely.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The Company is constantly committed to local initiatives with a significant focus on education, Community development, environment, safety, and health.

Future Outlook

The container shipping industry continues to face uncertainty and headwinds in the form of geo-political tensions, global tariffs and inflation. The main global shipping lines, including Maersk and Hapag Lloyd, continue to avoid Red Sea passage. It remains to be seen if recent peace efforts will enable a return to Red Sea and Suez passage, which would likely benefit Port

of Salalah in terms of vessel calls and transshipment volume. Nonetheless container volumes remain at a stable and sustainable level in Port of Salalah and this is demonstrated by the year-to-date figures. Management remains in close contact with Maersk and Hapag Lloyd to assess the future outlook into 2026 for potential improvement. It is imperative in this challenging environment that Salalah maintains its strong value proposition by offering great value to customers through efficiency and outstanding level of service, which drives advantage against cost to the network.

At this point in time the Red Sea situation is expected to continue well into 2026 and as a result SPS volumes will be flat at current levels. However, Maersk will support SPS with their volume commitment which includes a penalty scheme for the expected shortfall.

Growth in the General Cargo Terminal (GCT) segment remains strong, with the dry bulk segments (gypsum and limestone) as key driver. This growth trajectory is expected to continue despite recent challenges with the intermittent shore crane availability.

Liquid bulk outlook remains positive with significant interest from international operators and investors to capitalize on the state of the art facilities and the available capacity.

Gateway volume linked to Salalah and Dhofar region remains at stable levels. Commercial efforts to grow regional market cargo is less predictable. This is owing to two factors; first, dynamic of East African markets that are out of port control where sourcing of cargo is driven by traders preferences. Second, local regulatory challenges that hinders re-export.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the shareholders of the company, I record the sincere appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, for his strategic vision, leadership, and his continued support, without which it would not have been possible to establish and maintain this world-class port. I also thank our customers, investors, and the members of the government for their collaboration.

The Board of Directors and the Management continue to discuss with relevant Government entities for the renewal of the Concession Agreements.

We recognize and appreciate the contributions of all employees towards the business performance of Port of Salalah. The hard work, solidarity, cooperation, and support of all employees is required to ensure the success and sustainability of the company.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Braik Musallam Al Amri
Chairman, Board of Directors
Salalah Port Services Company SAOG
11th November 2025

The complete accounts of the company will be delivered or sent by mail to any shareholder who requests them, in either Arabic or English as requested, within seven days of receipt of the request.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Parent Company				Consolidated			
Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
ASSETS							
Non-current assets							
156,109	151,487	156,255	151,604				
51,840	47,201	51,881	47,229				
756	2,152	756	2,152				
546	546	-	-				
49,400	-	49,400	-				
258,651	201,386	258,292	200,985				
Current assets							
5,997	7,546	5,997	7,546				
9,466	4,280	9,466	4,280				
11,729	23,772	11,729	23,772				
12,677	11,619	12,677	11,619				
30,600	64,799	30,600	64,799				
13,861	45,119	13,862	45,118				
84,330	157,135	84,331	157,134				
342,981	358,521	342,623	358,119				
TOTAL ASSETS							
EQUITY							
46,758	46,758	46,758	46,758				
7,666	7,666	7,666	7,666				
15,584	15,584	15,665	15,681				
126,439	134,156	126,717	134,612				
196,447	204,164	196,806	204,717				
LIABILITIES							
Non Current Liabilities							
47,808	48,439	47,850	48,468				
13,303	14,114	13,303	14,114				
7,612	3,614	7,599	3,602				
68,723	66,167	68,752	66,184				
Current Liabilities							
11,678	16,061	11,692	16,072				
60,824	66,322	60,064	65,308				
2,457	431	2,457	431				
2,852	5,376	2,852	5,407				
77,811	88,190	77,065	87,218				
146,534	154,357	145,817	153,402				
342,981	358,521	342,623	358,119				
1,092	1,136	1,095	1,139				
Net assets per share (US \$ / RO)							

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE PERIOD 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Parent Company				Consolidated			
Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025	Sep-2024	Sep-2025
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
Revenue							
136,269	171,715	136,269	171,838				
(100,115)	(113,683)	(100,123)	(113,693)				
(15,253)	(25,933)	(15,274)	(25,968)				
(16,394)	(17,066)	(16,399)	(17,074)				
(129)	(11)	(129)	(11)				
636	704	636	704				
5,014	15,726	4,980	15,796				
3,509	2,897	3,509	2,897				
(1,811)	(4,210)	(1,813)	(4,212)				
6,712	14,413	6,676	14,481				
(1,098)	(2,188)	(1,098)	(2,199)				
5,614	12,225	5,578	12,282				
5,614	12,225	5,578	12,282				
Profit before tax							
5,614	12,225	5,578	12,282				
Income tax							
Profit for the period							
4,698	2,157	4,723	2,143				
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax							
4,698	2,157	4,723	2,143				
Profit attributable to :							
Equity holders of the parent							
4,698	2,157	4,723	2,143				
Total comprehensive income attributable to :							
Equity holders of the parent							
4,698	2,157	4,723	2,143				
Basic and diluted earnings per share (US \$ / RO)							
0.031	0.068	0.031	0.068				

SPORTS

Oman all set to host World Cup of Snooker from November 15



The 9-day event will feature 74 players from 23 countries competing in individual and team events for a total prize pool of US\$60,000

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The stage is set for the 2025 Oman World Cup of Snooker (individual and team events), taking place from November 15 to 23 at the Active Oman Centre, Oman Automobile Association. Organised by the Oman Billiards and Snooker Committee (OBSC) under the supervision

of the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF), the nine-day tournament is supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth. Ahead of the championship, Khalid Al Subhi, OBSC Chairman, confirmed that all preparations have been completed for the smooth conduct of the event. Speaking at a press briefing, Al

Subhi said: “The World Cup of Snooker will be inaugurated on Saturday, November 15, under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Kamil bin Fahd Al Said. The opening ceremony will feature some of the world’s top snooker players and will be attended by officials and a large number of snooker fans.” The tournament will feature elite players from 23 countries, with 74 participants competing for a total prize pool of US\$60,000 across individual and team events. Ten professional-grade tables have been approved for the competition. Al Subhi added that the Omani national team is fully prepared, with eight Omani referees officiating matches alongside international officials.

Expressing his gratitude to the event’s partners and supporters, Al Subhi highlighted that hosting the World Cup will generate significant economic and tourism benefits, supporting hotels, restaurants, and transport services, while reinforcing Oman’s reputation as a leading sports and tourism destination. He also revealed that a comprehensive media plan has been developed, with live broadcasts on YouTube from 10 am to 10 pm, divided into three daily sessions, along with real-time result updates. The venue can accommodate 80 to 100 spectators, and Mwasalat will provide dedicated transportation for players. Looking ahead, Al Subhi announced that the OBSC plans to

launch a women’s snooker division in 2026 in coordination with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth. The initiative will include appointing a female committee member and forming a national women’s team. The press conference was also addressed by Hamoud Al Harthi, OBSC secretary; Ahmed Nasser Al Hadi, national team manager; and Qadeer Abbas, national team coach. During the media briefing, the official championship logo was unveiled. Al Harthi explained that the design reflects the spirit of the tournament, combining global professionalism with Omani cultural identity, underscoring the

Sultanate’s growing stature as a host for major international sporting events. National coach Abbas noted that the Omani players enter the championship highly motivated and well-prepared following a three-month intensive training camp involving 14–15 emerging talents. **Oman squads: Team event:** Omar Al Busaidi & Ahmed Al Khusaibi, Taha Al Khusaibi & Abdullah Al Raisi, Hussain Al Lawati & Haitham Al Mahri. **Individual event:** Taha Al Khusaibi, Omar Al Busaidi, Haitham Al Mahri, Hussain Al Lawati, Sadiq Al Farsi, Qasim Al Balushi, Musalim Al Mashali, Hassan Al Harthi, Ahmed Al Khusaibi, and Abdullah Al Raisi.

HONOURED IN BAHRAIN

Al Harthy named FIA WEC Sports Racer of the Year

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman’s top racing driver Ahmad Al Harthy has been named the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) Sports Racer of the Year, capping off a strong and competitive 2025 season with Team WRT. The prestigious award was presented to Al Harthy in Bahrain following the season finale at the Bahrain International Circuit, marking a proud moment for the Omani driver in his third year competing at the world championship level. “It was a big surprise and I’m very proud to have received this award from WEC,” said Al Harthy. “To be recognised from such a world-class grid means a lot to me personally and to everyone from Oman who has supported me so strongly this season.” “It’s wonderful to end the year this way, it was a very nice ceremony and the trophy will sit very proudly with the other FIA WEC trophies we’ve earned over the past three seasons racing in the World Championship.”



Racing in the LMGT3 class, Al Harthy impressed throughout a demanding eight-round campaign that featured more than 60 drivers across categories. Competing alongside Valentino Rossi and Kelvin van der Linde in the No. 46 BMW M4 LMGT3, the Omani star helped Team WRT secure two podium finishes and eighth place overall in the LMGT3 Drivers’ standings — narrowly missing out on seventh by just a couple of points. Al Harthy’s standout performances included near vic-

tories at Imola (Italy) and the Circuit of the Americas (USA), as well as consistent speed in qualifying. He reached the Hyperpole shootout six times and was the fastest driver in regular qualifying at Imola, before Valentino Rossi converted that pace into pole position. The award underscores Al Harthy’s reputation as one of the Middle East’s most accomplished endurance racers, combining professionalism, speed and sportsmanship at the highest level of international motorsport



LIFTER KHANJARI HONOURED AT OMAN EMBASSY IN RIYADH

Oman’s Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Sayyid Najib bin Hilal Al Busaidi, felicitated medal-winning weightlifter Amer Al Khanjari at a reception for the national delegation in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday. Al Khanjari bagged silver and bronze in the men’s 88kg category at the ongoing 6th Islamic Solidarity Games 2025, with the envoy hailing the feat as a “golden victory” for the Sultanate. Meanwhile, Oman’s Idris Al Batrani exited the karate event and Oman’s e-sports team finished fourth overall. (SUPPLIED PHOTOS)

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by January 2026 reaching \$65.87, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 88 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$64.99. - ONA

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 5,720.04 points, up by 0.51% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 1.80% at 488.99 points. Ooredoo, up 8.23%, was the top gainer while Shell Oman Marketing, down 4.20%, was the top loser.

OQAE launches new phase in Oman's renewable energy journey

Riyah Wind Projects demonstrate OQ's unwavering determination to harness renewable resources at scale and lead the region's energy transition

MUSCAT: OQ Alternative Energy (OQAE)- a subsidiary of OQ - has confirmed the arrival of the first batch of wind turbines for the Riyah 1 and Riyah 2 wind farms.

Developed in partnership with TotalEnergies, the two projects will feature a combined total of 36 turbines with a total generation capacity of 200 MW of clean electricity produced from wind power.

The arrival of the turbines marks a pivotal step in Oman's transition towards clean energy and represents a major stride to-



ward achieving the goals of Oman's Vision 2040 and the country's Net Zero commitment by 2050.

Once operational, the projects are expected to save millions of cubic meters of natural gas annually and

reduce carbon emissions by approximately 740,000 tonnes per year. The delivery represents contin-

ued progress in realizing Oman's renewable energy ambitions and reaffirms the nation's commit-

ment to building a sustainable economy powered by clean energy.

Commenting on the achievement, Eng. Ghalib Al Maamari, Acting Chief Executive Officer of OQ Alternative Energy, said: "The arrival of the turbines for Riyah 1 and Riyah 2 marks a new chapter in Oman's renewable energy journey. Riyah Wind Projects demonstrate OQ's unwavering determination to harness renewable resources at scale and lead the region's energy transition. Through this partnership, we combine our local expertise with TotalEnergies' global experience in renewable development, turning Oman's renewable potential into real progress".

The projects are being developed under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement with Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) to offtake the electricity generated from these wind farms. They will undertake a key role in meeting the growing industrial demand for renewable energy and in powering the future of Oman's green hydrogen initiatives.

This milestone reflects OQAE's commitment to leading Oman's renewable energy transition by expanding its clean energy portfolio and advancing a more sustainable, competitive national economy. -ONA

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN



CBO launches 78th, 79th issues of government development bonds via auction

MUSCAT: On behalf of the Government of Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) announced the new issues of Government Development Bonds.

The new issues are as follows: Issue No. 78 is worth OMR 75 million, with green shoe option (not exceeding OMR 25 million), a maturity period of 7 years and a coupon rate of 4.20% p.a.

Issue No. 79 is worth OMR 15 million, with green shoe option (not exceeding OMR 5 million), a maturity period of 10 years and a coupon rate of 4.35% p.a.

Both issues will be opened for subscription from 12 to 18 November, 2025 while the auction will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2025. The issue date will be on Sunday 23 November, 2025. Interest on the 78th and 79th bond issues will be paid semiannually on 23 May and 23 November, every year until maturity date on 23 November 2032 & 23 November 2035, respectively.

Noteworthy, the 78th and 79th Government Development Bonds issues are offered to all investors, residents and non-residents (irrespective of their nationality). Investors may apply for these Bonds through the competitive bidding process only and may submit bids through commercial licensed banks operating in the Sultanate of Oman during the subscription period.

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Furthermore, investors with applications of OMR one million and above may submit their bids directly to CBO, at their own discretion, after getting them endorsed from their banks.

Notably, the bonds are direct and unconditional obligations of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Finance. The Bonds can be used as collateral to obtain loans from any local commercial licensed banks and can also be traded at prevailing market rates through the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX). The details of the bonds allotted will be recorded in the register maintained by Muscat Clearing & Depository Company (MCD).

Therefore, investors must provide the same bank account details registered with MCD in order to ensure the smooth processing of their bids and the receipt of the coupon payments and principal amount on their scheduled dates. -ONA

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Sohar Free Zone ranks among world's top three, marking major global investment milestone for Oman

LONDON: The Sultanate of Oman has achieved a qualitative accomplishment that reflects the strength of its position on the global investment map, as the Sohar Free Zone was ranked among the top three Free Zones in the world, according to the October/ November 2025 issue of the British Financial Times' fDi Magazine (Foreign Direct Investment).

This achievement reflects the remarkable improvement in the zone's operational performance, service efficiency, and diversity of targeted sectors. It was based on an evaluation by an international judging panel that relied on documented data and precise technical criteria, including infrastructure, attractive legislation, investment incentives, governance, innovation, sustainability, and the economic and social impact of the free zones.

The report also officially included the Duqm Special Economic Zone (Sezad) in the magazine's database, a recognition of Duqm's potential as an emerging industrial and logistics hub, and a strategic step to enhance Oman's presence in global classifications for the coming years.

This ranking reinforces the Sultanate of Oman's position on the global investment map and affirms its efficiency as a competitive logistics and industrial hub, especially given its vital geographical location close to Asian and African markets and international shipping lanes. It also reflects the confidence of international investors in the stability of Oman's business environment and its ability to attract quality investments.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

IEA revises outlook, says global oil and gas demand may keep rising until 2050



PARIS: The International Energy Agency (IEA) announced that global demand for oil and gas may continue to rise until 2050, marking a departing from its previous forecasts that had predicted a faster shift toward clean fuels.

The Agency, headquartered in France, said in its World Energy Outlook 2025 report that oil demand could reach 113 million barrels per day by mid-century, an increase of 13% compared to 2024

levels. It added that global energy demand is expected to rise by 15% by 2035 under the current policies scenario, which assumes the continuation of existing government measures without factoring in more ambitious climate goals.

The report also pointed to a significant potential increase in liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects, with around 300 billion cubic meters of additional export capacity to be added by 2030.

This would expand the market from 560 billion cubic meters in 2024 to more than one trillion cubic meters by 2050, driven by growing demand in sectors such as artificial intelligence and data centres.

The IEA further projected that investments in data centres could reach USD 580 billion in 2025, surpassing global annual spending on oil, which currently stands at around USD 540 billion. -ONA

MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 7596 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 42.8 million, with more than 177.53 million shares changing hands. Out of 70 traded securities, 24 advanced, 15 declined, and 31 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net buyers for RO 269K while domestic investors were net sellers for RO 231K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 38K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 9,164.38 points, up 0.30%. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Al Madina Investments, Al Madi-

na Takaful, Muscat Finance, Ahli Bank were up by 3.53%, 2.56%, 2.25%, 2.04%, 1.36% respectively. Prices of Bank Muscat, National Finance, Ominvest, Bank Dho-far were down by 0.89%, 0.69%, 0.63% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 7,230.53 points, up 0.39%. Prices of Al Maha Ceramics, A'Saffa Foods, Oman Cables Industry, Al Anwar Ceramics, Jazeera Steel Products were up by 2.22%, 1.77%, 1.66%, 1.21%, 0.35% respectively. Prices of Gulf Mushroom Products, Voltamp Energy, Oman Cement were down by 1.38%, 1.05%, 0.42% respectively.

Services Index was up by 1.42% before closing at 2,357.53 points. Prices of Ooredoo, Renaissance Services, Sembcorp Salalah, Ma-jan College, Abraj Energy were up by 8.23%, 4.32%, 2.15%, 1.63%, 1.61% respectively. Prices of Al Batinah Power, Barka Water & Power Company, Barka Desali-nation, Oman Oil Marketing, Al Suwadi Power were down by 1.71%, 1.71%, 0.68%, 0.63%, 0.58% respectively. — United Securities

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INDICES									
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%			
MSX30 INDEX	5,758.18	5,692.26	5,720.04	5,691.17	28.87	0.51			
FINANCIAL INDEX	9,203.17	9,122.87	9,164.38	9,137.41	26.96	0.30			
Industry Index	7,270.48	7,207.27	7,230.53	7,202.55	27.98	0.39			
Services Index	2,362.41	2,326.15	2,357.53	2,324.63	32.90	1.42			
MSX Shariah Index	490.24	480.66	488.99	480.32	8.67	1.80			
MSX TR INDEX	8,642.34	8,543.40	8,585.09	8,541.76	43.33	0.51			
FINANCIAL TR IDX	10,933.68	10,838.28	10,887.60	10,855.57	32.03	0.30			
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,963.87	8,885.94	8,914.62	8,880.13	34.49	0.39			
SERVICES TR IDX	3,067.45	3,020.36	3,061.11	3,018.40	42.72	1.42			
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	0.00	0.00			
Trading Summary									
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded		
177,533,982	42,795,280	7,596	31,779,243,357	24	15	31	70		

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	15,147,345	3,863,991	183	0.243	0.263	0.243	0.263	0.243	0.020	8.230	0.263	0.263	0.263	171,198,332
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	1,171,595	362,104	102	0.301	0.318	0.301	0.314	0.301	0.013	4.319	0.314	0.314	0.314	74,232,740
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	1,296,393	117,279	50	0.089	0.092	0.089	0.091	0.089	0.002	2.247	0.091	0.091	0.091	15,925,000
OM0000002804	ASAFA FOODS	352,982	165,822	10	0.470	0.470	0.460	0.460	0.452	0.008	1.770	0.460	0.460	0.460	55,200,000
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	11,069	23,564	9	2.115	2.150	2.100	2.150	2.115	0.035	1.655	2.150	2.150	2.200	192,855,000
OM0000006934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	18,264,975	5,878,457	1,244	0.322	0.421	0.312	0.421	0.321	0.099	1.433	0.421	0.421	0.314	242,815,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	27,377,564	4,426,470	781	0.161	0.163	0.160	0.162	0.160	0.002	1.262	0.162	0.162	0.162	1,071,983,896
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	455,349	76,006	50	0.167	0.171	0.167	0.165	0.000	1.212	0.167	0.167	0.170	0.100	36,740,000
OM0000004430	BANK NUZWA	929,286	98,734	36	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0.982	0.105	0.105	0.105	234,880,000
OM0000009072	QO GAS NETWORKS	13,537,292	2,544,518	770	0.185	0.190	0.185	0.187	0.186	0.001	0.538	0.187	0.187	0.187	809,826,673
OM0000000278	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	1,000	572	2	0.572	0.572	0.572	0.570	0.002	0.351	0.572	0.572	0.580	0.100	71,441,633
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	545,121	198,970	10	0.365	0.367	0.384	0.384	0.363	0.001	0.275	0.384	0.384	0.366	591,844,473
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	1,626,973	1,726,153	117	1.060	1.064	1.058	1.061	1.059	0.002	0.189	1.061	1.057	1.061	795,750,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	115,150	50,301	16	0.280	0.280	0.258	0.259	0.258	0.000	0.000	0.259	0.257	0.259	25,300,000
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	89,500	16,168	25	0.182	0.182	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.000	0.000	0.180	0.180	0.190	7,711,728
OM0000000274	UNITED FINANCE	1,218,777	79,219	33	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.084	0.085	23,148,274
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO	99,950	8,515	15	0.085	0.086	0.084	0.084	0.080	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.085	7,580,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO	2,920	445	2	0.153	0.153	0.152	0.152	0.000	0.000	0.152	0.157	0.155	0.100	30,400,000
OM0000004853	AL SUWADI POWER	340,792	58,615	38	0.173	0.173	0.171	0.171	0.172	-0.001	-0.581	0.171	0.170	0.171	132,183,484
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	53,628	16,648	8	0.316	0.316	0.310	0.314	0.300	-0.002	-0.633	0.314	0.300	0.314	293,813,441
OM0000002736	BANK MUSCAT	20,660,030	6,973,797	1,001	0.539	0.542	0.535	0.535	0.538	0.003	0.888	0.535	0.532	0.535	2,143,430,016
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	4,161	3,318	10	0.935	0.945	0.935	0.940	0.950	-0.010	-1.053	0.940	0.940	0.945	87,996,372
OM0000004925	ALBATTAN POWER	273,221	48,063	29	0.174	0.174	0.172	0.172	0.175	-0.003	-1.714	0.172	0.170	0.172	116,060,638
Total		103,776,075	26,715,948	4,579											

Parallel Market

OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	1,168,162	101,138	64	0.085	0.088	0.085	0.088	0.085	0.003	3.529	0.088	0.088	0.092	0.100	10,725,000
OM0000001862	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	2,978	945	7	0.039	0.040	0.039	0.040	0.038	0.001	2.564	0.040	0.038	0.040	0.100	3,400,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	10,050	2,785	10	0.276	0.279	0.276	0.276	0.270	0.006	2.222	0.276	0.275	0.276	0.100	15,180,000
OM0000004715	SEMBCORP SALALAH	1,336,474	251,335	62	0.186	0.190	0.186	0.186	0.180	0.006	2.151	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.100	181,348,071
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	134,042	6,720	14	0.050	0.051	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.001	2.041	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.100	15,357,316
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	33,485	4,126	3	0.123	0.125	0.123	0.125	0.123	0.002	1.626	0.125	0.123	0.129	0.100	11,250,000
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARKETING	1,000	1,025	1	1.025	1.025	1.025	1.010	0.015	1.485	1.025	0.985	1.035	0.100	70,725,000	
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	70,272	10,394	6	0.149	0.149	0.147	0.149	0.147	0.002	1.361	0.149	0.147	0.149	0.100	403,313,248
OM0000001506	DIHOFAR INTERNATIONAL DEV & INV	4,186	778	2	0.187	0.187	0.186	0.186	0.186	0.000	0.794	0.187	0.186	0.186	0.100	17,486,428
OM0000005983	PROHENA POWER	1,238,640	196,290	89	0.159	0.163	0.155	0.155	0.154	0.001	0.649	0.155	0.155	0.156	0.100	226,703,226
OM0000001030	DIHOFAR SHIPPING	26,281,573	4,579,111	847	0.172	0.173	0.171	0.173	0.172	0.001	0.581	0.173	0.173	0.176	0.000	242,112,780
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV	36,000	4,788	4	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.100	19,950,000
OM0000001180	NATIONAL GAS	85,305	8,005	14	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.100	714,000
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	10,000	600	2	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.060	0.060	0.100	27,500,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	1,830,703	193,410	28	0.106	0.107	0.103	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.103	0.108	0.100	31,348,058
OM0000001888	SALALAH CERAMICS	1,028	497	2	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.000	0.000	0.490	0.460	0.490	0.100	79,723,009
OM0000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	909	177	1	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.195	0.195	0.198	0.100	34,366,614
OM0000002580	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INV	1,028	497	2	1.550	1.550	1.550	1.550	1.550	0.000	0.000	1.550	1.550	1.550	0.100	108,500,000
OM0000003265	NATIONAL DETERGENT	81,317	57,306	2	0.704	0.705	0.704	0.705	0.705	0.000	0.000	0.705	0.705	0.000	0.100	14,100,000
OM0000004775	TAKAFUL OMAN	120,000	6,360	6	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.053	0.050	0.050	0.100	13,250,000
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	1,616	258	2	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.147	0.147	0.159	0.100	294,403,270
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	242	2	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.081	0.087	0.100	13,066,234	
OM0000007407	DIHOFAR GENERATING	75,000	6,700	10	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.100	19,779,360
OM0000007910	OMAN REAL ESTATE	35,000	2,765	12	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.072	0.082	0.100	15,800,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	42,350	3,810	18	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100	58,734,128
OM0000008868	THE PEARL REEF	32,423	4,729	8	0.148	0.148	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.000	0.000	0.145	0.145	0.146	0.100	38,758,348
OM0000009908	OMAN INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	23,361,859	4,150,622	824	0.178	0.180	0.177	0.177	0.177	0.000	0.000	0.177	0.177	0.178	0.040	612,329,880
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	16,250,949	8,240,816	650	0.385	0.387	0.381	0.384	0.385	-0.001	-0.290	0.384	0.383	0.384	0.010	3,072,000,000
OM0000009848	DIHOFAR PETROLEUM	12,850,000	2,462,500	242	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.100	14,419,448
OM0000004948	SMN POWER HOLDING	28,950	6,398	7	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.222	-0.001	-0.450	0.221	0.217	0.222	0.100	44,119,448
OM0000004949	DIHOFAR PETROLEUM	12,850,000	2,462,500	242	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.100	14,419,448
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OM0000002573	DIHOFAR DESALINATION	7,000	5,530	4	0.948	0.948	0.948	0.948	0.948	0.000	0.000	0.948	0.948	0.948	0.100	48,407,250
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IN PICTURES



HIGHLIGHT OF ROWING MATCHES AT CHINA'S 15TH NATIONAL GAMES: Team Shandong celebrate during the awarding ceremony for the men's eight of rowing at China's 15th National Games in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province. — Xinhua



MISS EARTH 2025 CORONATION NIGHT HELD IN PHILIPPINES: Miss Earth 2025 Natalie Puskinova (R) of the Czech Republic is crowned by Miss Earth 2024 Jessica Lane (L) of Australia during the Miss Earth 2025 coronation night in Paranaque City, the Philippines. — Xinhua



RHYTHM OF MANIPUR PERFORMS AT THE MANITEX 2025 INAUGURAL CEREMONY IN IMPHAL EAST: Members of the cultural troupe Rhythm of Manipur perform a captivating performance during the inaugural ceremony of the Manipur International Textile Expo (MANITEX) 2025 at Urban Haat near Nilakuthi, in Imphal East. — ANI Photo



US SENATE PASSES BIPARTISAN SPENDING PACKAGE IN A BID TO END LONGEST GOV'T SHUTDOWN: The US Senate on Monday night passed a bipartisan spending package in a bid to end the longest government shutdown, which has entered its 41st day and has brought mounting consequences for Americans. — Xinhua

A GLIMPSE OF PAVILIONS AT 30TH UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE: A man prepares Teh Tarik, Malaysia's signature milk tea, at the Malaysia Pavilion during the 30th United Nations climate change conference in Belem, Brazil. The 30th United Nations climate change conference, commonly known as COP30, opened in Belem with the aim of putting the fight against climate change back in the center of international priorities, according to local authorities. — Xinhua



AZERBAIJAN'S ANNUAL NAR BAYRAMI POMEGRANATE FESTIVAL HELD IN GOYCHAY: Pomegranates are placed in front of a pomegranate juice stall during the Nar Bayrami pomegranate festival in Goychay, Azerbaijan. The festival was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2020. — Xinhua





LIFESTYLE

2,200 YEAR-OLD ENGRAVED STONE DISCOVERED IN CHINA

Through laboratory analysis, the carved stone is determined to be composed of quartz sandstone, known for its high resistance to abrasion and weathering

A stone inscription discovered on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau was identified as China's only known Qin Dynasty (221 B.C.-207 B.C.) engraved stone still preserved at its original site and of the highest altitude from that historical period, said Chinese authorities.

The stone is situated on the northern shore of Gyaring Lake in Maduo County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, at an altitude of 4,306 metres. The inscribed surface area is about 0.16 square metres and contains

37 characters, according to China's National Cultural Heritage Administration (NCHA).

Through laboratory analysis, the carved stone is determined to be composed of quartz sandstone, known for its high resistance to abrasion and weathering.

The inscription has remained largely intact, with most of its characters still clearly legible, that featuring a complete date not found in existing records. It helps fill gaps in the historical narrative and carries significant historical, artistic and scientific value. - **ONA**

SPORTS

SUMMER TEMPERATURES

England defender James hopes for later World Cup kick-off times

LONDON: England defender Reece James is hoping FIFA will consider moving kick-off times for next year's World Cup to help players deal with potentially stifling summer temperatures.

The US, Canada and Mexico are co-hosting the tournament, which starts 11 June, but concerns have been raised over the extreme heat conditions teams will likely face.

James, 25, captained Chelsea to victory in the Club World Cup this summer in the US but the competition faced criticism because of the severe conditions, with the defender's team-mate Enzo Fernandez saying he felt "dizzy" while playing in "very dangerous" heat. "It's super difficult conditions to play in that heat, especially us playing in England - there's not anything like that before," said James, according to a BBC Sport report.

Research led by Queen's University Belfast found the temperatures at 14 of the 16 stadiums being used for the 2026 World Cup could exceed potentially dangerous levels during the tournament.

Philadelphia, which is one of the US cities hosting matches, was under a severe heat warning during one of Chelsea's training sessions this summer when temperatures reached 37C but because of the 45% humidity conditions felt more like 45C.

England, who have qualified for the tournament with two

games to spare, would benefit from later kick-offs when temperatures have cooled, according to manager Thomas Tuchel.

"For sure, that would definitely help," said James, "later kick-offs when it's not so hot and humid. That would definitely help."

England are planning a warm-weather training camp in Florida to help acclimatise for the tournament and will also build a "heat-proof" game plan, said assistant Anthony Barry.

Asked if football's world governing body has contacted him for feedback after the Club World Cup, James added: "No, I haven't been asked about my thoughts on kick-off times. I'm sure they will have asked someone. Maybe managers or people at the clubs. I'm sure they will have got some feedback."

FIFA is likely to schedule World Cup matches involving major European nations after midnight UK time in an effort to combat heat issues. "You feel the heat the minute you step outside the hotel. The conditions are super hot," James continued. "Once you are out there you adapt the longer you are there, when you are settled in once place and try to limit the things you can."

"The pitches when we were there weren't the greatest either and made it a little bit harder but hopefully by the time the World Cup comes around hopefully it's better." - Agencies



SAO PAULO FOOTBALLER

Ex-Brazil midfielder Oscar hospitalised with heart issue

RIO DE JANEIRO: Veteran Sao Paulo midfielder Oscar has been hospitalised due to a heart condition, the Brazilian Serie A club said on Tuesday.

The 34-year-old collapsed during an interval test on an exercise bike at the Barra Funda training centre, part of his recovery from a calf injury.

He was taken by ambulance to the Albert Einstein hospital, where he remains in a stable condition and under observation as doctors conduct further tests.

The club said: "Oscar presented an incident with cardiological changes, being promptly attended to by the club's professionals and the medical team from Einstein Hospital Israelita, who were present at the site."

"The player was then taken to the hospital, where he is currently in stable condition and remains under observation for further tests



to clarify the diagnosis."

"In accordance with standard procedure and respecting the player's privacy, new information will be released as soon as updates are available from the medical team,

in agreement with Oscar," Sao Paulo said. Oscar joined Sao Paulo on a three-year deal last December, returning to his original club after successful spells with Shanghai Port and Chelsea.

Injuries, including a lumbar fracture sustained in July, have limited the former Brazil international to 21 matches across all competitions this year.

Oscar scored 38 goals in 203 games for Chelsea between July 2012 and December 2016.

Brazilian publication Globo reported that Oscar was using an exercise bike when he collapsed and was unconscious for two minutes.

It added that Oscar is now considering retirement. He returned to Sao Paulo, who are managed by ex-Chelsea and Argentina striker Hernan Crespo, on a three-year deal running until 2027 after spending eight years playing in China. - Agencies



Alcaraz battles back to beat Fritz in a thriller

The Spaniard moved within one win of the year-end world No.1 ranking in Turin

TURIN: Carlos Alcaraz came through a thriller against Taylor Fritz to move within one win of the year-end world No.1 ranking and Lorenzo Musetti captivated the crowd at the ATP Finals in Turin.

Spanish top seed Alcaraz battled back to overcome American Fritz 6-7 (2-7), 7-5, 6-3 in a high-quality two-hour and 48-minute contest.

But despite achieving back-to-back victories, Alcaraz must wait to confirm his place in the knockout stages after Musetti's stirring victory against Alex de Minaur.

Backed by passionate support, ninth seed Musetti produced a

remarkable comeback from 5-3 down in the deciding set to prevail 7-5, 3-6, 7-5. Alcaraz will seal the world No.1 ranking - and a place in the semi-finals - with victory over Musetti on Thursday. Rival Jannik Sinner must defend his title and hope Alcaraz loses a group match and does not reach the final to claim the top ranking.

On whether achieving the year-end number one ranking played on his mind during his match, Alcaraz, 22, said: "It's really difficult not to think about the No.1 spot."

"At the beginning of the match I thought a little bit about it. During the match there were a lot of things to think about. "The No.1 thoughts - I didn't think about it at all during the match."

Having contested six matches in the past seven days after his run to the Athens Open final, Musetti will be grateful for a rest after his two-hour and 48-minute epic.

Musetti, 23, said: "With a big heart and a big passion - I don't know from where - I started to play better. "The support of the crowd

was amazing, so I have to thank them all." Musetti's match against De Minaur was paused for about eight minutes because of a medical emergency in the stands. Two spectators died from cardiac arrests at the tournament on Monday. Sixth seed Fritz, the 2024 runner-up, matched Alcaraz for much of their absorbing meeting. But Alcaraz, as he so often does, just found another gear to turn the match around.

An opening four games lasting 30 minutes set the tone, with both players exchanging breaks in lengthy service games.

Fritz, who won the pair's most recent indoor meeting at the Laver Cup in September, missed two break points in the eighth game, but maintained pressure and seized control of the tie-break to deservedly claim a 70-minute first set. Alcaraz earned a crucial hold of serve after an eighth deuce in a captivating 14-minute fifth game of the second set, pointing to his ear as he lapped up the crowd's appreciation after saving two

break points. Fritz overcame his first test of the second set to seal an important hold for 4-4 but he could not escape four games later when, seemingly from nowhere, a rare double fault contributed to a 0-40 deficit - and Alcaraz took his opportunity.

Fritz continued to go toe-to-toe with his opponent and ended the match with 75% first serves in, but Alcaraz took full advantage when his level eventually dipped.

Breaking for a 4-2 lead, Alcaraz sought to finish in style and landed a spectacular overhead backhand drop shot to reach a third match point on Fritz's serve.

Fritz rightfully received the adoration of the crowd for hanging in the contest, only for a free-flowing Alcaraz to serve out the match to love.

"It was tight. I felt I was struggling more than him," Alcaraz added. "I was really relieved after the win because of everything I went through physically. I'm really happy that I found a way to come back and find his weaknesses." - Agencies

BARCELONA WINGER



Spain coach dismayed as Yamal drops out of squad

MADRID: Spain coach Luis de la Fuente has expressed his dismay at the news that FC Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal would miss Spain's upcoming World Cup qualifiers after undergoing treatment on his ongoing groin injury.

De la Fuente on Friday included Yamal in his squad for games against Georgia and Turkiye, saying that he believed the winger was fit after he had played all of Barcelona's 3-3 draw against Club Brugge during the week.

Yamal also played over 90 minutes in his side's 4-2 win away to Celta Vigo on Sunday, but the Spanish Football Federation

(RFEF) discovered later that he had undergone treatment on Monday morning for his injury and wouldn't be able to play for his country. "I've never experienced anything like this. I don't think it's very normal," commented De la Fuente in a radio interview.

The coach added that the news had come as a shock. "You don't have any prior notice, you don't know any details, and on top of that, it's a health issue, so you're left stunned," he said. The RFEF has issued a statement expressing its "surprise and dismay," at the news explaining it had learned "at 1:47 p.m. on Monday, November 10, the

day the official training camp with the national team began, that player Lamine Yamal had undergone an invasive radio frequency procedure to treat his pubic discomfort that same morning."

"This procedure was performed without prior notification to the national team's medical staff, who only became aware of the details through a report received at 10:40 p.m. last night, which indicated a medical recommendation of rest for 7-10 days," it added.

De la Fuente has called Rayo Vallecano winger Jorge de Frutos into his squad to cover Yamal's absence. - Xinhua

FORMULA ONE

Wolff to sell stake valuing Mercedes F1 at £4.6 billion

LONDON: Mercedes Team principal Toto Wolff is in advanced talks to sell part of his shareholding in the Mercedes Formula 1 team, according to a BBC Sport report on Wednesday.

The deal values Mercedes at £4.6bn - a record for an F1 team - after McLaren were valued at £3.5bn in a change of ownership structure in September.

Wolff, who owns one-third of Mercedes F1, would sell a shareholding in the region of 5%.

The 53-year-old would stay on as team principal and chief executive officer if the sale goes through.

The deal was first reported by Sportico and BBC Sport has independently verified the information is accurate. The other shareholders



in the team are Mercedes and chemicals giant Ineos, who each also own a third of the company.

A Mercedes spokesperson said: "We will be making no comment

on this. The governance of the team will remain unchanged, and all three partners are fully committed to the ongoing success of Mercedes-Benz in Formula One."



The deal would represent a significant increase in value of Mercedes F1 since Ineos bought its stake for £208m in 2022.

The rise reflects the growth

in valuations of F1 teams in the past few years as a consequence of the increasing appeal of the sport around the world. This was also seen in the success of the F1

movie starring Brad Pitt, which was released last summer and has grossed more than \$630m (£458m) at the box office. It is Pitt's most successful film and the most successful sports movie.

Mercedes are second in the constructors' championships, behind McLaren, with three races remaining this season. Their lead driver George Russell has won two of the 21 grands prix this year and is fourth in the drivers' championship behind McLaren's Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri, and Red Bull's Max Verstappen. The team won a record eight consecutive constructors' championships and seven drivers' titles, six for Lewis Hamilton and one for Nico Rosberg, between 2014 and 2021. - Agencies

Agha, Rauf upstage Hasaranga as Pakistan triumph to go 1-0 up

Sri Lanka fought hard through cameos from Samarawickrama, Theekshana and then Hasaranga but had a tall ask and fell six runs short

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan rode on a fighting century from Salman Agha and four wickets from Haris Rauf to beat Sri Lanka by six runs in a thriller in the opening one-day international (ODI) in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

Agha scored an unbeaten 105 off 87 balls, which guided Pakistan to an imposing 299-5 before Rauf grabbed 4-61 to keep Sri Lanka to 293-9 in 50 overs, giving the home team a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. The match went ahead despite a suicide attack just a few miles from the stadium in the twin city of Islamabad, which killed at least 12 people and left several injured. The Pakistan Cricket Board said security around the visiting team had been increased following the attack.

For Sri Lanka, debutant Kamil Mishara, who scored 38, and Pathum Nissanka, who made 29, set the platform with a solid 85-run opening stand before Rauf dismissed both the openers and Kusal Mendis (nought) in the space of just five runs.



Sadeera Samarawickrama (39) and skipper Charith Asalanka (32) fought back for their team with a fourth-wicket stand of 57, but Rauf broke the stand with Babar Azam taking a splendid slip catch to send Samarawickrama back.

Sri Lanka was down and out at 210-7, but Wanindu Hasaranga fought a lone battle with a fiery 52-ball 59 to bring the equation to 23 in the last two overs, before holing out with eight balls and 21 needed.

Hasaranga hit seven boundaries while Janith Liyanage hit two sixes and as many boundaries in his 28. Pakistan captain Shaheen Shah Afridi said his team put up a good total. "Agha and (Hussain) Talat batted very well to take us to 299," said Shaheen. "A target of 300 was good, and then Haris gave us crucial wickets."

Asalanka admitted bowlers conceded extra runs.

"The way Agha and Talat batted, it took the game away," said Asalanka. "We gave away too many runs; it should have been under 270."

Earlier, Agha hit his second ODI century while Talat made 62, lifting the home team from a precarious 95-4 after it was sent in to bat.

Sri Lanka spinner Hasaranga had jolted the home team with figures of 3-54, before Agha and Talat added 138 for the fifth wicket to revive the innings.

Talat was finally dismissed in the 44th over, having hit a six and six fours in his maiden ODI fifty.

Agha struck nine boundaries, helping Pakistan add 104 in the last 10 overs alongside Mohammad Nawaz, who scored a brisk

23-ball 36 not out. It was pacer Asitha Fernando who provided the tourist a breakthrough in the fifth over when he trapped opener Saim Ayub leg-before for six.

Fakhar Zaman (32) and Babar Azam (29) added 54 runs for the second wicket as Pakistan crawled to 28 in the first 10 overs and finally reached 50 in the 16th.

Hasaranga then produced a 16-ball spell of destruction, removing Zaman, Azam and Mohammad Rizwan (five).

The remaining matches are on Thursday and Saturday, also in Rawalpindi.

Brief scores: Pakistan 299/5 (Agha 105*, Talat 62, Nawaz 36*; Hasaranga 3-54) beat Sri Lanka 293/9 (Hasaranga 59, Samarawickrama 39, Mishara 38; Rauf 4-61) by six runs. - Agencies

FIRST ASHES TEST

Hazlewood cleared of injury but Abbott out

PERTH: Josh Hazlewood has been cleared to join Australia's squad for the first Ashes Test against England after an injury scare, but fellow pace bowler Sean Abbott has been ruled out.

Both suffered hamstring injuries playing for New South Wales against Victoria in the Sheffield Shield on Wednesday.

Scans showed Hazlewood, 34, did not sustain a muscle strain. The uncapped Abbott, 33, has a "moderate grade" injury.

Captain Pat Cummins is out of the first Test, beginning on 21 November, so the loss of another established pace bowler in Hazlewood would have been a major blow. Abbott would have been unlikely to play in Perth, with Hazlewood set to join Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland as the specialist seamers.

Cummins, who is recovering from a back injury, is thought to be on track to return for the second Test in Brisbane starting on 4 December. Batter Steve Smith will lead Australia in Cummins' absence. Like many of the Australia players, Hazlewood is involved in the current round of Sheffield Shield matches in preparation for the Ashes. Before this week, he had not played a first-class match for New South Wales in more than a year.



He felt tightness in his hamstring towards the end of Victoria's second innings on Wednesday and left the field as a precaution. Neither Hazlewood nor Abbott batted in New South Wales' second innings as they lost by 300 runs.

"We're a week away from the Test series - always err on the side of caution," said Cummins.

Abbott has won 57 caps for Australia in white-ball cricket.

The uncapped Brendan Doggett is the other seamer in the squad, providing cover for Starc, Boland and Hazlewood. - Agencies

INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA: FIRST TEST

India set to play both Jurel and Pant in Kolkata Test

KOLKATA: Dhruv Jurel is set to retain his place in India's Test XI despite Rishabh Pant taking back his spot as wicketkeeper.

All-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy is set to make way for Pant, who returns after missing the two Tests against West Indies last month with a fractured foot. India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate more or less confirmed this in his press conference two days out from the start of the first Test against South Africa in Kolkata.

Jurel played the West Indies series in Pant's absence and scored his maiden Test hundred in the first Test in Ahmedabad.

That innings came in the middle of a run of four hundreds in eight first-class innings, including one in each innings of India A's second unofficial Test against South Africa A in Bengaluru last week.

"I don't think you can leave him out for this Test, is the short answer," ten Doeschate said when asked about Jurel's run of form.

"But obviously, you can only pick 11 as well, so someone else will have to miss out. I think we've got a pretty good idea of the combination."

Having three spin-bowling all-rounders in the squad in Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel, ten Doeschate said, gave India the flexibility that would allow them to play an extra batter in Jurel without losing potency with the ball.

"Given the way Dhruv's gone in the last six months, scoring two hundreds in Bangalore last week, he's certain to play this week. Again, like what I mentioned about Washy [Washington Sundar], Axar [Patel], Jaddu [Ravindra Jadeja], for me, you've actually got three batters there. So it does give us a lot of flexibility. But I'd be very surprised if we don't see Dhruv and Rishabh playing in this Test



this week."

"The primary thing is to set out a strategy to win the game, and then if you can accommodate giving guys a chance for development, that comes in," ten Doeschate said.

"Our position certainly hasn't changed on Nitish. He didn't get much game time in [the white-ball series in] Australia, but I would say, given the importance of the series and given the conditions we think we're going to face, he might miss out in this Test this week."

South Africa, the World Test Championship [WTC] champions come to India on the back of a 1-1 Test result in Pakistan, where their

three main spinners - Keshav Maharaj, Simon Harmer and Senuran Muthusamy - picked up 33 wickets between them in two Tests, with all three averaging below 22.

Ten Doeschate felt these three would present a stiff challenge, and said India's batters were looking to improve how they play spin, particularly in the wake of last year's 3-0 home-series defeat to New Zealand.

"[Most] likely they'll play three [spinners], and it's a little bit like playing against a subcontinent team," ten Doeschate said. "You normally worry about the pace attack first [when you face South Africa]. And I'm pretty sure they'll go with two seamers and three [...] spinners."

"But that is also the challenge when you're playing in the subcontinent. It's something as a team that we need to get better [at]. We addressed it early on. We've come up short a few times, so it's a great challenge. Hopefully we've learned from the New Zealand series. We've put some plans into place [about] how to play the spin. And you're right, it's going to be so important over these two games, particularly how well they did in Pakistan about four weeks ago." - Agencies

ENGLAND CAPTAIN

Stokes confident of managing Ashes workload

PERTH: England captain Ben Stokes is confident he can manage a gruelling workload during the Ashes having bowled at intensity over the past two months.

He will make his return to competitive cricket in a three-day intra-squad game with England Lions starting on Thursday.

"I've been bowling like that for two months now," Stokes said. "It was nice to put the feet up but once the rehab started, I've hit the ground running. There has been a lot of hard work to get my body in a good place. I've had two-three months of building up to get here and that's where all the hard work comes in." - Agencies

SAUMYA SAMPAT NAMED VICE-CAPTAIN

Jeet Shah to lead Oman in ACC U19 Men's Premier Cup 2025

MUSCAT: Jeet Shah will lead Oman's cricket team at the ACC U19 Men's Premier Cup 2025, which will be held in the UAE from 19 November-1 December.

Saumya Sampat has been named the vice-captain.

The squad, a carefully balanced mix of experienced youth and promising cricketers, is set to make a strong impression under head coach Damith Warusavithana as Oman competes against some of Asia's most talented emerging cricket nations in the 50-over format.

Oman's campaign in the 14-nation tournament kicks off against Qatar on 21 November, followed by fixtures versus Japan on 24 November and Maldives on 26 November. All the games are scheduled for 9 am start, Oman time.

Besides Oman, Qatar, Japan and Maldives, who are pooled in Group C, the other competing teams are Nepal, Saudi Arabia,



Hong Kong (Group A), hosts UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain (Group B), Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Iran (Group D).

Coach Warusavithana said:

"Over the past three months, the U19 squad has been training with great intensity and commitment. The players have shown exceptional dedication as we continue to develop and strengthen all aspects of our game — batting, bowling, fielding, and overall team strategy."

He added: "The U19 boys have started competing in the Intermediate Division of the domestic senior league, gaining valuable exposure and important learning experiences. Additionally, a few of our players are also playing in the Premier Division, earning more experience and confidence at a higher level of competition."

"We go into this tournament with high hopes, a clear plan and full confidence in our squad."

Organised by the Asian Cricket

Council (ACC), the tournament serves as a key pathway for emerging cricket nations in Asia — offering competitive exposure, developmental opportunities and a chance to benchmark themselves against regional peers and a qualification to join the top teams in the U19 Asia Cup.

Oman U19 squad: Jeet Shah (captain), Saumya Sampat (vice-captain), Nitish Nadendla, Rishabh Gupta, Ojjus Pachisia, Aryan Joshi, Varshith Sai Dinesh, Prathiesh HR, Vihaan Chauhan, Kavish Shah, Mohammad Aseel, Mohammad Eisa, Mohammad Hamid, Jeyapranesh.

Support staff: Damith Warusavithana (head coach), Ajith D Costa (manager), Sultan Ahmed (asst. coach).

ROUND-UP

Al Riadah from Dhofar Islamic: A holistic approach to Sharia-compliant wealth management

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MUSCAT: Under the umbrella of Dhofar Islamic, Al Riadah represents the pinnacle of Sharia-compliant wealth management in Oman — a proposition built on trust, transparency, and innovation. Designed exclusively for distinguished clients, brings Al Riadah together personalized banking, tailored investment advisory, and advanced digital solutions within one comprehensive, faith-based framework.

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pendent Sharia Supervisory Board to ensure full compliance.

Al Riadah also integrates digital enablement and customer-centric innovation, allowing clients to access and manage their portfolios securely via modern platforms. Its advisory teams work closely with clients to craft personalized strategies focused on long-term stability, diversification, and legacy planning.

Wealth management in Islamic banking is one of the most vital pillars of Oman’s modern financial landscape. Rooted in the principles of Shariah, it offers a holistic approach that aligns financial prosperity with the ethical and spiritual values of Islam. Beyond investment advice, Islamic wealth management under encompasses Al Riadah comprehensive financial planning, risk management, and asset allocation — ensuring growth, protection, and sustainability for both clients and the wider community.

Since the introduction of Islamic banking in Oman in 2012, the concept of wealth Al Riadah has evolved from mere accumulation to responsible stewardship — an Amanah. builds on this foundation by offering solutions that generate lawful returns while supporting social and economic well-being. Through Shariah-compliant instruments such as Mudarabah, Musharakah, Sukuk, and Islamic mutual funds, clients

are empowered to grow their wealth ethically and sustainably.

What sets Al Riadah part is its dual commitment to performance and principle. Every financial solution is designed to achieve strong returns while maintaining moral integrity. The proposition upholds fairness, accountability, and social responsibility — giving clients both the satisfaction of prudent investment and the reassurance that their wealth is managed in accordance with divine guidance.

Ultimately, Al Riadah reflects Dhofar Islamic’s vision of responsible prosperity — combining ethical values, personalized care, and financial sophistication. By aligning faith with financial excellence, Al Riadah not only supports its clients’ ambitions but also contributes to the broader objective of sustainable economic development in harmony with Oman Vision 2040.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

MHD Automobiles kicks off Oman’s off-road season with Jeep, RAM and Alfa Romeo



MUSCAT: Oman’s off-road season is officially underway as cooler weather sweeps the Sultanate. MHD Automobiles, the authorised distributor of Jeep, RAM, Dodge, and Alfa Romeo, marked the return of outdoor adventures at their roadshow at Bidiyah Sands, one of the nation’s favourite dune destinations.

The event showcased two off-road icons, the Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 392 and RAM 1500 Rebel, drawing adventure enthusiasts and families entering the desert in their thousands. Visitors explored the vehicles up close and interacted with the MHD Automobiles team, experiencing the power, precision, and presence these models deliver.

Vehicles for every adventure

The Jeep Wrangler starts at OMR 15,595 for the 2-door Sport. The 2-door variants include the 2.0L Sport and 3.6L Rubicon, while 4-door variants include the 2.0L

Sahara, the 3.6L Rubicon, and the legendary 6.4L Rubicon 392 V8, available from OMR 35,995.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 5-seater starts at OMR 17,995, combining comfort with 4x4 capability. Laredo and Limited are available in 5- and 7-seaters, and Overland as a 5-seater, all powered by the 3.6L Pentastar® V6 engine delivering 293 horsepower and 260 lb-ft of torque.

RAM Trucks offer unmatched strength. The RAM 1500 RHO

with a high-output 3.0L Hurricane I6 engine producing 540 horsepower starts at OMR 37,995, with the RAM 1500 Tungsten and RAM 1500 Limited sharing the same engine. The RAM 1500 Warlock, Big Horn, Rebel, and Rebel X feature the standard-output 3.0L Hurricane I6 engine, generating 420 horsepower and 469 lb-ft of torque. The RAM 2500 Tradesman, powered by a 6.4L HEMI® V8 Heavy-Duty engine, is available from OMR 18,995 for a limited time on limited stock.

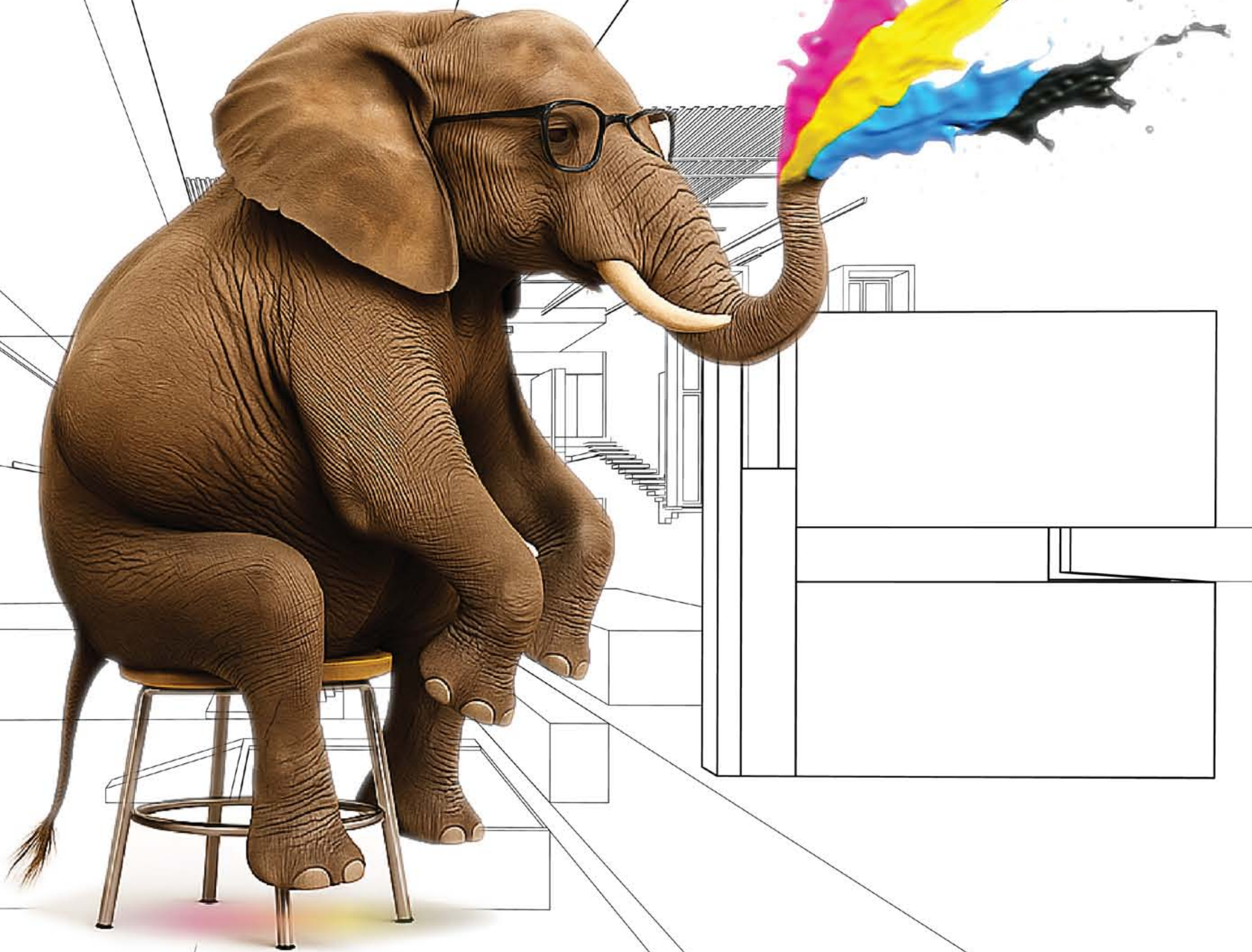
Alfa Romeo blends style with sporty performance. The Tonale Veloce starts at OMR 13,995. The AWD is equipped with a 2.0L turbo engine producing 256 horsepower and 295 lb-ft of torque. The Giulia (RWD) and Stelvio (AWD) feature a 2.0L turbo engine producing 280 horsepower and 306 lb-ft of torque, while the Giulia Quadrifoglio and Stelvio Quadrifoglio use a 2.9L twin-turbo V6 engine producing 505 horsepower and 443

lb-ft of torque.

“Off-roading is part of Oman’s spirit of adventure. The Bidiyah roadshow allowed us to connect with enthusiasts and families, showcasing vehicles like the Wrangler and RAM that embody capability and power,” said Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD Automobiles.

As part of ongoing celebrations, MHD Automobiles is offering exclusive prices across the Jeep, RAM, and Alfa Romeo ranges.

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