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# DAR AL ATTA’A DONATES OMR6.1MN TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN OMAN

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**MUSCAT:** In a decisive show of social responsibility and community service, Dar Al Atta’a Association has disbursed more than OMR6.1 million over the past 18 months to support underprivileged families across Oman. The funds, allocated to a wide range of housing, education, relief, and empowerment initiatives, reflect the association’s ongoing commitment to strengthening social stability and promoting sustainable development across the Sultanate.

Speaking to Oman News Agency (ONA), Maryam Issa Al Zadjali, founder and chairperson of Dar Al Atta’a Association, said that in 2024 alone, the association allocated OMR4,094,000 towards various charitable programmes aimed at meeting the essential needs of low-income families. She added that a further OMR2,038,000 was disbursed in the first half of 2025, reinforcing the association’s sustained efforts to deliver long-term, transformative impact. “Our goal is not just to provide

temporary relief, but to help families lead more stable, sustainable lives,” said Al Zadjali. “Every rial we invest reflects our belief in dignity, opportunity, and community development.” Established in 2002 and officially licensed in 2006, Dar Al Atta’a is the first officially recognised charitable organisation in the Sultanate. Since its inception, the association has worked to serve communities across Oman through a broad range of humanitarian programmes designed to address both immediate needs and long-

term development. These include family sponsorship, crisis and disaster relief, educational support, housing construction and maintenance, youth empowerment, Islamic values-based programming, and literacy promotion through the “Let’s Read” initiative. Al Zadjali noted that one of the association’s core achievements has been in the housing sector, where it has helped deliver tangible change to families living in difficult conditions. To date, Dar Al Atta’a has provided 175 homes to families in need and carried out maintenance on more than 2,514 houses across multiple governorates. These efforts not only provide shelter but also contribute to improved health, safety, and family stability. “Safe housing is the foundation for a secure life. With every home we build or repair, we’re investing in the future of a family,” she said. In a bid to modernise charitable work and improve operational efficiency, Dar Al Atta’a has also established a Social Innovation Department. This forward-looking unit is tasked with integrating digital tools and technological solutions into the association’s programmes and services. **>A6**

## Shabab Oman II receives Lord Provost of Aberdeen

**EDINBURGH:** The Royal Navy of Oman vessel (RNOV) Shabab Oman II, while docked at the port of Aberdeen, Scotland, on Sunday received Councillor Dr. David Cameron, the Lord Provost of Aberdeen. This took place as part of the vessel’s participation in the Aberdeen maritime festival. During his visit, the Lord Provost toured the ship and viewed a photo exhibition showcasing the cultural depth and diversity of the Sultanate of Oman, highlighting its unique tourism potential and attractive investment environment. He also learned about Oman’s significant achievements and the noble message the ship carries on its voyages around the world. — **ONA**



## OMAN Turtle returns to Oman shores after 15 years

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## OMAN Inflatable park now open in Salalah

**2** The “Ateen Square” events in Salalah as part of the Dhofar Khareef Season 2025, have opened. **>A4**

## WORLD Indian PM Modi to visit UK, Maldives

**3** Indian Prime Minister will visit the UK and the Maldives from July 23 to 26, the MEA said on Sunday. **>A7**

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# Forum focuses on integration of emotional, AI in higher education

The Summer School is part of SQU's efforts to support academic development and promote academic tourism during Khareef Dhofar

**SALALAH:** The third edition of the Summer School for faculty members of higher education institutions in the Sultanate of Oman kicked off on Sunday in



Dhofar Governorate. Organised by Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) under the theme "The Integration of Emotional and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education," the six-day event is being held at Rotana Salalah Hotel. The opening ceremony was held

under the patronage of Dr. Ahmed Mohsen Al Ghassani, Chairman of Dhofar Municipality, in the presence of several officials and academic faculty members from higher education institutions. The Summer School is part of Sultan Qaboos University's efforts to support academic development

and promote academic tourism during Khareef Dhofar (monsoon) season. It brings together 50 academics and professionals from six higher education institutions across Oman. The Summer School's agenda features interactive workshops,



panel discussions, and meetings with local and international experts, aiming to enrich participants' knowledge and raise awareness about fostering future-ready communities through the integration of emotional and artificial intelligence in higher education.

Sultan Qaboos University continues to leverage such initiatives to promote a culture of academic excellence and enhance faculty preparedness in adapting to modern educational shifts, aligning with Oman's aspirations for a resilient and integrated higher education system. —**ONA**



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## INSTITUTIONAL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

# Muscat Governorate organises training course on artificial intelligence for its staff

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** A training programme 'Implementing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Work Environment' was organised in the Muscat Governorate for its employees. Those interested in Artificial Intelligence applications took part in the workshop to enhance their efficiency and abilities to keep pace with the institutional digital transformation. The workshop, which will run from 20 to 24 July, reviewed several topics, including the concept and importance of artificial intelligence, the most notable functions and fields it works in. Additionally, it also discussed methods of implementation to improve the work environment, and the challenges associated with its implementation. The workshop highlighted the role of artificial intelligence in supporting the decision-making process and introduced successful experiences in this field. This programme contributes to enhancing ability of participants to learn the foundations and techniques of artificial intelligence, its practical applications in the work environment and utilising its tools to increase efficiency and productivity as well as, enabling participants to design Artificial Intelligence-based initiatives and projects that support the vision



of smart institutional transformation and promote a culture of innovation and adaptation to changeable work environments. This programme reflects Muscat Governorate's efforts to strengthen its digital preparedness and develop cadres skilled in implementing AI technologies to improve services and institutional performance.



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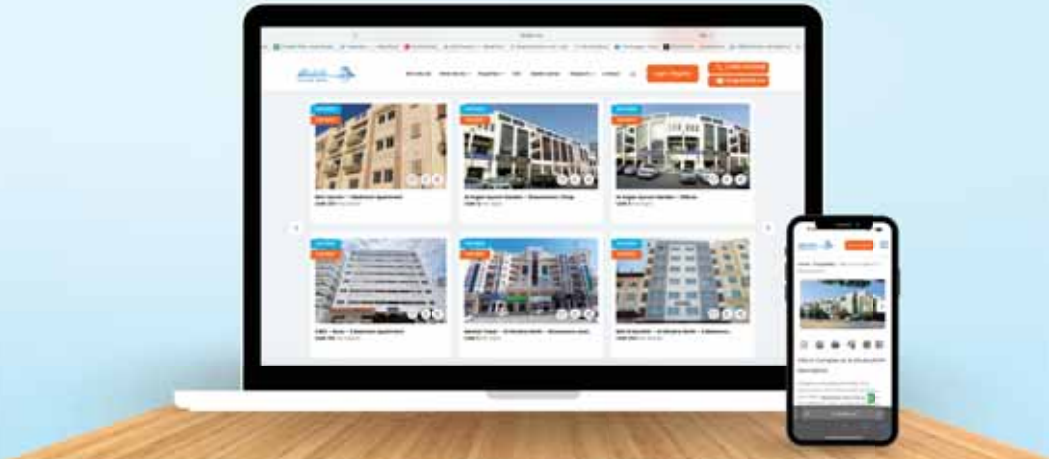
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COMMENTARY

## The harmony between Omanis and expatriates



SALEH AL-SHAIBANY

The harmony between Omanis and expatriates is a key ingredient that makes Oman stand out compared with most countries of the world. There is a reason for it. Centuries of integration with different cultures of the world from different continents is deeply instilled in the blood of all Omanis. It is the makeup of their self-esteem and behavior. Most Omanis, with a few exception, tolerate the traditions of people living around them. It

has to be and the statistics prove it. Almost half of the roughly five million people in Oman are expatriates and their families. We go out with our business in the streets and everyone is complete at ease with each other. There is no behavioural segregation or even mental isolation out there. It is exactly the same in the business circles with no exceptions. And this comes to the topic of tourism in Oman. Tourists 'feel complete at home', to quote one of them that I talked to this month, when they come to visit Oman. He and his family were getting "smiles" and even a "little bow" wherever they met people. Touring Oman was a complete harmony for them, to exactly quote what they said to me. I know that the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism is promoting Oman a lot. But perhaps it needs a little twist to get a bigger number into the country. Oman roughly gets about 3 million foreign tourists annually flying into the country in differ-

ent seasons of the year. **An exceptional country** We can definitely get a lot more. Apart from our natural instincts of integration with different cultures, Oman is an exceptional country. I know this has been said before but it has not really been promoted in the right perspective. First, we should ask what makes Oman different from other nations of the world, apart from its people. Yes, we have beautiful areas scattered around the country, such as mountains, beaches, desert, historical towns and the rest. But we all miss the multiculturalism. We already have festivals in different towns in Oman, such as in Salalah and Jabal Al Akhdhar. But we need more events in different parts of the country that promote different cultures of people who live in Oman. These events can be in different parts Oman and in permanent fixtures. Why is this important? Because Oman

hosts different nationalities of people who are working here. Also, we get different nationalities from tourism. They would identify themselves in these events. Moreover, word will go out globally that Oman is promoting their cultures and that will attract more tourists. The media of the world will take notice and start covering these multiculturalism events on regular basis. For those who would question this idea will need to look down at the history of the country. Oman, as a seafaring nation of the past, their people travelled in many nations when airplanes were not even invented. They introduced their culture in those countries and left a deep imprint that is still evident now. Omanis also embraced different cultures when they settled in those countries. They even imported back home some of the multiculturalism. So, it is time to celebrate the past and learn from it and use it to the advantage of attracting more tourists to Oman.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND INNOVATION

## Oversight Committee for Biotechnology holds meet

**MUSCAT:** The Oversight Committee for Biotechnology in the Sultanate of Oman yesterday held its third meeting, chaired by Dr. Rahma Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation. During the meeting, the committee reviewed the latest developments regarding the implementation of decisions from its second meeting. This included the crucial task of completing the requirements for preparing the National Biotechnology Strategy in accordance with the approved work plan, as well as finalising the procedures for appointing the specialised consultant responsible for developing the strategy. The tender for the consultancy services was recently issued through the electronic system of the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority. Dr. Kawther Ibrahim Al Balushi, Project Manager for the National Biotechnology Strategy, delivered a visual presentation to the com-

mittee members. She outlined the detailed plan for implementing the remaining phase of the project and highlighted the efforts made by various national committees and teams in this regard. Coinciding with the third meeting of the Biotechnology Oversight Committee, a cooperation programme was launched and signed to fund the assignment of a consultant for the National Biotechnology Strategy project. This agreement was signed by three parties: the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation, Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, and OMIFCO – the project's funding entity. The agreement was signed by Dr. Rahma Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation, Dr. Khamis Saif Al Jabri on behalf of the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, and Khalid Sulaiman Al Farsi, OMIFCO Director General of Supply Chain. — ONA

NORTH AL SHARQIYAH GOVERNORATE



## 90% of aflaj restoration project worth over OMR2mn completed

**IBRA:** The Directorate General of Agriculture and Water Resources in North Al Sharqiyah Governorate is conducting comprehensive restoration of 179 aflaj (man-made water supply channels) to the tune of more than OMR2 million. The project seeks to maintain the sustainability of water resources in the governorate's Wilayats. Eng. Hamad Rashid Al Sawai, from the General Directorate of Agriculture and Water Resources in North Al Sharqiyah Governorate, said that the project was prompted by the damage suffered by the aflaj following low-pressure systems that prevailed in the area

and a tropical depression that hit the governorate last year. A total of 162 aflaj (about 90% of the total target number) were restored to normal working conditions, as follows: 21 in the Wilayat of Ibra, 19 in the Wilayat of Al Qabil, 17 in the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi, 78 in the Wilayat of Dima W'Attayeen, 10 in the Wilayat of Bidiyah, 4 in the Wilayat of Sinaw and 30 in the Wilayat of Wadi Bani Khalid. As many as 571 aflaj exist across the North Al Sharqiyah Governorate. The active aflaj undertake a major role in providing water for irrigation and other purposes. — ONA

# Sea turtle returns to Oman shores after 15 years since tagging

The turtle was originally tagged on 7 September 2010, in the Seih Al Mara'e area during sea turtle nesting monitoring operations at the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve

**RAS AL HADD:** A team from the Environment Authority has successfully observed the return of a green sea turtle to Seih Al Mara'e in the Wilayat of Sur, South A'Sharqiyah Governorate. This marks its return over 15 years after its initial tagging. The turtle was originally tagged on 7 September 2010, in the Seih Al Mara'e area during sea turtle nesting monitoring operations at the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve. This return underscores the strong attachment of these creatures to their original nesting sites and highlights the crucial role

of tagging programmes in tracking their migration and studying their return patterns. Such efforts significantly bolster conservation endeavors and the preservation of their biological diversity. It is worth noting that the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve is one of the most prominent global sites for sea turtle nesting, hosting thousands of turtles annually. Continuous monitoring and research efforts have contributed to collecting valuable data that supports the preservation of this unique environmental heritage for future generations. — ONA



AL DAKHILIYAH GOVERNORATE

## Al Jabal Al Akhdar Park set to open for visitors in August 2025

**AL JABAL AL AKHDAR:** The Wilayat of Al Jabal Al Akhdar in A'Dakhiliyah Governorate continues to solidify its status as a premier tourist destination through the implementation of high-quality tourism and recreational projects. Foremost among these is the Al Jabal Al Akhdar Park under construction in Seeh Qatnah, alongside the recently inaugurated Celebration Square, which hosted the opening events of the Al Jabal Al Akhdar Festival 2025. Sheikh Sultan Mansour Al Ghafil, Wali of Al Jabal Al Akhdar, stated that the wilayat is witnessing tangible developmental progress, reflecting an integrated vision to enhance infrastructure and improve quality of life. He em-



phasised that these projects align with the goals of Oman Vision 2040, transforming the wilayat's natural and cultural advantages into sustainable development opportunities with direct social and economic impact. In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), he noted that the Al Jabal Al Akhdar Park project is

progressing rapidly, with completion exceeding 85%. The park is set to officially open to visitors in August 2025 at a cost exceeding OMR1.1 million. Spanning 20,000 square metres, the park features integrated recreational and service facilities, including a 1,000-square-metre children's play area, sports pathways,

and investment zones housing a café, a shop, and an electric games section, in addition to prayer rooms and restrooms for men and women. The park also includes a multipurpose open-air theater and 5,000 square metres of green spaces planted with 150 trees and 400 shrubs, alongside natural vegetation to enhance the site's aesthetics, making it a year-round recreational destination. He affirmed that these projects bolster the wilayat's tourism appeal, provide community platforms for national events, support small and medium enterprises, and stimulate local growth by generating jobs and boosting commercial activity. He added that Al Jabal Al Akhdar, in coordination with the Al

Dakhiliyah Governor's Office, ensures these initiatives serve as pillars for comprehensive, sustainable development that fosters innovation and strengthens Omani identity. Future plans include additional initiatives to attract qualitative investments in eco-tourism, smart agriculture, and community services, emphasizing collaboration between government entities, the private sector, and local communities to ensure holistic and sustainable impact, he added. Eng. Mohammed Ali Al Wardi, Director of the Projects Department at Al Dakhiliyah Municipality, highlighted that the park project extends the governorate's vision for developing public spaces and improving urban environ-

ments. He noted that the newly inaugurated Celebration Square in Seeh Qatnah is a key cultural and tourism infrastructure project, designed as a multipurpose venue harmonizing with Al Jabal Al Akhdar's geography. The square features a main performance area, parking, restrooms, and family rest zones, making it an ideal venue for seasonal and national events. It has become a focal point for visitors to the Al Jabal Al Akhdar Festival 2025, hosting cultural, artistic, and recreational activities, as well as exhibitions of local crafts and agricultural products, thereby supporting entrepreneurship and local economic growth. — ONA



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Failing quorum, the OGM shall be reconvened on Tuesday, 12 August 2025, at 3:30 pm, at Bank Muscat headquarters, Airport Heights, Muscat Hall, Seeb, Sultanate of Oman, to discuss and consider the following agenda:

- To elect the new members of the Fund Management. Any person who wishes to nominate himself/herself for the position should complete the nomination form. The completed forms should be sent to the Fund secretary email [Ahmedhass@bankmuscat.com](mailto:Ahmedhass@bankmuscat.com) at least five days prior to the OGM date by the end of the business day, on Thursday, 31 July 2025. The candidate should observe the conditions required for the membership of the Fund’s Management.

In accordance with the Fund’s Articles of Association, every unitholder has the right to appoint any other person in writing as his proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf, by way of a proxy card attached to the notice. Any such natural person should attach to the proxy card a copy of their ID for adults, their passport for minors or those who do not have a civil card or resident card, and resident card or passport for non-Omanis. For corporates, the proxy form shall be signed by one of the authorized signatories and sealed by the company’s stamp accompanied with copies of the commercial registration certificate, ID cards, resident cards, and passports of the authorized signatories and the representative of the corporate entity.

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# Ateen Square attracts massive crowd during Dhofar Khareef Season

This year, “Ateen Square” has a new look, combining entertainment, arts, culture, and shopping, amidst an interactive atmosphere

**MUSCAT:** The “Ateen Square” events in Salalah, organised by Dhofar Municipality as part of the Dhofar Khareef Season 2025, have opened.

The square, which is an integrated tourist, entertainment, and cultural destination that attracts citizens, residents, and visitors to the governorate, will continue to remain open until August 31.

This year, “Ateen Square” has a new look, combining entertainment, arts, culture, and shopping, amidst an interactive atmosphere that meets the aspirations of various segments of society, especially families and youth.

The daily events include a variety of entertainment shows, including environmentally friendly fireworks displays and drone shows that illuminate the skies of the Ateen Plain with innovative visual effects. The “Galaxy” show, featuring space costumes and interactive lights, is also featured, as is the “Crew Show,” a show inspired by the international program “Got Talent,” which combines acrobatic movements and exciting athletic performances.

Ateen Square also features innovative artistic performances, including the “Emoji Show,” which presents 20 emojis in a fun, interactive way. It also features shadow and fantasy shows featuring international artistic groups, including the Mexican Latin Band and the Arjola Band. Folklore performances organised by UNESCO feature diverse international cultural participation.

Daily carnival events include the “Music Carnival,” featuring European bands, the “European Carnival,” presented by Russian bands with oriental musical performances, the “Hundred Carnival,” featuring 100 participants with diverse performances, the “Peter Carnival,” featuring a female dancing troupe, the “Hot Air Balloon Carnival,” featuring innovative costumes in the shape of balloons and the “Glowing Balloon Carnival,” a light-based version of the hot air balloon show.

The square also hosts the largest inflatable amusement park for children in the Sultanate of Oman, providing a safe and enjoyable entertainment environment under the supervision of specialized teams to ensure child safety.

A highlight of the events is the “Culture and Literature Street,” which offers visitors the opportunity to interact with a number of writers, poets, and visual artists through workshops and live artistic simulations that enhance the cultural scene.

This year, the main stage of Ateen Square features a design inspired by the mountainous nature of Dhofar Governorate. It features a towering mountain, supported by modern display technologies including laser effects, interactive screens, and waterfalls, providing an integrated platform for visual and artistic performances.

Ateen Square also features dedicated areas for displaying local women’s products, including perfumes, incense, and clothing with a modern heritage style. This supports entrepreneurs from small and medium enterprises and enhances the role of women in economic activity.

It is worth noting that these diverse events contribute to consolidating Ateen Square’s position as one of the most prominent landmarks of the Dhofar Autumn Season 2025, offering an integrated tourism, cultural, and entertainment experience that enriches the governorate’s social, tourism, and economic activity.



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# Sea net-making is a traditional art of weaving

**AL ASHKHARAH**— Al Ashkharah Festival attracts Omani artisans practicing various traditional crafts, showcasing and promoting them to preserve the legacy of their ancestors.

These handcrafted trades represent both a means of adapting to the environment and a source of livelihood.

**Omani traditional crafts**

Among the most prominent Omani traditional crafts is sea net-making, locally known as “ghazl al-leekh”. This craft has been practiced by Omani fishermen for generations and remains prevalent across Oman’s coastal regions.

Al-leekh is a fundamental tool for traditional fishermen, consisting of multi-mesh nets made from nylon or cotton threads reinforced with a bordering rope.

**Mesh openings**

The size of the mesh openings and the thickness of the thread vary depending on the fishing method and the type of fish targeted. Each net measures between 175 to 200 yards in length and takes about 15 days to complete.

These nets are widely used across Oman’s coastal governorates under different names based on their fishing applications.

Crafting these nets requires specific expertise—the maker



must be an experienced fisherman with precise knowledge of fish species and the skill to create evenly sized mesh openings. Weights are attached to the bottom of the nets to ensure proper sinking.

A key component of al-leekh is cork, which helps the nets float on the water’s surface. The cork is called al-karb, named after the tough part of the palm trunk. If the net tears, it must be entirely re-woven. -ONA

AL DHAHIRAH

## Workshop focuses on strategic vision, mission of governorate

**AL DHAHIRAH:** A workshop titled “Defining the Strategic Purpose of Al Dhahirah Governorate” was held yesterday at Al Muhallab bin Abi Sufra Hall in Al Dhahirah Governorate.

The event saw broad participation from government and private entities, as well as members of the local community.

The workshop focused on defining the strategic vision and mission for the governorate, with an emphasis on leveraging A’Dhahirah’s comparative advantages to develop future implementation plans.

This workshop, attended by numerous officials, marks the first phase of the project to develop Al Dhahirah Governorate’s strategy.



**Sustainable and comprehensive development**

It aims to achieve sustainable and comprehensive development and enhance the governorate’s position as a regional hub connecting Oman with neighbouring countries, aligning with Oman Vision



2040 and the nation’s five-year development plans.

The project will be implemented in several stages, adopting a participatory approach that enhances the local community’s role in shaping the governorate’s direction. The ultimate goal is to produce a comprehensive draft strategy that includes clear implementation plans. -ONA



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## Invitation to Attend the Ordinary General Meeting of Bank Muscat Al Tharwa Fund

The Fund Management Body of Bank Muscat Al Tharwa Fund (the “Fund”) has the pleasure in inviting the unitholders to the Ordinary General Meeting (“OGM”) to be held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at Bank Muscat headquarters, Airport Heights, Muscat Hall, Seeb, Sultanate of Oman.

Failing quorum, the OGM shall be reconvened on Tuesday, 12 August 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at Bank Muscat headquarters, Airport Heights, Muscat Hall, Seeb, Sultanate of Oman, to discuss and consider the following agenda:

1. To elect the new members of the Fund Management. Any person who wishes to nominate himself/herself for the position should complete the nomination form. The completed forms should be sent to the Fund secretary email [ahmedhass@bankmuscat.com](mailto:ahmedhass@bankmuscat.com) at least five days prior to the OGM date by the end of the business day, on Thursday, 31 July 2025. The candidate should observe the conditions required for the membership of the Fund’s Management.

In accordance with the Fund’s Articles of Association, every unitholder has the right to appoint any other person in writing as his proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf, by way of a proxy card attached to the notice. Any such natural person should attach to the proxy card a copy of their ID for adults, their passport for minors or those who do not have a civil card or resident card, and resident card or passport for non-Omanis. For corporates, the proxy form shall be signed by one of the authorized signatories and sealed by the company’s stamp accompanied with copies of the commercial registration certificate, ID cards, resident cards, and passports of the authorized signatories and the representative of the corporate entity.

The respected unitholder is requested to attend at the OGM venue half an hour before the meeting.

**For queries please contact Mr. Ahmed Hassan Ahmed Al Nabhani, on telephone: (+968) 24801078.**

OMAN/WORLD

BILATERAL RELATIONS

HM the Sultan receives thanks cables from Emir of Qatar, President of Djibouti



**MUSCAT:** His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar in response to His Majesty's cable of greetings on the occasion of the anniversary of his ascension to the throne.

His Majesty the Sultan also received a cable of thanks from President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh of the Republic of Djibouti in response to His Majesty's cable of greetings on the occasion of his country's National Day.

In the two cables, the two leaders expressed their appreciation for His Majesty the Sultan, wishing him good health, wellbeing and success. They also wished the bilateral relations and cooperation between their respective countries and the Sultanate of Oman further development and growth. — **ONA**

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IN AL KHABOURAH

Dar Al Atta'a plans to launch Phase II of its flagship project

**< FROM A1** According to Al Zedjali, this new department is expected to bring about a qualitative shift in how the association plans and delivers its aid, enabling faster response times, improved service quality, and greater accountability.

opment, the "Dar Al Atta'a Neighbourhood" in Al Khabourah.

**Ambitious project**  
 The ambitious project will include 36 model residential units, each spanning 274 square metres, in addition to a mosque, community centre, and commercial facilities. Designed with environmental sustainability in mind, the units will be equipped with solar energy systems and water treatment solutions, representing a bold step forward in creating self-sufficient, resilient communities.

"Sustainability and social support go hand in hand. This neighbourhood represents our vision of modern, dignified living for all," she said.

**Direct aid efforts**  
 Beyond its direct aid efforts, Dar Al Atta'a continues to work closely with both government and private sector partners to amplify its reach and scale up its impact.

Al Zedjali stressed that the association remains deeply committed to its founding values and will continue expanding its assistance

programmes in line with national development goals.

"Charity is not just about giving — it's about building bridges, creating opportunities, and working together toward a better tomorrow," she affirmed.

Dar Al Attaa's work continues to serve as a cornerstone of Oman's growing charitable landscape, demonstrating how grassroots initiatives, strategic planning, and community engagement can combine to drive meaningful, lasting change in the lives of thousands.



Al-Alya Mosque embodies Islamic heritage of Oman

Located in the heart of Al-Alya Village, approximately 800 metres from A'Rustaq Fort, the mosque occupies a central position, serving residents for prayers and social gatherings



**A'RUSTAQ:** Al-Alya Mosque in the Wilayat of A'Rustaq, South Al Batinah Governorate, stands as one of the most prominent religious and historical landmarks in the Sultanate of Oman.

It carries profound spiritual, intellectual, and architectural significance, reflecting the depth of Islamic heritage that has characterised the region for centuries.

The mosque dates back to the era of Imam Nasser bin Murshid Al Ya'arubi in the 17th century.

Located in the heart of Al-Alya Village, approximately 800 metres from A'Rustaq Fort, the mosque occupies a central position, serving residents for prayers and social gatherings.

Built on elevated ground about six metres above the falaj (traditional irrigation channel), it is surrounded by diverse orchards—some of which are endowed as waqf (religious endowment), such as the Al-Furudh orchard to the south and the Al-Jahal orchard to the east, highlighting the mosque's economic and social importance in the community.

Eng. Ahmed Saif Al-Mazrouei, one of the caretakers of the mosque's endowment, explained that the mosque holds significant

endowed assets, including 47 water shares in Falaj Al-Maysar, valued at approximately OMR 94,000, as well as orchards containing over 553 palm trees and agricultural plots, with an estimated total value of OMR166,000.

In a statement to Omani News Agency (ONA), Al-Mazrouei added that the mosque was historically used to distribute zakat (alms) and food supplies to eligible villagers during religious occasions such as Eid Al Fitr and Eid Al Adha. It also served as a venue for weddings and funerals until recently, when these events were moved to Sablat Al-Alya.

The mosque was a gathering place for community leaders, locally called "Ahl al-Hall wal-Aqd,"

to discuss village affairs and hosted visits by imams and governors.

It was also a site for reconciliation meetings and judicial proceedings. A designated area within the mosque provided drinking water through traditional clay vessels (jihal), filled with water from Falaj Al-Maysar and hung in their designated spots.

Eng. Al-Mazrouei emphasised that the mosque was not merely a place of worship but also a distinguished center of learning and social life.

Several scholars and sheikhs studied there, underscoring its historical role as a leading educational and communal institution in A'Rustaq.

The mosque measures 21 me-

tres in length and 12 metres in width, featuring 10 columns that divide the prayer hall into six longitudinal and three transverse sections.

A central courtyard (4 x 3.5 metres) was historically used for ablution and heating. A well beneath the mosque, likely connected to the falaj channel, may have served ablution purposes.

The mihrab (prayer niche) is two meters wide and four metres high, adorned with simple yet elegant inscriptions bearing the Shahada (Islamic testimony of faith) on multiple levels. Recent restoration work expanded the mihrab, enhancing its aesthetic appeal.

Originally, the mosque had three entrances—two on the eastern side and one on the northern side. However, after being designated for Friday prayers, a new southern entrance was added for the imam and people with disabilities, while the northern door was closed. — **ONA**

DISCOVERY

Astronomers capture dawn of new solar system for the first time

**NEW YORK:** Astronomers have spotted the earliest known signs of rocky planet formation around a young, sun-like star for the first time. The discovery offers an unprecedented glimpse into what may have happened at the dawn of our own solar system.

**What did the researchers see?**  
 Using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and the European Southern Observatory's ALMA array in Chile, researchers peered into the gas disk surrounding the infant star HOPS-315, about 1,370 light-years away.

The star is just 100,000 to 200,000 years old — a newborn in cosmic terms — and is thought to be on its way to becoming a yellow dwarf like our sun.

"We've captured a direct glimpse of the hot region where rocky planets like Earth are born around young protostars," said lead researcher Melissa McClure of Leiden Observatory. "For the first time, we can conclusively say that the first steps of planet formation are happening right now."

"Our study shows that it could be a common process during the earliest stage of planet formation," McClure said. — **BNW**

TO PROTECT CHILDREN

Afghanistan launches nationwide polio drive

**KABUL:** Afghanistan is set to launch a new nationwide polio vaccination campaign on July 20, targeting children under the age of five to protect them from the debilitating virus, according to the Afghanistan Polio-Free Organisation, Khaama Press reported.

The campaign will be carried out across several provinces and districts and includes the administration of Vitamin A supplements alongside the oral polio vaccine to help strengthen children's immune systems. Khaama Press said this combined effort aims to boost resistance against other diseases and improve overall child health.

"The campaign aims to protect children under the age of five from the debilitating effects of polio," the organization stated, urging families to ensure that no child is left out of the initiative.

According to Khaama Press, the organization emphasized the role of parents and guardians, calling on them to collaborate with health teams and ensure full community participation. It added that people can contact the free helpline at 141 for more de-



tails about the campaign.

Polio, a highly infectious virus primarily affecting children, spreads through contaminated water and can cause fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiff neck, and limb pain.

In about one in 200 cases, the disease results in irreversible paralysis. Afghanistan and Pakistan are currently the only two countries in the world where polio remains endemic, Khaama Press noted.

Ongoing eradication efforts are seen as critical to protecting Afghan children from lifelong disability. — **ANI**

NEAR TI TOP ISLAND

37 dead as tourist boat capzises in Vietnam's famous Halong Bay

**HANOI:** At least 37 people have been confirmed dead after a tourist boat with 48 passengers and five crew members capsized around Vietnam's famed Halong Bay, local media reported on Sunday.

The boat tipped over at 1:45pm on July 19 near Ti Top Island in the Ha Long Bay World Heritage Site due to a sudden thunderstorm while carrying 48 tourists and five crew members, according to the Vietnam News outlet.

A total of 47 people have been recovered, with 10 survivors and 37 confirmed dead, including four victims whose identities are still being verified.

**Cruise ship**  
 The cruise ship capsized in Ha Long Bay, in northern Vietnam's Quang Ninh province, on Saturday afternoon, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

The Vinh Xanh 58 tourist boat was salvaged and towed ashore in the early morning of July 20 for further investigation.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on July 19 issued an urgent dispatch, asking the Ministry of National Defence, in coordination



with the Ministry of Public Security and other relevant ministries, agencies, and local authorities, to mobilise all available personnel and resources operating near the area to carry out search and rescue operations as swiftly and effectively as possible.

Most of the passengers were from Hanoi, traveling as families, including over 20 children. The oldest passenger was 53, and the youngest just 3, according to the

VNExpress news site.

A crane barge was deployed to lift and right the capsized boat.

However, the report added that the ship's weight and strong currents prevented divers from looping cables around it.

The director of Vietnam's National Center for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting said the ongoing rains in northern Vietnam were not due to the impacts of the approaching Storm Wipha from

the South China Sea but due to wind patterns over the northern region. Meanwhile in Hong Kong, authorities have issued a T10 signal warning, the highest warning for Typhoon Wipha, which is descending on the city with wind speeds of 118 km/h. Over 500 flights have been cancelled, with the public asked to take precautionary measures and remain in safe places

# Syria moves to restore order in Suwayda with new ceasefire

President Ahmed al-Sharaa noted that he had “received international calls to intervene in what is happening in Suwayda and restore security



**SUWAYDA:** Syria has started deploying its security forces in the troubled southern province of Suwayda, following intense clashes between Druze and Bedouin armed groups that have left hun-

dreds dead, compounded by Israeli military intervention, Al Jazeera reported. The deployment came shortly after the United States announced

an agreement between Israel and Syria to enforce a ceasefire, though the truce remains uncertain amid ongoing fighting, Al Jazeera said. Syria’s government confirmed the

ceasefire, stating it aims “to spare Syrian blood, preserve the unity of Syrian territory, the safety of its people.” President Ahmed al-Sharaa, in a televised address, noted that he had “received international calls to intervene in what is happening in Suwayda and restore security to the country.” He described Israeli intervention as having “reignited tensions” and called the fighting “a dangerous turning point,” while thanking the US for its support, according to Al Jazeera. Interior Ministry spokesman Nouredine al-Baba announced on Telegram that “internal security forces have begun deploying in Suwayda province ... with the aim of protecting civilians and putting an end to the chaos,” Al Jazeera reported. Despite this, it remains unclear whether Syrian troops have entered Suwayda city or are still on

the outskirts, Al Jazeera added. The ethnic clashes between Druze and Bedouin armed groups and government forces have reportedly caused at least 260 deaths, with an estimated 80,000 people displaced, according to Syria’s Health Ministry and the International Organisation for Migration, Al Jazeera noted. Al Jazeera’s correspondent Mohamed Vall reported that “a lot of extrajudicial killings [are] being reported,” and many civilians suffer from a lack of basic services due to the conflict. Al Jazeera also highlighted that some Druze leaders welcome the ceasefire while others pledge to continue fighting. Meanwhile, Bedouin fighters are preparing to travel to Suwayda to support their counterparts, with one fighter telling Al Jazeera their conflict is with forces loyal to Druze leader Sheikh Hikmat al-Hijri, whom they accuse of aligning with

Israeli interests. An Israeli official told reporters that Israel had agreed to allow “the limited entry of the [Syrian] internal security forces into Suwayda district for the next 48 hours,” amid the ongoing instability, Al Jazeera reported. Al Jazeera’s analysts say Israel’s attacks in the region serve “less to do with the minority Druze community and more with a strategic Israeli objective to create a new reality,” describing it as part of Israel’s attempt to assert itself as the dominant power in the Middle East through territorial expansion and ongoing conflicts across the region. The conflict and military actions in Suwayda contradict earlier efforts by the Trump administration to expand normalisation deals with Israel in the region, a policy that the Syrian government had initially welcomed before the crisis, Al Jazeera concluded. -ANI

24-31 INCHES OF RAIN

## Death toll from South Korea rains rises to 14

**SEOUL:** Relentless rain in South Korea has left at least 14 dead and 12 others missing, authorities said Sunday. An Interior and Safety Ministry report said southern regions received around 24-31 inches of rain since Wednesday.



**What do we know about impacted regions?** The rural town of Sancheong in the south of the country recorded eight deaths after heavy downpours caused landslides. Six or seven others were still missing in the region, after flash floods destroyed homes in the area. On Sunday, in Gapyeong, a town northeast of Seoul, one person was killed after their house collapsed and another person was found dead after being swept by a swollen stream in the town. Some others were still unaccounted for. But the dayslong deluge of rain also finally subsided Sunday, with rain having stopped in most of the country. Heavy rain alerts

have been subsequently lifted throughout the country, ministry officials said. **When did rains begin?** Heavy rainfall began this Wednesday, steadily forcing more people to evacuate their homes, with 3,840 having evacuated as of Sunday, according to the Associated Press news agency. Flights were also canceled. Earlier this week, three people were found dead in a submerged car, and a person was also killed when their car was buried by soil and concrete after a retaining

wall of an overpass collapsed in Osan, just south of Seoul, during heavy rain. South Korea usually sees monsoon rains in July. However, this year the country has seen more intense rains. Official weather data this year showed that the country saw some of the heaviest rainfall per hour on record. Scientists say climate change is responsible for making such weather events both more frequent and more extreme. In 2022, heavy rains and flooding in South Korea left at least 11 people dead. -DW

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## Indian PM to visit UK and Maldives from July 23-26

**NEW DELHI:** Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the United Kingdom and the Maldives from July 23 to 26, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Sunday. The visit to the UK is at the invitation of Prime Minister Keir Starmer, while the state visit to the Maldives is at the invitation of President Mohamed Muizzu. According to the MEA, PM Modi’s visit to the UK will be his fourth visit. He will hold wide-ranging discussions with his UK counterpart on the entire gamut of India-UK bilateral relations. They will also



also review the progress of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) with a specific focus on trade and economy, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate, health, education and people-to-people ties. For the second leg of his visit, PM Modi will undertake a state visit to the Maldives from July 25 to 26, on the invitation of the President of the Republic of Maldives, Dr. Mohamed Muizzu. This will be Prime Minister’s third visit to Maldives, and the first visit by a Head of State or Government to Maldives during the Presidency of Dr. Mohamed Muizzu. - ANI

exchange views on issues of regional and global importance. The Prime Minister is also expected to call on King Charles III. During the visit, the two sides will

DEPORTATION DEAL

## Outrage in Eswatini as US sends convicts in secret deal

**MBABANE [ESWATINI]:** The arrival of five deportees from the United States to Eswatini has sparked public outrage and concern across Africa, with critics accusing the US of using the small southern African nation as a “dumping ground,” CNN reported. According to CNN, the Eswatini government confirmed that five foreign nationals deported from the US are being held in solitary confinement in undisclosed prisons. Acting government spokesperson Thabile Mdluli stated on Friday that the men pose “no threat to the country or its citizens” and that “critical engagements between stakeholders are still ongoing.” The deportation is the result of “months of robust high-level engagements” between Eswatini and the US, Mdluli said. However, she did not specify how long the individuals would remain in the country or when they would be repatriated, noting that “there are no timelines at present.” CNN reported that the five men are nationals of Jamaica, Laos, Cuba, Yemen, and Vietnam, and were convicted of serious crimes including child rape, murder, and robbery. Department of Homeland Security spokesperson Tricia McLaughlin described them as “depraved monsters” whose home countries refused to take them back. Human rights groups and opposition leaders in Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, have expressed alarm. PUDEMO, an opposition party, warned that accepting foreign deportees “poses a serious risk to our already vulnerable communities” that are bat-



tling high crime rates. The Swaziland Solidarity Network also criticised the move as an example of “clear racism” and said Swazi prisons are already overcrowded. CNN noted that Eswatini, a landlocked monarchy with a population of just over one million, is already struggling with poverty, unemployment, and deteriorating human rights. More than half its population lives on less than \$4 a day, according to the World Bank. Eswatini’s trade relations with the US have also been strained. **US tariffs** In April, the country was included in a list of US tariffs announced by President Donald Trump, with Eswatini exports facing a 10% rate starting August 1. CNN cited sources who believe the deportation deal could be politically motivated. Government spokesperson Mdluli told CNN that Eswatini is working with the US and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to facilitate the eventual transit of the deportees to their countries of origin,

though the terms of the agreement remain classified. According to CNN, neighbouring South Africa, which refused a US request to accept third-country deportees, fears the convicts may attempt to cross porous borders into its territory. Another South African government source told CNN that this seems to be an attempt “to destabilise South Africa,” given its porous borders and Eswatini’s struggling economy. One diplomatic source said the move by Washington “was a provocation” and a direct security threat to the region. Ken Opalo, a professor at Georgetown University, told CNN that African nations are under pressure from Washington to accept ambiguous deals, warning it is “foolhardy” to expect credible commitments from the Trump administration. The uproar over the deportations reflects broader concerns about sovereignty, security, and transparency in US-Africa relations, especially in smaller nations like Eswatini, already grappling with internal challenges. -ANI



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# SPORTS

EXPERIENCED INDIAN COACH

## Sulakshan Kulkarni named deputy head coach of Oman men’s cricket team

**MUSCAT:** In a move aimed at strengthening its technical bench ahead of key international assignments, Oman Cricket (OC) has appointed experienced Indian coach Sulakshan Kulkarni as the deputy head coach of the Oman men’s national team.

A respected figure in Indian domestic cricket, the 58-year-old Kulkarni brings with him more than two decades of elite coaching experience, alongside a rich playing career. A former Mumbai stalwart, Kulkarni featured in India’s first-class circuit from 1985 to 2002, sharing the dressing room with some of the sport’s greatest icons including Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar.

He was also among the probabilities for India’s 1987 World Cup squad and boasts an impressive tally of seven Ranji Trophy and Irani Cup titles, both as a player and a coach with Mumbai.

Kulkarni’s extensive coaching résumé includes successful stints with premier Indian domestic teams such as Mumbai, Tamil Nadu, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra.

Under his guidance, Mumbai clinched both the prestigious Ranji Trophy and Deodhar Trophy titles, while West Zone also flourished during his tenure.

A technically sound wicket-keeper-batter during his playing days, Kulkarni has played a sig-



nificant role in mentoring several Indian international stars, including Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara, Suryakumar Yadav, and Avishkar Salvi.

His international coaching credentials include a notable assignment with Nepal as batting consultant during the 2018 ICC World Cup Qualifier Division II, where Nepal achieved ODI status for the first time in its history.

With a career that spans national, international, and IPL-level coaching assignments, Kulkarni’s addition is seen as a strategic move by Oman Cricket as the national side prepares for a packed international calendar. This includes the ICC EAP Asia Qualifier Final

in Muscat in October and ongoing matches in the ICC Cricket World Cup League 2 – key events in the pathway to the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2026 and Cricket World Cup 2027.

“We are delighted to welcome Kulkarni to the Oman Cricket family,” said a statement from Oman Cricket. “His vast experience, both on the field and in the coaching arena, will be instrumental in nurturing talent and raising the performance standards of our national team.”

Kulkarni will work closely with head coach Duleep Mendis, bringing additional depth and insight to the team’s preparation and strategic planning.

T20I TRI-SERIES

## SA cruise into final, eliminate Zimbabwe

**HARARE:** Rubin Hermann’s maiden T20I half-century (63) and Rassie van der Dussen composed unbeaten 52 ensured South Africa cruised to a seven-wicket win over Zimbabwe in Harare on Sunday, booking their place in the Zimbabwe T20I tri-series final and eliminating the hosts in the process.

Chasing a modest 145, South Africa overcame a nervy start, slipping to 22 for 2 inside five overs with Tinotenda Maposa striking twice, before a dominant 106-run third-wicket stand between Hermann and van der Dussen shut the door on Zimbabwe.

Hermann was the aggressor, smashing 63 off 36 balls with three fours and four sixes. He brought up his fifty in just 29 balls. Van der Dussen, meanwhile, played the perfect anchor, pacing his knock with six boundaries and ensuring South Africa sealed win with 16 balls to spare.

Earlier, South Africa’s decision to bowl first paid off, with Zimbabwe restricted to 144 for 6. Corbin Bosch and Nandre Burger led a disciplined bowling effort, with Bosch finishing with 2 for 16 in four overs and not conceding a single boundary. His early breakthroughs – removing Wessly Madhevere and Clive Madande – left Zimbabwe reeling at 29 for 2 in the powerplay, which ended as the lowest-scoring six-over phase of the tri-series.



Brian Bennett was Zimbabwe’s lone bright spark, striking a counter-attacking 61 off 43 balls. After a slow start – facing only 10 balls in the powerplay – Bennett exploded in the middle overs, punishing Ngabayomzi Peter and George Linde with four- and six-laden aggression. He added 78 for the fourth wicket with Ryan Burl (36\*), guiding Zimbabwe to a more respectable total.

The result leaves Zimbabwe winless after three games and officially out of the final, with South Africa and New Zealand both locked in on four points. With two league matches still to play, the final line-up is confirmed, rendering the remaining fixtures academic.

**Brief scores:** Zimbabwe 144/6 (Bennett 61, Burl 36\*, Bosch 2-16) lost to South Africa 145/3 in 17.2 overs (Hermann 63, van der Dussen 52\*; Maposa 2-38). - Agencies

BRIEFS

**Akash Deep and Arshdeep likely out of fourth Test; Kamboj called up**

**MANCHESTER:** India’s preparations for the fourth Test in Manchester have taken a hit with two of their fast bowlers, Akash Deep and Arshdeep Singh, picking up injuries that are likely to rule them out of the match. The selectors have decided to add Haryana fast bowler Anshul Kamboj as cover for the final two Tests of the five-match series. While Arshdeep hurt his bowling hand in his follow-through during a training session on Thursday, Akash Deep is believed to have picked up a groin niggle. The fourth Test starts on July 23 at Old Trafford.

**England confirmed as host for next three WTC finals**

**SINGAPORE:** England has been confirmed as the host of the next three World Test Championship (WTC) finals – in 2027, 2029 and 2031 – following the country’s successful staging of the first three such events since 2021. The decision was ratified at the ICC’s annual conference held in Singapore recently.

## Bangladesh thump Pakistan in opener

The visitors were bowled out for 110 as Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman took five wickets between them



**MIRPUR:** Bangladesh handed Pakistan a harsh reality check in the opening T20I of the three-match series at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday, wrapping up a clinical seven-wicket victory with 27 balls to spare.

Pakistan, sent in to bat, crumbled to 110 all out in just 19.3 overs – their lowest total against Bangladesh in T20Is. Taskin Ahmed led the bowling effort with 3 for 22, while Mustafizur Rahman choked the scoring with a miserly spell of 4-0-6-2, the most economical four-over spell in Bangladesh’s T20I history. The hosts also capitalised on fielding opportunities, inflicting three run-outs.

Fakhar Zaman offered the only resistance with 44 off 34, includ-

ing six boundaries and a six, but received little support. Pakistan’s innings was riddled with poor shot selection and miscommunication, including two run-outs involving Fakhar. Mohammad Nawaz was left stranded after a mix-up, and Fakhar himself was dismissed in similar fashion.

The collapse began early. Saim Ayub fell in the second over to a short ball from Taskin, caught at long leg. Mohammad Haris followed in the next over, pulling a short delivery to deep midwicket. Salman Agha was undone by a sharp delivery from Tanzim Hasan Shakib, and the steady loss

of wickets left Pakistan reeling.

Chasing a modest target of 111, Bangladesh never looked in trouble. Parvez Hossain smashed five sixes and three fours in his unbeaten 56 off 39 balls. He was well supported by Towhid Hridoy (36 off 37) in a 73-run stand for the third wicket. Despite Hridoy’s wicket in the 13th over, Bangladesh cruised to win in 15.3 overs with Jaker Ali unbeaten on 15.

**Brief scores:** Pakistan 110 in 19.3 overs (Fakhar Zaman 44, Abbas Afridi 22; Taskin Ahmed 3-22) lost to Bangladesh 112/3 in 15.3 overs (Parvez Hossain 56\*, Towhid Hridoy 36; Salman Mirza 2-23). - Agencies



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## Oman Flour Mills adopts smart energy management system

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This strategic initiative aligns with Oman Vision 2040, which promotes the adoption of smart technologies, resource optimisation, and institutional efficiency, contributing to a more sustainable and innovative economy.

Adil Al Sabqi, Innovation Manager at Oman Flour Mills, stated that the selection of Eniscope followed a comprehensive evaluation of various options, including solar energy and the ISO 50001 global energy management standard. The chosen system stood out for its real-time analysis capabilities and precise operational data.

He added that a pilot implementation of the system at one of the company's mills resulted in an immediate electricity consumption reduction of up to 12%.

It also boosted employee awareness on energy conservation, reinforcing a corporate culture centred on efficiency and environmental consciousness.

Al Sabqi explained that the system provides comprehensive, real-time energy consumption analysis, helping identify areas for improvement such as unnecessary equipment use or low-performing systems. It supports informed operational decisions without major infrastructure changes. Among its key features are additional protection against voltage fluctuations and instant reports that empower operations teams to respond quickly and effectively.

Oman Flour Mills plans to roll out the system across all its production facilities in the next phase, alongside launching specialised training programmes for operational staff to ensure optimal data utilisation. The company also aims to integrate the smart system with future solar energy initiatives and ISO 50001 standards as part of a comprehensive strategy to achieve the highest levels of efficiency and operational sustainability.

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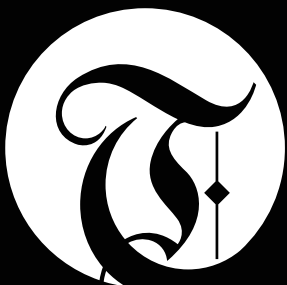
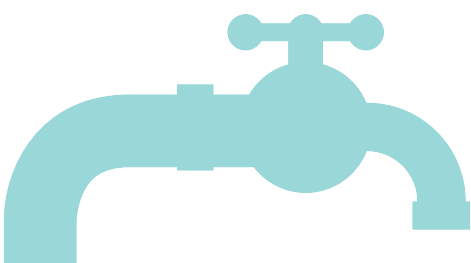
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# RESEARCHERS DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO EXTRACT WATER FROM MOON SOIL



LIFESTYLE

The technology works on extracting water from lunar soil and using it to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and chemical fuel. The technology does this by converting light from the Sun into heat

A study conducted by researchers from the Chinese University of Hong Kong resulted in the development of a technology that can extract water from the soil on the Moon and convert it into oxygen and chemical fuel.

The technology works on extracting water from lunar soil and using it to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and chemical fuel. The technology does this by converting light from the Sun into heat.

According to the study, published in the Cell Press journal Joule, the research could “potentially open new doors for future deep space exploration” because it could mitigate the expensive costs needed to bring essential resources such as water to the Moon.

A single gallon (3.78 litres) of water costs \$83,000 to ship up by rocket, the study continued. “We never fully imagined the ‘magic’ that the lunar soil possessed,” said lead researcher Lu Wang.

However, the study notes that any strategies that are already in place to extract water from the surface of the Moon involve multiple “energy-intensive” steps and do not break down how much CO2 is used by fuel.

The Moon’s extreme lunar environment will still make it challenging to harvest more oxygen and water from the land, the study continued, because there are “drastic temperature fluctuations,” radiation and low gravity to deal with. - ONA

SPORTS

Scheffler seizes control at the Open

World No.1 extended advantage to 4 shots at Royal Portrush

LONDON: Saturday may have been Moving Day at The 153rd Open but Scottie Scheffler was going nowhere.

The world No.1 tightened his grip on an all-star leaderboard to move to within 18 holes of securing the Claret Jug for the first time, following a round of 67 which left him four shots clear at Royal Portrush in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Victory on Sunday at Royal Portrush would complete the third leg of the career Grand Slam, having won May's US PGA Championship, to add to two Masters titles.

A picture of consistency, Scheffler did not drop a shot in the evening sunshine and carded an eagle and two birdies to build an ominous advantage from those in the chasing pack.

Hao tong Li heads that group and will play in Sunday's final pairing after carding a 69, while Matt



Fitzpatrick could not match his Friday heroics and went round in level par to trail Scheffler by five.

Rory McIlroy gave his adoring public plenty to cheer in an exhilarating round of 66 and sits alongside Chris Gotterup and Tyrrell Hatton on eight-under-par, with reigning Champion Xander Schauffele a shot further back.

But with one round remaining, The 153rd Open appears to be Scheffler's to lose. And losing

when leading is not in the world No.1's make-up.

Scheffler was sitting pretty overnight but saw his lead eaten into by those playing before him, as scores of players cashed in on the warmer, more benign weekend conditions.

Many of those had done so in the first five holes but Scheffler took slightly longer to warm up.

When he did, he soon began to motor. An eagle at 7 was followed

by a birdie at 8 while the par-save at 11 – chipping down from thick rough at the top of a greenside bank and rolling in the 10-footer – was one to cherish.

He navigated the final two holes with his customary metronomic accuracy and if his record when leading majors after 54 holes is anything to go by, Scheffler has one hand on the Claret Jug.

His three major wins so far have all seen him ahead at this stage and

he has won by a combined 12 shots. Tiger Woods' status as the only world No.1 to hoist the Claret Jug is hanging by a thread.

"Winning major championships is not an easy task, and I've put myself in a good position," he said.

"This is why we work so hard is to have opportunities like this, and I'm excited for the challenge of tomorrow."

Li will head out alongside Scheffler on Sunday after doggedly staying in the hunt. The 29-year-old is looking to become the first Asian player to win The Open and moved to within a shot of the lead when he rolled in a birdie putt at the 3rd.

A 20-footer found the cup at 11 to take him to 11-under-par and he showed his character by bouncing back from a bogey at 13 by canceling it out at the very next hole.

Li bounced back from dropping a shot on 13 with another birdie on the 14th hole.

But a bogey down the last, when his putt crept a couple of feet past, saw him lose vital ground in his bid to reel Scheffler in.

McIlroy magic has locals swooning

Scheffler might have a commanding advantage but he will be well aware that an inspired Rory McIlroy is lurking over his shoulder.

McIlroy produced his best round of the week, a 66 moving him to T4 and eight-under-par, in a round that will go down in Royal Portrush folklore.

McIlroy made birdie on 1 and 2 to get the party started and when he rolled in another from eight feet on 4, the noise reverberated around this famous old course.

Six successive pars followed, as well as a bogey on 11, but McIlroy produced the moment of the day on 12 with a delicate eagle putt that trickled into the hole. The spectators – and there were 46,000 in – reacted like their favourite team had just scored a winner in the cup final. Everyone on course stopped. And everyone knew why.

An eagle from Rory McIlroy was met by huge celebrations from fans on the 12th hole.

"It was incredible. It was so much fun," he said.

"I got off to the perfect start 3-under through 4. I felt like at the end of the front nine there, at least through 11, the par on 7 felt like a bogey, and then the bogey on 11.

"Then to play those last seven holes at 3-under I thought was a good effort. Yeah, I played well. I rode my luck at times, but yeah, it was an incredible atmosphere out there. I feel like I've at least given myself half a chance tomorrow." - Agencies

LONDON DIAMOND LEAGUE

Seville stuns Lyles amid flood of records

LONDON: On an afternoon full of records, Jamaica's Oblique Seville stole the headlines with a surprise win over Olympic champion Noah Lyles in the men's 100m at the Wanda Diamond League meeting in London on Saturday.

Oblique Seville exploded into an early lead in the men's 100m and maintained it to the end, winning comfortably in 9.86. Olympic champion Noah Lyles, contesting his first 100m of the year, was second in 10.00 ahead of world bronze medallist Zharnel Hughes (10.02).

"I am proud of how I ran amongst a stacked field, and to win. I was the only one to run under 10 seconds today, it is something special and phenomenal heading into a major championship later this year," Seville told the Diamond League website, looking ahead to the World Championships.

"Everything I have been practising in training, I delivered out there today. Coming out here and performing against these athletes makes me want to push a little harder. London is the place I wanted to run, so to get the Diamond League



win here is very special to me."

The Jamaican's first ever Diamond League win was one of several standout performances amid a flood of meeting records and world leads at the London Stadium.

A Wanda Diamond League record from discus world record-holder Mykolas Alekna, an Ethiopian mile record from Gudaf Tsegay and a world-leading 200m run from Julien Alfred were

among the highlights.

Alekna took an early lead with 66.97m, but 2022 world champion Kristjan Ceh bettered it in round two with 68.37m. Alekna responded with one of the best throws of his life – and the best throw ever produced at a Wanda Diamond League meeting – and sent his discus out to 71.70m.

Ceh improved to 68.83m in the final round but had to settle

for second place. World 10,000m champion Gudaf Tsegay achieved her first Diamond League win of the season, producing a dominant run to win the women's mile with the second-fastest time in history.

After a swift opening lap of 59.93, Tsegay settled into a steadier pace and went through 800m in 2:03.45. At the bell, Australia's Jessica Hull had closed the gap on the Ethiopian, but Tsegay had saved something for the end and kicked to victory in a national record of 4:11.88. Hull was second in 4:13.68, an Oceanian record.

Olympic 100m champion Julien Alfred smashed her own national record and world lead to win the 200m in convincing fashion. The St Lucian was in the lead as she came off the bend, then continued to open up a significant leading margin, crossing the line in a meeting record of 21.71. Alfred's training partner, 2019 world champion Dina Asher-Smith, finished strongly to take second in a season's best of 22.25, just ahead of compatriot Amy Hunt, who set a PB of 22.31 in third. - Agencies

BOXING

Pacquiao, 46, draws with Barrios in comeback fight

LAS VEGAS: Manny Pacquiao says he wants a rematch against WBC welterweight champion Mario Barrios after missing out on the title on his return to boxing on Saturday.

The 46-year-old Filipino, making his return to the ring four years after retiring, was held to a majority draw by 30-year-old Barrios at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

One judge scored the fight 115-113 in Barrios' favour, while the other two scored it 114-114.

Pacquiao, who has won 12 world titles across eight weight divisions, was ahead on the judges' scorecards going into the 10th round but lost the last three.

"I thought I won the fight," Pac-



quiao said. "It was a close fight. My opponent was very tough. It was a wonderful fight."

Asked if he wants a rematch, he

said: "Yes, of course."

Pacquiao became the oldest fighter to win the welterweight title when he did so at the age of 40

in 2019. No fighter has won a major world title after being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame - Pacquiao was given the honour in June 2025.

That Pacquiao lasted the distance was a triumph in itself.

In the early rounds he displayed speed and agility that belied his years, putting together vintage combinations.

After a two-month training camp, Pacquiao appeared in better shape than in 2021, when he lost to Yordenis Ugas in his last fight.

"His stamina is crazy," Barrios said after the bout.

"He's still strong as hell and his timing is real. He's still a very awkward fighter to try to figure out." - Agencies

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

Usyk destroys Dubois to reclaim undisputed crown at Wembley

LONDON: Oleksandr Usyk further cemented his place as one of boxing's greats by stopping Daniel Dubois in round five to become a two-time undisputed heavyweight champion on Saturday.

The Ukrainian put on a masterclass in front of 90,000 fans at Wembley Stadium to dash Britain's Dubois' dreams of being the first Briton to unify the division in the four-belt era.

Usyk, 38, put Dubois down twice in the fifth and the Londoner was unable to return to beat the count the second time round.

He also stopped Dubois in 2023 and extended his perfect record as a professional to 24 victories.

"I'm sorry [Dubois], it's sport.

My people wanted this win," Usyk told DAZN.

"Nothing is next. It's enough. Next, I want to rest. My family, my wife, my children, I want to rest now. Two or three months, I want to just rest."

Dubois – who beat Anthony Joshua to defend his IBF title in September – tasted defeat for the third time in 25 contests as a professional, with each of those losses coming inside the distance.

Usyk reclaimed the IBF title, which was stripped from him just weeks after unifying the division in 2023, and added it to his WBA (Super), WBO and WBC belts.

"I have to commend him on the performance, I gave everything I



had. Take no credit away from that man, I'll be back," Dubois told Dazn.

"I was just fighting, trying to pick up round by round. It is what

it is."

The great and good of the boxing world turned out to watch the momentous occasion, with Roy Jones

Jr and Frank Bruno among those at ringside.

WBO interim heavyweight champion Joseph Parker was also keeping a close eye on proceedings as he seeks a date with the champion next.

Usyk, who has called the UK his second home, was welcomed warmly after Dubois had also been cheered to the ring.

It took no time for the fight to spark into life as the Briton doubled up on his jab but it was clear Usyk wasn't going to be a sitting target. The former undisputed cruiserweight champion was far too slick, ducking under the jab and punishing his rival regularly.

Southpaw Usyk punctuated

each of the opening two rounds with a counter left and had his younger opponent looking a little unsteady in the second.

Dubois looked out of the ring to his father Stan between rounds for some advice but he still found it difficult to pin down the 2012 Olympic gold medallist.

Usyk was in full flow by the fifth round and sent him tumbling to the canvas with a crisp right to the temple.

Dubois showed incredible spirit to beat the count but the writing was already on the wall.

A trusty left hook landed clean on his chin and his corner threw in the towel as the referee reached the count of nine. - Agencies



# Wadi Darbat emerges as a growing hub for youth projects during Khareef Dhofar

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**TAQA:** Wadi Darbat in Dhofar Governorate witnesses a surge in youth activity during Khareef (monsoon) season, marked by a series of Omani projects and initiatives that reflect the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among young people.

This takes place in an environment rich in natural beauty, attracting visitors from within and outside the Sultanate of Oman.

These projects span a variety of sectors, including recreational activities, water boats, restaurants, mobile kiosks, handicrafts, and handmade products, alongside environmental and awareness initiatives aimed at preserving the wadi's cleanliness and aesthetic appeal. Their success lies in meeting local market demands and enhancing the tourism experience.

These initiatives receive direct support from relevant government entities as part of efforts to empower Omani youth to invest in the tourism potential of the Khareef season—particularly in high-traffic areas like Wadi Darbat, which has become a prime destination for pioneering projects that bolster sustainable local development.

The natural features of Wadi Darbat during Khareef have also enhanced entrepreneurial opportunities by providing an enabling environment to showcase products, develop business skills, attract tourists, and expand local economic activity.

In this context, several young entrepreneurs spoke to Oman News Agency (ONA) about their experiences in Wadi Darbat and the ideas and initiatives they have introduced to boost tourism and economic activity during the Khareef Dhofar 2025 season.

Mohammed Mohsen Al-Maamari, owner of Darbat Park Boats, stated that the project officially launched in 2008 after a modest start the previous year, when the wadi suffered from low visitor numbers and inadequate services.

He explained that the project began with just three boats and a team of four employees but has since expanded to include over 85

boats, with a workforce of 33 Omani employees and 15 expatriates.

Al Maamari noted that improvements included upgrading infrastructure and hospitality facilities, such as establishing a modern-style café. He emphasised that high demand prompted expansion efforts to reduce wait times, contributing to the revitalization of tourism in the wadi.

On his turn, Salim Mohammed Al Maashani, owner of Darbat Rural Retreat, explained that his project embodies Omani rural identity in a prime location at the wadi's entrance. The project offers an authentic rural lodging experience using natural materials like wood and clay, alongside local products such as ghee, honey, and pottery.

He pointed out that increasing demand has prompted plans for future expansion, stressing that such heritage projects help promote community-based tourism and support the income of local producers and artisans.

Meanwhile, Said Mahad Al Maashani, owner of Darbat Huts, shared that his project started four years ago with three huts and has since expanded to nine huts in two different designs. The project provides hospitality services in a breathtaking natural setting, with



options for advance bookings and hosting visitors from Oman and GCC countries.

Al Maashani added that the project employs several Omani youth but faces challenges such as the limited tourism season, overcrowding, and insufficient parking. He expressed hope for permanent solutions to ensure the sustainability of such projects year-round.

In the adventure tourism sector, Eng. Abdulhakim Amer Al Maashani, co-founder of Dhofar Tourism and Investment Company, discussed the Zipline project, launched in Wadi Darbat in 2022 with a 120-meter line. He noted rapid development, including dual lines for round trips and two experience sites, creating around 60 temporary job opportunities for Omani youth.

This year's plan includes constructing a main zipline with four outgoing and four return lines, which could employ approximately 140 job seekers. He emphasised the project's goal to develop adventure tourism and train Omani personnel to take on operational and

managerial roles.

In the food and beverage sector, Mohammed Khalid Jaoub, owner of Café Fog London, explained that his project was inspired by a love for nature and a desire to blend modern taste with scenic beauty. Located overlooking Wadi Darbat, the café offers a menu of beverages, desserts, and light meals in an elegant setting with indoor and outdoor seating.

Jaoub affirmed the project's popularity among visitors seeking tranquility amid fog and greenery, reflecting Wadi Darbat's readiness to host high-quality projects that enrich the tourist experience.

It is worth noting that the flourishing Omani youth projects in Wadi Darbat during Khareef Dhofar season reflect growing awareness of the importance of local investment in environmental and community-based tourism. They also highlight the vital role Omani youth play in revitalising the tourism economy through innovative ideas and developmental initiatives that strengthen local identity and culture. — ONA

# ROUND-UP

## New World Autos introduces world-renowned heavy-duty SINOTRUK brand in Oman

Recognised as one of the world's largest and most respected manufacturers of heavy-duty trucks, SINOTRUK has a long-standing reputation for its cutting-edge technology, robust engineering and reliable performance

**MUSCAT:** In a landmark event that combined strength, innovation and promise, New World Autos, the exclusive distributor of SINOTRUK in Oman, officially unveiled the globally renowned heavy-duty truck brand at a grand event held at Hotel InterContinental, Muscat. Present at the event were distinguished guests from both the public and private sectors.

The chief guest at the event was Wang Yunan, General Manager, SINOTRUK International Middle East & Asia Sales Region. He was accompanied by Liu Yehui, Chief Representative, SINOTRUK International Middle East & Asia Sales Region.

The evening marked more than the introduction of a brand. It marked the beginning of a shared journey built on engineering excellence, long-term partnerships and a vision for contributing meaningfully to Oman's growing oil and gas, mining, construction, roads infrastructure and logistics landscape.

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With more than 700,000 trucks exported to over 150 countries and being No. 1 in China's heavy-duty truck exports for 20 consecutive years, SINOTRUK is a global force now geared to empower Oman's Oil and gas, logistics and industrial sectors.

At the event, Abdullah bin Mohammed Saud Bahwan, CEO, Saud Bahwan Group, stated that SINOTRUK has arrived in Oman not just as a renowned brand, but as a dependable partner for progress. He emphasised the Group's commitment to delivering outstanding after-sales support, driver training and an inspiring range of vehicles featuring advanced engineering, all aimed at setting new standards in customer satisfaction and business productivity.

The product line-up introduced at the event included the SINOTRUK MAX and the HOWO TX, both engineered to meet the evolving needs of oil and gas, min-



ing, construction, logistics providers and industrial operators across Oman.

The SINOTRUK MAX, with its commanding presence, next-generation cab, high design electrical architecture and advanced safety and comfort features, offers a premium driving experience for oil and gas, mining and long-haul journeys. The HOWO TX, designed with durability and versatility in mind, is a powerhouse of efficiency and reliability, ideal for both oil and gas, construction and cargo operations. The models are backed by powerful engines, high load-bearing capabilities and superior fuel efficiency, offering operators an exceptional combination of performance and value.

To support the brand's entry into the market, New World Autos LLC has invested in a dedicated showroom in Wattayah, a fully equipped service and parts facility in Al Mawaleh and a strategic



after-sales network across Sohar, Nizwa, Salalah and Marmul. Comprehensive training programs for drivers, technicians and service personnel have also been rolled out to ensure every SINOTRUK customer receives exceptional

support at every step.

In a symbolic and inspiring moment during the event, the first few SINOTRUK customers in Oman were handed the keys to their new vehicles. Their enthusiasm and confidence in the brand reflected the strong foundation being laid for SINOTRUK's journey in the Sultanate.

Speaking after receiving his vehicle, one of the proud owners said, "For us, investing in SINOTRUK was a decision backed by facts. Proven global performance, robust engineering and features designed for real-world challenges. We believe the models we have chosen will not only meet but exceed our operational expectations, giving us the edge we need in a competitive market."

He further emphasised the critical role of after-sales support, adding, "What truly sets SINOTRUK apart, especially for fleet operators like us, is the

unmatched commitment shown by New World Autos. Their service and genuine spare parts infrastructure isn't just an afterthought; it is a strategic advantage. The state-of-the-art service facilities, skilled technical team and real-time parts availability ensure SINOTRUK's performance in the best way possible. Downtime is a fleet's greatest problem and with New World Autos, we have found a reliable partner who understands that."

Another customer added, "What stood out for us is SINOTRUK's focus on innovation without compromising on durability. Whether it is long-distance haulage or heavy construction work, we are confident that these trucks will perform exceptionally well under Oman's varied terrain and demanding conditions." Sharing his thoughts about New World Autos' after-sales support advantage, he said, "In an industry where every

hour counts, New World Autos' proactive support model, predictive maintenance approach and genuine parts availability are not just promises; they are operational lifelines. It is reassuring to know we are not just buying trucks but entering into a relationship built on dependability, efficiency and long-term value."

The launch event concluded with meaningful networking and a shared optimism about the future. With SINOTRUK's arrival, Oman's commercial vehicle sector gains a powerful new player. One that is set to drive progress, elevate operational standards and support the nation's growth journey with confidence and reliability.

For customers eager to explore the SINOTRUK range, test drives and consultations are now available at the Wattayah showroom, supported by a robust service and parts infrastructure designed to ensure complete peace of mind.

### RECOGNITION

## Bank Muscat wins prestigious Most Innovative Retail award



**MUSCAT:** Bank Muscat, the financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, has won the Most Innovative Retail Award at the esteemed Global Brands Awards held recently in Dubai. Salim Said Al Shanfari, Bank Muscat's Representative in Dubai received the award on behalf of the Bank. The event celebrated outstanding brands from various industries, bringing together business leaders for a memorable evening.

This recognition underscores the Bank's relentless pursuit of excellence in providing cutting-edge financial solutions and services tailored to meet the evolving needs of its retail customers. It also reflects the Bank's commitment to innovation and customer-centricity in the competitive

banking landscape.

To enhance service delivery, Bank Muscat is actively improving its electronic channels and banking devices, ensuring that customers receive the best possible services at all times. In response to valuable customer feedback, the Bank has recently launched a new version of its Mobile App and revamped over 200 e-services, further demonstrating its dedication to innovation and creativity.

The Bank Muscat portfolio features a comprehensive array of retail banking services and products designed to meet the diverse needs of its customers. Offerings include personal finance, auto financing "Sayyarati," housing finance "Baituna," as well as travel and study financing options. Customers can also open children's accounts,

apply for credit or prepaid cards electronically, and access services for car insurance, checkbooks, and utility bill payments.

In addition to these services, customers benefit from seamless fund transfers within Bank Muscat accounts and to other local banks, as well as international transfer services. They can make speed transfers to countries including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Egypt, along with multiple other countries via the SWIFT network. The Bank also offers a Zakat calculator and donation services, allows customers to update their "KYC" data, apply for the Themaar savings plan, and explore investment opportunities through the Bank Money Market Fund, the Oryx Fund, and the Al Tharwa Fund.

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