



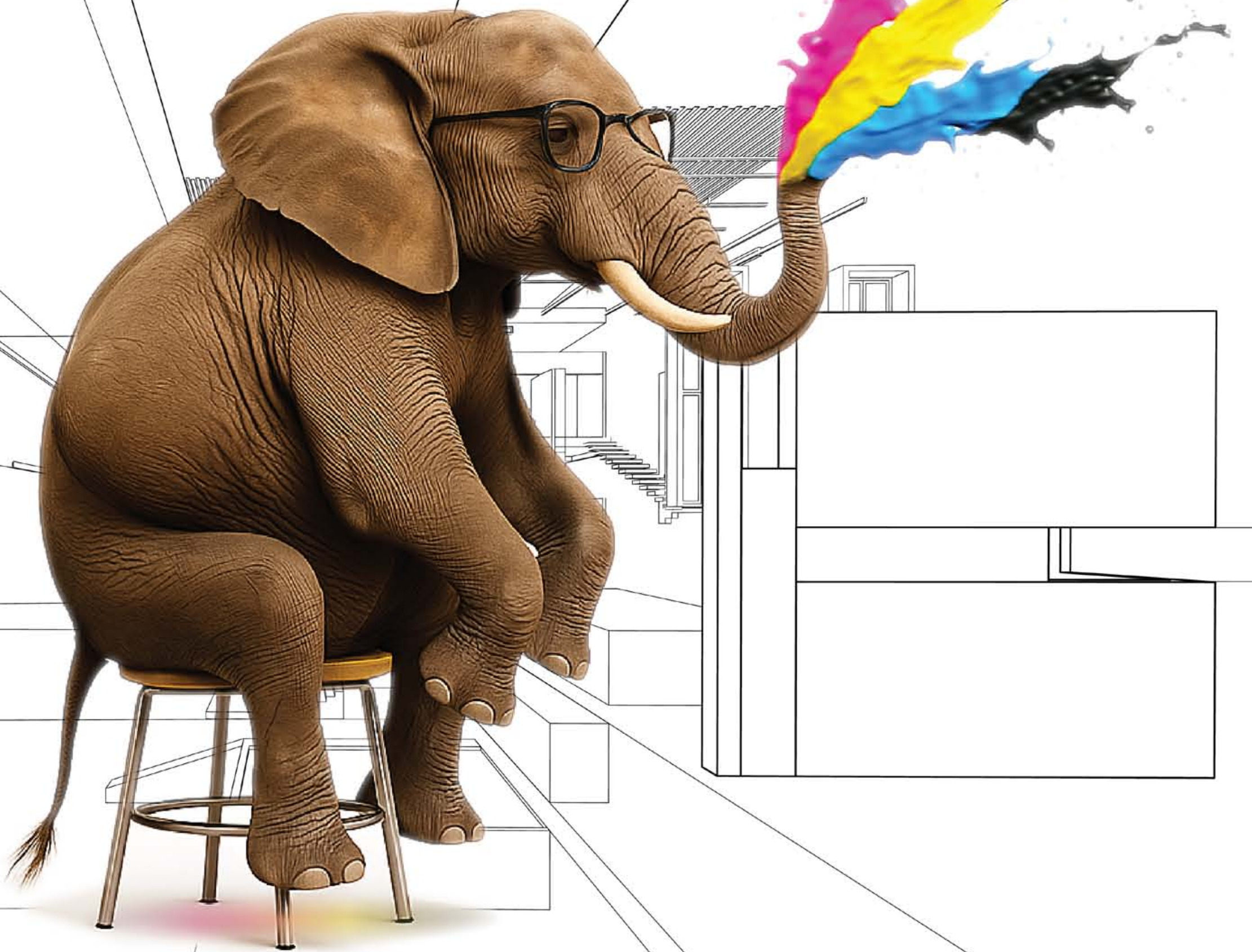
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Moments of an Arabian leopard killing a prey captured



SALALAH: The Arabian Leopard Project team at the General Directorate of Environment in Dhofar Governorate documented exclusive and rare scenes of the Arabian leopard preying on rock hyraxes in the governorate’s wilderness using high-resolution camera traps.

This is the first documentation of predation on this rare species, listed on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, demonstrating the success of the conservation approach adopted by the Sultanate of Oman to protect the species in its natural environment through several methods, such as declaring protected areas, environmental awareness, and predation compensation.

The emergence of the Arabian leopard has become an icon of the success of long-term conservation policies, instilling the concept of protection across successive generations, and transforming the perception of the Arabian leopard from an enemy to a source of pride and a deeply rooted national heritage in Oman. This monitoring is part of decades of painstaking efforts to conserve the Arabian leopard, its natural habitat, and its prey in the Dhofar Mountains.

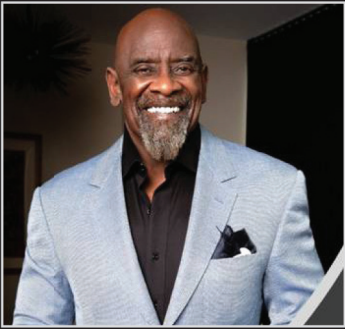
Dr. Mohammed bin Muhad Al-Maashani, Project Director, said in a statement: “These images are living proof of the integrity of the food chain and the balance of the ecosystem in the mountains of Dhofar Governorate. This is an achievement that contributes to achieving the objectives of the Sultanate of Oman’s environmental strategy and the national plan to protect threatened species at the national, regional, and international levels.”

Al-Maashani added that the Environment Authority is working with partners to enhance protection and monitoring, and to collect and analyze data, in close cooperation with local communities, to reduce human interference and poaching in areas that constitute the natural habitat of the Arabian leopard. This rare documentation demonstrates the importance of preserving the Arabian leopard’s natural prey, including rock hyrax, Arabian gazelle, Nubian ibex, Arabian partridge, and other herbivores, which are vital to the leopard’s survival in the Sultanate of Oman, which is now considered the last safe haven for the leopard in the world.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classifies the Arabian leopard on the global Red List as a critically endangered species. -ONA



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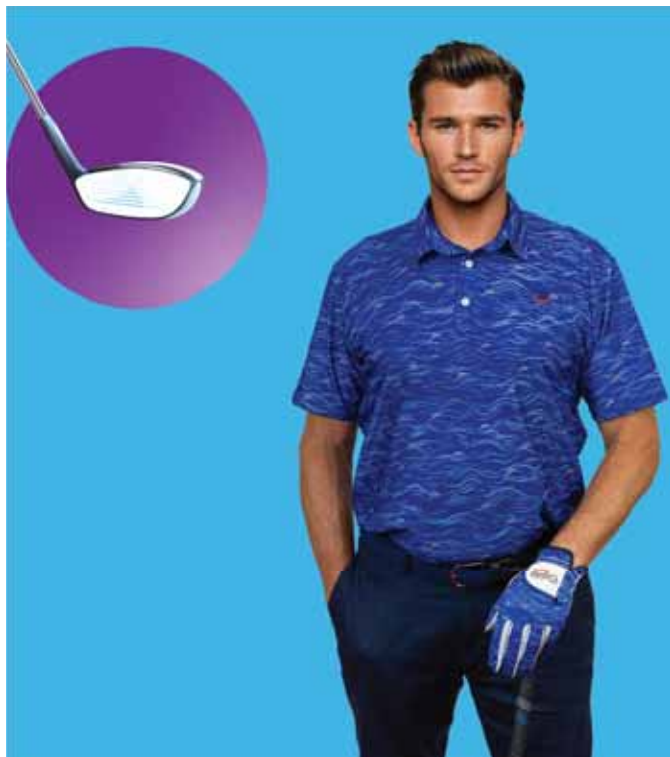


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Oman hails recognition of Palestine by France

Oman hopes that all countries of the world would follow the lead of the vast majority of the international community in upholding the two-state solution

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman has welcomed the announcement by the President of the French Republic regarding his country's recognition of the Palestinian State, made during the the High-level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Imple-

mentation of the Two-State Solution, held in New York. In a statement issued on Tuesday by the Foreign Ministry, the Sultanate of Oman emphasised that this development represents an additional and encouraging step on the path to realizing right and justice for the Palestinian people.



It expressed its hope that all countries of the world would follow the lead of the vast majority of the international community in

upholding the two-state solution in accordance with international law and United Nations resolutions. -ONA

Al Nu'amani meets Netherlands envoy



MUSCAT: General Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, received in his office on Tuesday Maartje Peters, Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Sultanate of Oman. During the meeting, Al Nu'amani wishing the ambassa-

dor success in carrying her duties and a pleasant stay in Oman. The two sides discussed ways to enhance existing bilateral relations and joint cooperation between the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to fulfill the aspirations of the leaderships of both countries. -ONA

Oman inks three air services agreements and MoU

MONTREAL: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), signed three bilateral air transport agreements on Tuesday, with the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. The agreements were signed on the sidelines of the 42nd session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly, held in Montreal, Canada. A memorandum of understanding was also signed with the

Arab Republic of Egypt, aimed at enhancing cooperation in civil aviation and expanding operating rights for national airlines. The agreements and MoU were signed on behalf of Oman by Eng. Naif bin Ali Al Abri, President of the Civil Aviation Authority, who emphasised that these initiatives reflect Oman's ongoing efforts to reinforce its position as a regional logistics hub, in support of national objectives and in furtherance of economic and trade ties with partner states.

He clarified that the bilateral pacts will enhance the framework governing air transport relations between Oman and the respective countries, incorporating technical and regulatory provisions as well as detailed schedules of air routes available to carriers operating flights between the parties. The MoU specifically provide for expanded operating rights for the Omani national carriers and increased frequencies on routes between Oman and Egypt. This is expected to boost air traffic flows,

enhance connectivity, and create greater opportunities for passenger and cargo transport, alongside associated aviation services. It is noteworthy that Oman is currently party to air services agreements with 130 countries worldwide, underscoring its continued commitment to opening new horizons for partnership and economic integration, supporting the growth of its national airlines, and promoting tourism and investment exchanges with global partners. -ONA



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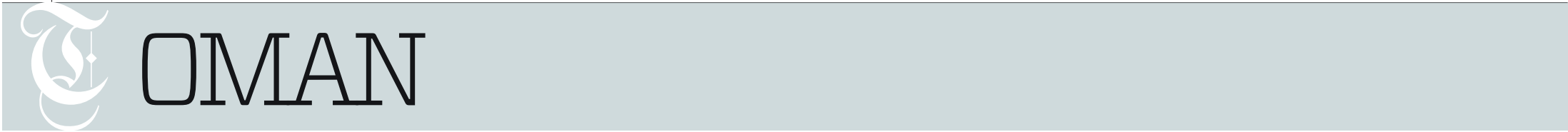
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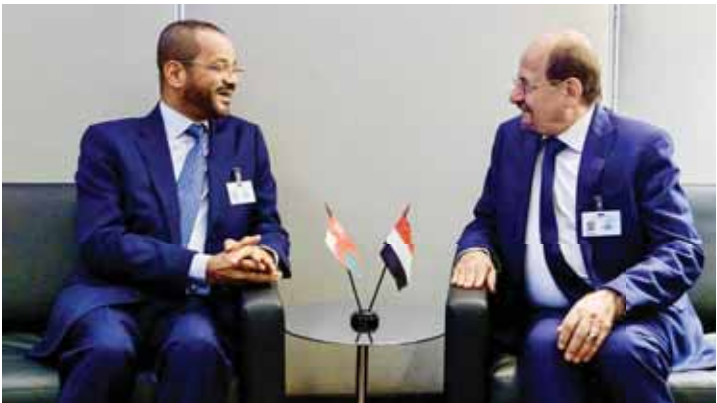
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UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Foreign Minister holds meetings with counterparts in New York



NEW YORK: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, held a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Arab and friendly countries on the sidelines of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

Sayyid Badr met with Andrii Sybiha, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. In the meeting they discussed opportunities for bilateral cooperation, particularly in the economic and cultural fields.

The two ministers exchanged views on regional and international developments, emphasizing that international dialogue and cooperation are essential for addressing common challenges and achieving regional and global security and peace.

The Foreign Minister also met with Dr. Shaya Mohsin Zindani.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Republic of Yemen.

During this meeting, the two minister affirmed the deep fraternal relations and historical ties between the two countries, expressing support for bilateral cooperation, including the resumption of the work of their joint committee.

They stressed the importance of supporting dialogue and diplomacy to achieve a lasting peace in Yemen.

Moreover, the Foreign Minister met with Dr. Badr Abdelatty, Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Expatriates of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The two ministers reaffirmed the strong fraternal relations between the two countries and the continuous cooperation and coordination in all fields.

They stressed the need for Arab and international solidarity to take a firm stance against the ongoing Israeli escalation that threatens the region's security and stability, calling for the activation of international mechanisms to enforce international law and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

Sayyid Badr also met with Hadja Lahbib, European Union Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management.

The two highlighted the importance of upholding international law, justice, and equality on all issues, especially the Palestinian cause. They also emphasised ensuring unimpeded humanitarian aid access to the Gaza Strip.

Both sides affirmed their shared desire to enhance cooperation and coordination between Oman and the EU, exchange expertise in humanitarian and other fields, and continue supporting international efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region.

Furthermore, the Foreign Minister met with Yván Eduardo Gil Pinto, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. They highlighted the importance of exploring new partnership opportunities in the energy, agriculture, mining, and investment sectors.

The two ministers exchanged views on regional and international issues of common interest, underscoring the need for coordination in multilateral forums and fostering dialogue to support international peace and security and address challenges related to food security, climate change, and sustainable development.

Both sides confirmed their shared position on respecting state sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs, considering this a fundamental pillar for promoting stability and mutual respect-based international cooperation.

Moreover, the Foreign Minister met with Touhid Hossain, Advisor for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The two ministers signed a Memorandum of Understanding in diplomatic training during their meeting.

They affirmed the importance of enhancing diplomatic cooperation through the exchange of expertise, visits, and joint training programs. They also reviewed bilateral relations and promising partnership areas, confirming the mutual desire to develop them to serve common interests.

Further, the Foreign Minister

met with Dr. Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

This meeting focused on the existing relations and their shared commitment to developing cooperation and partnerships to serve the mutual interests of their friendly peoples.

The meeting also addressed the latest developments in the regional arena.

Both sides stressed the importance of continued coordination and consultation on various current issues and supporting all efforts aimed at resolving conflicts through dialogue and peaceful means, thereby contributing to establishing security, stability, and a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

The meetings were attended by officials from both sides. -ONA

Oman joins Saudi Arabia in National Day celebrations



A ceremony organised by the General Secretariat for National Celebrations in cooperation with the Royal Oman Police at the Empty Quarter border crossing in Al Dhahirah Governorate



Al Dhahirah Governorate, which connects Oman with the land borders of Saudi Arabia.

The event programme featured a number of artistic performances reflecting the deep, distinguished relations between the two countries.

The ceremony began with musical pieces performed by the Royal Oman Police Band, alongside a visual presentation showcasing the historical ties, followed by a patriotic song accompanied by a traditional 'Ayyala' folk art performance.



The celebration also included participation from a Saudi folk arts troupe, a paragliding display, and a series of traditional performances

such as the enthusiastic 'Al Razfa' and 'Al Aazi' arts.

Ibrahim bin Saad bin Bishan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Sultanate of Oman, emphasised the importance of the land border crossing that links the two nations, enhancing cooperation, trade, investment exchange, and social ties.

He noted the upcoming preparations for import and export operations between the two countries in the Economic Zone of Al Dhahirah Governorate, which is currently under development near the Empty Quarter border crossing.

He explained that the visions of both countries are aligned toward integration, building on their historical and fraternal relations, for a promising future under both nations' wise leadership.

The celebration of the Saudi National Day reflects the deep fraternal bonds and ties of affection connecting the two countries and their peoples, embodying their cooperative relations across various fields.

The event was attended by a number of officials from both the Omani and Saudi sides. -ONA

SAFE CARE FOR NEWBORN

World Patient Safety Day held



MUSCAT: The Medical City for Military and Security Services held an event on the occasion of the World Patient Safety Day under the theme "Safe care for every newborn and every child".

The event, held at the premises of the Military and Security Services Pension Fund, included a briefing about the Medical City's commitment to the healthcare of newborns and children.

The briefing outlined the City's operations keep pace with top safety standards and provide high-quality treatment services

to this segment of society.

Lectures delivered at the event focused on raising public awareness about safety risks posed to the newborn and children across healthcare sectors.

The event also highlighted the role of healthcare establishments and civil society institutions, notably their efforts in implementing sustainable strategies, undertaking initiatives to ensure patient safety and furnishing a safe and healthy environment for the newborn and children. -ONA

INAUGURAL EVENT

OQ invites institutional investors, analysts at Capital Markets Day

MUSCAT: OQ, Oman's global energy investment group, convened more than 200 institutional investors, analysts and market leaders at its inaugural Capital Markets Day (CMD).

The event highlighted the contribution of OQ's listed subsidiaries, which now account for more than 30% of the Muscat Stock Exchange's (main and parallel markets) total capitalisation, with a combined market value exceeding OMR4 billion and dividends of OMR212 million distributed year-to-date.

This reinforced OQ's role as a trusted investment benchmark and a bellwether for market liquidity and investor confidence in Oman.

In this context, the vision of the Group's subsidiaries was reflected in their financial and operational performance as well as their



shared investment outlook.

OQ Exploration & Production (OQEP) emphasised its shareholder returns through dividends and share buy-back programmes, while pursuing strategic expansion.

OQ Gas Networks (OQGN) highlighted its regulated business model and long-term cash flow visibility. OQ Base Industries (OQBI)

showcased its scale and focus on financial discipline, governance and growth.

Abraj Energy Services demonstrated its operational strength and investment-ready profile, while Musandam Power Company (MPC) reaffirmed its consistent dividend record and reliability in Oman's power sector.

The forum embodies OQ's leadership, building on four IPOs that over the past two years reshaped the investment landscape; diversifying sectors, attracting sustained international capital inflows, and enhancing liquidity and transparency. Together, these offerings added more than 6 billion shares to trading volumes, supported by accredited market makers across all listed entities, strengthening investor trust and positioning OQ as the national engine of financial transformation and a strategic force in Oman's rise as a regional hub for global capital.

The programme also featured a high-level panel discussion, "Enhancing Oman's Stock Exchange: The Role of the Energy Sector in Attracting Investors to Oman", with participation from senior decision makers and regulators. Commenting on both events, Group Chief Executive

Officer of OQ, Ashraf Hamed Al Mamari said: "By convening OQ's Capital Markets Day in conjunction with MEIRA 2025, we are reinforcing our commitment to open, data driven dialogue with the investors community and helping to drive broader participation in Oman's capital market."

"These dialogue platforms are essential for entrenching transparency, deepening market liquidity and bolstering Oman's standing as a credible, long-term investment destination. For OQ, the objective is twofold: deliver sustainable returns today while charting the path to tomorrow's energy systems through expanding our investments in the energy sector," he added.

OQ's Chief Portfolio Officer, Azzan Al Abdullatif said: "OQ Capital Markets Day coincides with the MEIRA's annual confer-

ence, which Muscat is hosting for the first time under the patronage of the Muscat Stock Exchange. This event underscores our commitment to advancing investor relations and embedding the highest standards of transparency and disclosure. It also reaffirms the resilience of our Group's financial and operational performance, and the sustainable value we deliver to shareholders."

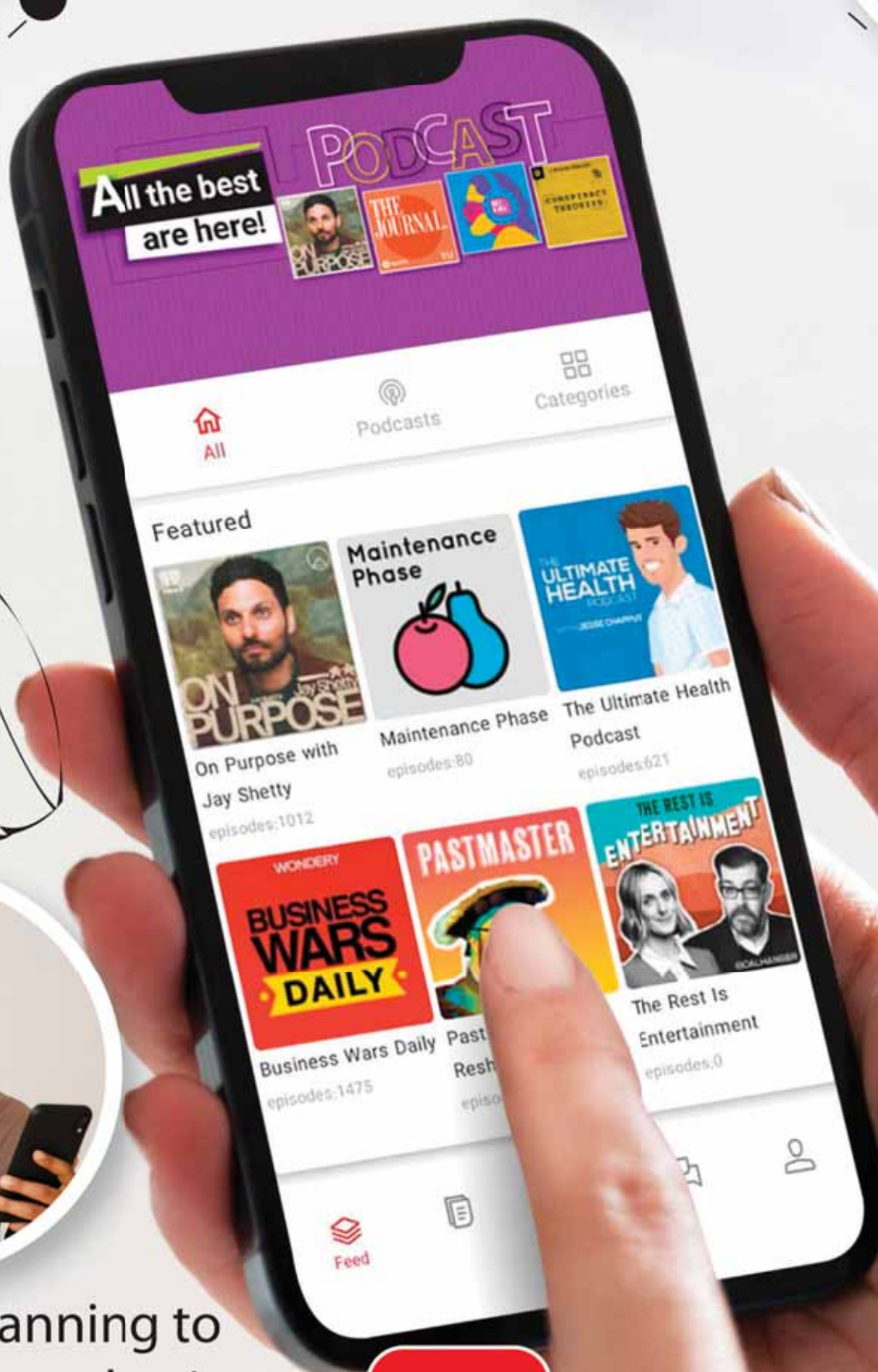
He added: "Building trust demands continuous dialogue with investors. Guided by OQ's Portfolio function, we have this year introduced a series of measures to strengthen engagement, including establishing dedicated investor relations units within our listed companies, convening interactive sessions on financial performance and key priorities, and ensuring rigorous reporting with consistent disclosures. -ONA

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Institutional awareness about quality concepts highlighted at forum

The forum also aimed to felicitate those who have made outstanding efforts to promote the concepts of quality and institutional excellence

MUSCAT: Acting in partnership with the Financial Services Authority (FSA), Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit on Tuesday organised a forum on

“National competencies in the field of quality management”. The forum was aimed to felicitate those who have made outstanding efforts to promote the concepts of quality and institutional excellence. The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Abdullah Salim Al Salmi, Chairman of the Financial Services Authority. The forum underlined the importance of partnerships between institutions in supporting ongoing development and improvement. Attended by specialists and experts from different government departments, the event outlined successful national experiences, as well as efforts and initiatives that contribute to promoting a culture of quality across all sectors. Through the forum, Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit highlighted the “Talent Acquisition Initiative” launched last year by the Directorate General of Quality and Gov-

ernment Excellence Management. The initiative saw the participation of more than 200 employees in its first stage and 140 employees in the second (final) phase. **Training programme** The Directorate developed a leading training programme for the Quality Management System. The programme seeks to raise institutional awareness about quality concepts (ISO 9001) for enabling employees to understand and implement the requirements of the international standard. It also seeks to encourage institutions to adopt a culture of ongoing improvement and monitoring performance outcomes. The forum included 10 workshops, run with assistance of 10 nationally qualified trainers. More than 110 government employees benefited from the workshops. Guidelines were in place to enable government units to implement top quality systems, global

excellence models and innovation-based programmes in accordance with standard practices. The forum included a review of the AI management system as against the “ISO 42001” standard, the world’s first integrated AI management system (AIMS). The “ISO 42001” guides organizations to develop clear-cut AI management policies, define the roles and responsibilities related to intelligent systems, conduct periodic risk management and achieve continuous improvement through performance reviews. The FSA presented a visual display on the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) system. It outlined the importance of the ERM, the stages of its implementation and its expected outcomes and achievements. The forum ended with a panel discussion that explored institutional practices in implementing quality systems, as well as solutions for common challenges. – **ONA**

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Oman celebrates International Day of Sign Languages

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman on Tuesday observed the International Day of Sign Languages, which falls on 23 September every year. The global event, which took the theme “No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights”, was aimed to raise awareness about the importance of sign language in enabling people with hearing disabilities to fully gain their human rights. Oman adheres to supporting people with hearing disabilities by implementing educational and awareness programmes aimed to integrate this segment into society through various initiatives that include education, training and empowerment of the deaf. The celebration of this occasion provides an opportunity for interested parties to focus on the linguistic and cultural identity of the deaf community, including scopes for promoting the use of sign language in government institutions and private sector establishments. – **ONA**

Symposium on AI held

MUSCAT: The Command of the Sultan’s Armed Forces (COSAF) on Tuesday organised a symposium on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) within the SAF. The event was held under the auspices of Maj. General Mohammed bin Rabia Al Shujaybi, Assistant Head of the Internal Security Service for Operations, with participation from several military and security units and government institutions. The symposium’s programme covered several key themes: AI for operational readiness; Governance of military use of AI; Security and ethical challenges in using AI and AI in military strategic planning and cyber defence. The symposium aimed to enhance the knowledge and technological expertise of the Sultan’s Armed Forces personnel in AI to align with sustainable development goals. – **ONA**

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‘Palestine statehood a right, not a reward’

NEW YORK: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, addressing member states at the UN Headquarters in New York, reaffirmed that “statehood for Palestinians is a right, not a reward,” as the international body reiterated its support for a two-state solution to resolve the protracted Israel-Gaza conflict.

“The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been unresolved for generations. Dialogue has faltered, resolutions have been flouted,” Antonio Guterres said.

Two-state solution

He underscored the UN’s longstanding position on the two-state framework, stating, “A two-state solution where two independent sovereign democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace and security within their secure and recognised borders based on the pre-1967 1967-lines, with Jerusalem as the capital of both states in line with international law, UN resolution and other relevant agreements.”

He further added, “Statehood for a Palestinian is a right, not a reward, and denying statehood would be a gift to extremists everywhere. Without two states, there will be no peace in the Middle East.”

Meanwhile, French President Emmanuel Macron formally announced



France’s recognition of the State of Palestine, becoming the latest Western nation to do so ahead of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The decision comes a day after Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia also announced their formal recognition of Palestine, a move widely seen as an effort to increase international pressure on Israel amid its continued military campaign in Gaza.

“The time has come. This is why, true to the historic, historic commitment of my country to the Middle East to peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. This is why I declare that today, France recognises the state of Palestine,” President Macron said during a summit on the two-state solution held in New York. — **ANI**

SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS

SPE highlights latest innovations at hydraulic fracturing conference

MUSCAT: SPE International Hydraulic Fracturing Technology Conference and Exhibition (IH-FTC 2025) kicked off on Tuesday at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC).

The event is organised by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) in cooperation with Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) and the Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

The opening session of the 3-day event was held under the auspices of Mohsin bin Hamad Al Hadhrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

IHFTC 2025 brings together leading experts, researchers, and executives from across the global energy sector, along with senior officials and industry leaders from Oman.

Held under the theme “Fracturing for a Resilient Energy Future – Innovation, Sustainability, and Global Collaboration”, the conference highlights the latest advances in hydraulic fracturing technologies and practices. Its sessions delve into how these innovations are driving greater efficiency, lowering costs and carbon emissions, and strengthening the security of affordable, sustainable energy supplies worldwide.

In its fourth edition in the Middle East, IHFTC underscores



Oman’s growing role as a hub for energy dialogue, knowledge exchange, and global collaboration.

An accompanying exhibition is held with over 20 international and regional organisations is also showcasing the latest innovations and equipment in hydraulic

fracturing. PDO is undertaking an active role in the technical programme, with its experts delivering specialised sessions that demonstrate the company’s leadership in deploying advanced hydraulic fracturing solutions, enhancing recovery efficiency, and

improving operational performance. These contributions also reflect PDO’s continued efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and promote sustainability, in line with Oman’s ambition to build a more resilient and low-carbon energy future. — **ONA**

New York conference urges concrete action to advance two-state solution

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ians, Israelis, and all peoples of the region.

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Ending the war in Gaza and securing the release of all hostages remains the immediate priority, the statement emphasised, calling for a permanent ceasefire, hostage-prisoner exchanges, guaranteed humanitarian access, and complete Israeli military withdrawal from the territory.

The declaration committed supporters to backing a temporary international stabilisation mis-

sion—requested by the Palestinian Authority and authorized by the UN Security Council—while enhancing training and equipment for Palestinian security forces. It endorsed unifying the West Bank and Gaza under the Palestinian Authority through the principle of “one state, one government, one law, one security authority.”

Conference participants urged support for an “Emergency Coalition for Palestine” to mobilise urgent budgetary support, demanding Israel transfer withheld Palestinian tax revenues and review the Paris Economic Protocol.

The statement demanded Israel explicitly commit to the two-state solution by halting settlement expansion, land confiscation, and annexation activities, warning that any annexation would cross an international “red line” with serious consequences.

A just and lasting peace ending Israeli occupation remains the only path to full regional integration, the statement concluded, consistent with UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative. It welcomed efforts toward regional security arrangements and reviving Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese peace tracks.

The conference called on all nations to join this diplomatic momentum to achieve mutual recognition, comprehensive regional integration, and sustainable peace for all Middle Eastern peoples.

World leaders gather in New York for 80th session of UNGA

The high-level debate of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) commenced on Tuesday in New York, with global leaders convening to address pressing challenges.

Discussions are expected to be dominated by the wars in Gaza and Ukraine, along with the growing Western recognition of Palestinian statehood.

This year’s theme is “Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights.”

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni arrived at the United Nations General Assembly to attend the 80th session.

The Presidents of Brazil and the United States, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Donald Trump, respectively, will be the first two nations laying out their priorities for the year ahead. Starting Tuesday, 23 September, more than 150 Heads of State and Government will take turns at the podium of the UN General Assembly to deliver an address during the general debate of the 80th session. The debate will continue on Saturday, 27 September, and conclude on Monday, 29 September.

US President Donald Trump is scheduled to deliver his address on Tuesday, returning to the world stage as a leader who has reshaped America’s role in multilateral institutions, drawing both criticism and praise for his approach to international diplomacy.

On the sidelines of the Assembly, several European nations announced their recognition of a Palestinian state. France, Belgium, Monaco, Luxembourg and Malta confirmed recognition on Monday, following similar moves by Britain, Canada, Australia and Portugal a day earlier.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reaffirmed her support for a two-state solution in her address to the UNGA. “We will set up a Palestine Donor Group. Because any future Palestinian State must be viable also from an economic point of view. And we Europeans will set up a dedicated instrument for Gaza’s reconstruction. Gaza must be rebuilt,” she said.

She added, “When the night is darkest, we must hold fast to our compass, and our compass is the two-state solution. Since the beginning of this war, Europe has been the lifeline of the Palestinian Authority. But we must all do more, and this is why we will set up a Palestine donor group.” Von der Leyen further stressed that the only viable peace plan must guarantee “a secure Israel, a viable Palestinian state, and the scourge of Hamas removed.”

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, addressing a special session via video link, echoed this call while urging Hamas and its factions to disarm. “The state of Palestine is the only entity eligible to assume full responsibility for governance and security in Gaza. This comes through an interim administrative committee affiliated with the Palestinian government in the West Bank and Arab and international support and participation,” he said.

Abbas underlined, “Hamas will have no role in governing,” adding, “Hamas and other factions must surrender their weapons to the Palestinian Authority. What we want is one unified state without weapons, a state with one law and one legitimate security force.” — **Agencies**

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In just 7 months, I have ended 7 unendable wars, says Trump at 80th session of UNGA

NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump, addressing the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, declared that within seven months of his presidency, he had achieved what many thought impossible.

He asserted that he had ended seven “unendable” wars and reiterated his claim of having helped broker a truce between India and Pakistan earlier this year.

“In just 7 months, I have ended 7 unendable wars,” Trump told world leaders. “They said they were unendable, some were going for 31 years, one was 36 years. I ended 7 wars, and in all cases they were raging with countless thousands of people being killed.”

The US President listed the



conflicts he said were brought to a close under his watch, citing Cambodia and Thailand, Serbia, the Congo and Rwanda, Pakistan and India, Israel and Iran, Egypt

and Ethiopia, and Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Trump has repeatedly linked his claims at the UNGA with remarks he made earlier this week in Washington. On September 21, while speaking at the American Cornerstone Institute Founder’s Dinner, he again asserted that he played a role in “stopping wars,” including between India and Pakistan, and even suggested he should be honoured with the Nobel Prize for “ending seven wars.”

“We are forging peace agreements, and we are stopping wars. So we stopped wars between India and Pakistan, Thailand and Cambodia,” Trump said at the event.

Expanding on his claim, he add-

ed, “Think of India and Pakistan. Think of that. And you know how I stopped that -- with trade. They want to trade. And I have great respect for both leaders. But when you take a look at all of these wars that we’ve stopped.”

At the same event, Trump listed conflicts he said were halted under his leadership, including “Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo and Serbia, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, Rwanda and the Congo.”

“Just look at that. India, Pakistan, Thailand, Cambodia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kosovo and Serbia, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, Rwanda and the Congo. We stopped all of them. And 60 per cent of them were stopped because of trade,” he stated. — **ANI**



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SPORTS

CEREMONY HELD ON TUESDAY

Oman secure 10 Olympic scholarships as athletes target LA 2028

MUSCAT: The Oman Olympic Committee (OOC) has signed support agreements with ten Omani athletes who will benefit from Olympic Scholarships in preparation for the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Games.

The ceremony, held on Tuesday under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Azzan bin Qais Al Said, OOC President, marks a significant boost to Oman's Olympic ambitions. The scholarships, awarded under the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Solidarity Programme, will fund training, coaching, and competition readiness for the selected athletes.

The list includes three taekwondo fighters – Fidaa bint Fouad Al Barwani, Dawood bin Fahd Al Yousofi, and Al Muhammad bin Tawfiq Al Balushi; three fencers – Ahmed



bin Anwar Kaskas, Israa bint Saif Al Siyabi, and Jana bint Mohammed Al Sharji; and four track and field athletes – Ali bin Anwar Al Balushi, Molhim bin Darwish Al Balushi, Fatek bin Abdulghafour Sanjour, and Alia bint Faiq Al Maghiri.

Although Oman was initially eligible for just six scholarships, the

OOC successfully negotiated for four more.

"Securing 10 scholarships reflects international confidence in our ability to manage Olympic Solidarity programs efficiently and transparently," said Sayyid Azzan. "This achievement would not have been possible without close cooperation with our sports federa-

tions and committees."

The programme is designed to help athletes in individual Olympic sports with strong performance potential but limited resources. It covers training expenses at home and abroad, access to qualified coaches, medical and technical support, and participation in regional and international camps.

OOC Secretary General Abdul-lah bin Mohammed Bamkhalif stressed the OOC's long-term commitment: "These scholarships ensure our athletes receive the best preparation possible to compete at the highest level. Our goal is to enable them to not just qualify, but to excel in Los Angeles."

The initiative is being hailed as

part of a broader national project to build future Olympic champions. Sayyid Azzan emphasised: "We consider the creation of champions a shared national responsibility and an open field for partnership with the private sector, which plays a fundamental role in supporting preparation programmes."

Inspired by the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and guided by the vision of His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, the OOC says it will continue strengthening pathways for young athletes.

"These scholarships are not just about LA 2028," Sayyid Azzan concluded. "They are about positioning Oman firmly on the global Olympic map for years to come."

FORMER INDIA SPINNER



Ashwin enters ILT20 draft and could play Big Bash

CHENNAI: Former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has signed up for the auction for this winter's ILT20 in the United Arab Emirates.

The 39-year-old, who retired from international duty last December and from the Indian Premier League in August, is understood to have entered at a base price of \$120,000 (£89,000) - the highest of any player.

Ashwin is set to become the highest profile Indian player travelling to play on the T20 franchise circuit.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) does not allow any player in Indian international or domestic cricket to feature in overseas leagues in an attempt to protect the IPL.

Reports in Australia suggest Ashwin will play in the Big Bash

after his participation in the ILT20.

The ILT20 runs from 2 December to 4 January this winter with England internationals Phil Salt, Sam Curran, Tom Banton, Liam Livingstone and Dan Lawrence among those already signed or retained by franchises.

The Big Bash runs from 15 December to 25 January, meaning Ashwin could be available at the back-end of the league phase and for the play-offs. The ILT20 auction takes place on 1 October.

England's leading wicket-taker James Anderson has also entered as he continues to look for franchise opportunities following his international retirement.

Anderson played three matches in The Hundred this summer but failed to pick up a deal in the Big Bash or SA20. - Agencies

Salman Agha & Co

came up with an all-round display to clinch a crucial victory for their first points in the Asia Cup Super Fours

ABU DHABI: Pakistan secured a vital five-wicket victory against Sri Lanka on Tuesday, chasing a target of 134 in their crucial Asia Cup Super Four clash at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium. It was the first points in Super Four for Salman Agha & Co after their defeat to India earlier on Sunday.

Opting to field first after winning the toss, Pakistan's bowlers delivered a disciplined performance to restrict Sri Lanka to a total of 133/8.

Chasing 134, Pakistan's openers, Sahibzada Farhan and Fakhar Zaman, started positively, but Sri



Lankan spinners Maheesh Theekshana and Wanindu Hasaranga made inroads. Theekshana dismissed Farhan (24), while Hasaranga picked up two key wickets, including Fakhar Zaman (17) with a stunning one-handed catch. At

50/3 after 7 overs and then 57/4 in the 9th, Pakistan found themselves under pressure.

However, an unbroken 58-run partnership between Mohammad Nawaz and Hussain Talat (32) proved decisive. Nawaz launched

a counter-attack, smashing three sixes, including two in a single over off Dushmantha Chameera, and scoring 38 runs off 24 balls. Talat remained unbeaten with 32 runs off 30 balls, as they built a crucial 50-run stand. Pakistan reached their target comfortably in the 18th over, ending on 138/5.

Earlier, Shaheen Shah Afridi led the attack with early breakthroughs, dismissing both openers within the powerplay. Hussain Talat also made a significant impact, claiming two wickets in consecutive deliveries, triggering a middle-order collapse for Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka struggled for momentum throughout their innings, with only Kamindu Mendis offering substantial resistance. Mendis battled hard to score a gritty half-century (50 off 43 balls), his third in T20I, providing some respectability to the scoreboard.

Abrar Ahmed further stifled Sri Lanka's scoring with an exceptionally economical spell, recording figures of 1/8 in his four overs. Brief scores: Sri Lanka 133/8 (Kamindu Mendis 50; Shaheen Shah Afridi 3/28, Hussain Talat 2/18) lost to Pakistan 138/5 in 18 overs (Hussain Talat 32*, Mohammad Nawaz 38*, Maheesh Theekshana 2/24). - Agencies

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by November 2025 reaching \$68.36, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 57 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$68.93. - **ONA**

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) 30 Index closed at 5090.08 points, marking a drop of 8.7 points 0.17% from the previous session's close of 5098.81 points. Trading value reached RO 27,073,245 reflecting a 13.7% decrease compared to the last session's RO 31,360,632.



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Oman, Russia discuss ways to boost economic relations

The Omani delegation took part in the BRICS Urban Future Forum in Moscow, presenting a number of working papers

MOSCOW: A delegation from Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) is currently visiting the Russian Federation to participate in Moscow-Oman Business Forum. It held meetings aimed at enhancing economic and investment cooperation between the two friendly countries. Led by Eng. Ibrahim bin Abdullah Al Hosni, Board Member and Chairman of the OCCI Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence Committee, the delegation visited Skolkovo Innovation Foundation (Russia's main innovation centre), where it was briefed about various technology projects and startups being developed at the



centre. The delegation also toured some Russian companies and factories operating in the fields of advanced technology, mining and logistics services. During the forum, the Omani delegation participated with a number of working papers about BRICS Urban Future Forum (Cloud Cities Forum) held in Moscow. Two of the papers were titled "The Power of Algorithms: Strategies Towards a World of Artificial Intelligence" and "The Conscience of Robots: Artificial Intelligence, Data and Ethics." The Omani delegation also participated in a working session

held on the sidelines of the forum titled "From Moscow to the Middle East: A Net Partnership". It later took part in meetings with Russian companies to discuss opportunities for cooperation and investment. The delegation later held a meeting with members of the Omani Embassy in Moscow, in the presence of Mohammed Al Habsi, Deputy Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Russian Federation, and a number of advisers at the embassy. The meeting reviewed outcomes of the delegation's visits to Russian companies, as well as op-

portunities for future cooperation with those companies in the sector of software and advanced digital technologies and other areas. Then, the delegation conferred with members of Moscow Chamber, headed by Vladimir Platonov, who lauded the Omani-Russian economic relations, whose 40th anniversary will be celebrated in November 2025. The two sides underscored the importance of organising regular meetings between the two countries' chambers to enhance cooperation among business owners. Russian companies gave presentations through which they outlined

their activities, businesses domains and scopes for cooperation with Omani companies. Eng. Ibrahim Al Hosni pointed out that the OCCI's participation in the recent events and meetings was a step forward towards developing economic and investment partnerships between the Sultanate of Oman and the Russian Federation. Al Hosni explained that the positive outcomes of the OCCI's visit which, he said, will boost trade relations between the two countries and help develop cooperation in the fields of advanced technology, the digital economy and different industrial sectors. - **ONA**

WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY



Pharmacy Forum begins in Musandam

KHASAB: The activities of a Pharmacy Forum began on Tuesday in the Wilayat of Khasab in Musandam Governorate, in celebration of the World Pharmacists Day, under the slogan "Think health, Think pharmacist." The forum is organised as part of the efforts of the Directorate of Pharmacy and Medical Warehouses in Musandam Governorate to highlight the vital role of pharmacists as a fundamental pillar of the healthcare system. The forum serves as a platform for communication between pharmacists and the community, an opportunity to enhance professional empowerment, and to showcase pharmacists' contributions to improving the quality of healthcare services. Mouza Ahmed Al Shehhi, Director General of Pharmaceutical Care and Medical Warehouses in Musandam, delivered a speech in which she emphasised that the pharmacist is a key partner in the treatment journey. - **ONA**

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Oman & Emirates Investment, up 2.99%, was the top gainer while, Muscat Insurance, down 10.00%, was the top loser.



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 5,090.08 points, down by -0.17% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by -0.45% at 466.10 points. Oman & Emirates Investment, up 2.99%, was the top gainer while, Muscat Insurance, down 10.00%, was the top loser. Shares of OQGN were the most active in terms of number of shares traded while OQEP were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 3895 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 27.07 million, with more than 119.49 million shares changing hands. Out of 61 traded securities, 19 advanced, 19 declined, and 23 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net buyers for RO 742K while GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for RO 451K, followed by foreign investors for RO 292K worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 8,416.68 points, up 0.07%. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Bank Dhofar, Al Madina Invest-

ments, Al Anwar Investment, Al Sharqia Investment were up by 2.99%, 2.40%, 2.38%, 2.27%, 1.21% respectively. Prices of Muscat Insurance, Oman United Insurance, Sohar International Bank, Muscat Finance, Bank Muscat were down by 10.00%, 2.45%, 2.03%, 1.85%, 0.94% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,956.02 points, up 0.09%. Prices of Voltamp Energy, Oman Cables Industry were up by 2.29%, 0.14% respectively. Prices of Galfar Engineering, Oman Packaging, Oman Flour Mills, A'Saffa Foods, Al Anwar Ceramics were down by 3.08%, 1.90%, 1.09%, 0.99%, 0.58% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.00% before closing at 1,998.25 points. Prices of Barka Desalination, Oman Telecom, Al Suwadi Power, OQ Exploration & Production, Al Batinah Power were up by 2.29%, 1.84%, 1.70%, 1.15%, 0.84% respectively. Prices of Dhofar Generating, SMN Power Holding, Ooredoo, Abraj Energy were down by 1.19%, 0.88%, 0.42%, 0.36% respectively.—United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	5,100.81	5,078.15	5,090.08	5,098.81	-8.73	-0.17
FINANCIAL INDEX	8,421.03	8,391.26	8,416.68	8,410.93	5.76	0.07
Industry Index	6,963.02	6,938.42	6,956.02	6,950.09	5.93	0.09
Services Index	2,000.24	1,994.01	1,998.25	1,998.15	0.09	0.00
MSX Shariah Index	468.50	465.71	466.10	468.20	-2.10	-0.45
MSX TR INDEX	7,600.96	7,567.15	7,584.92	7,597.93	-13.01	-0.17
FINANCIAL TR IDX	10,004.48	9,969.11	9,999.31	9,992.47	6.84	0.07
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,557.10	8,526.27	8,547.91	8,540.62	7.29	0.09
SERVICES TR IDX	2,578.78	2,570.75	2,576.21	2,576.09	0.12	0.00
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.64	1,204.64	1,204.64	1,204.64	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
119,491,621	27,073,245	3,895	30,073,094,705	19	19	23	61

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST MD.	LAST OFFER	PAID VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000000361	VOLTAMP ENERGY	20,208	16,919	10	0.839	0.850	0.830	0.850	0.831	0.019	2.286	0.850	0.831	0.850	0.100	79,571,188
OM0000000306	OMAN TELECOM	2,055,877	2,118,815	109	1.030	1.050	1.028	1.050	1.031	0.019	1.843	1.050	1.029	1.030	0.100	787,500,000
OM0000000483	AL SUWADI POWER	533,000	63,950	20	0.118	0.120	0.119	0.120	0.118	0.002	1.695	0.120	0.120	0.122	0.100	857,287,961
OM0000000440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	5,000	420	1	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.083	0.001	1.205	0.084	0.082	0.091	0.100	7,580,000
OM0000000478	MADINA TAKAFUL	45,862	3,898	8	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.084	0.001	1.190	0.085	0.084	0.085	0.100	14,875,000
OM0000000495	AL BATINAH POWER	470,941	56,511	17	0.118	0.120	0.118	0.120	0.119	0.001	0.840	0.120	0.118	0.120	0.100	8,986,492
OM0000000226	ALJAZERA SERVICES	1,500	978	1	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.184	0.001	0.543	0.185	0.182	0.185	0.100	7,953,563
OM0000000324	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	150,000	41,400	8	0.277	0.277	0.275	0.277	0.276	0.001	0.382	0.277	0.275	0.277	0.100	65,485,570
OM0000000107	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	3,149	6,843	1	2.173	2.173	2.173	2.175	2.170	0.003	0.138	2.169	2.200	2.100	194,918,100	
OM0000000183	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	347,000	117,980	277	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	0.336	0.340	0.100	552,821,761	
OM0000000153	OMINVEST	64,762	16,064	9	0.247	0.250	0.247	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.245	0.261	0.100	233,927,899	
OM0000000216	JAZZERA STEEL PRODUCTS	11,800	5,600	2	0.472	0.475	0.472	0.475	0.475	0.000	0.000	0.475	0.475	0.480	0.100	52,528,531
OM0000000274	UNITED FINANCE	119,300	7,635	8	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.063	0.064	0.100	22,732,147	
OM0000000440	BANK NIZWA	781,371	90,481	13	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.107	0.100	230,461,162	
OM0000000834	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	2,697,469	743,273	369	0.277	0.277	0.274	0.276	0.277	-0.001	0.361	0.276	0.275	0.276	0.100	212,575,200
OM0000000368	OOREDOO	285,588	67,285	58	0.236	0.236	0.234	0.235	0.236	-0.001	0.424	0.235	0.230	0.250	0.100	152,971,894
OM0000000268	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	19,674	3,403	7	0.173	0.173	0.172	0.173	0.174	-0.001	0.575	0.173	0.172	0.174	0.100	38,080,000
OM0000000296	BANK MUSCAT	9,742,106	3,092,017	471	0.320	0.320	0.316	0.317	0.320	-0.003	0.938	0.317	0.316	0.318	0.100	2,379,527,869
OM0000000284	ASAFKA FOODS	1,950	941	5	0.478	0.500	0.478	0.500	0.505	-0.005	0.990	0.500	0.000	0.550	0.100	60,000,000
OM0000000388	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	18,930,109	2,760,055	502	0.148	0.148	0.145	0.145	0.148	-0.003	2.937	0.145	0.145	0.147	0.100	892,500,798
OM0000000187	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	12,203	2,900	3	0.239	0.239	0.237	0.239	0.245	-0.006	2.449	0.239	0.237	0.239	0.100	23,900,000
OM0000000972	OQ GAS NETWORKS	28,587,239	4,511,472	640	0.160	0.160	0.156	0.160	0.160	-0.004	-2.500	0.158	0.158	0.164	0.100	675,577,532
Total	22	64,886,108	13,718,159	2,539												

Parallel Market

OM0000000181	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	206,846	14,182	9	0.068	0.069	0.068	0.069	0.067	0.002	2.985	0.069	0.069	0.073	0.100	8,409,375
OM0000000549	BANK DHOFAR	7,141	4,790	5	0.126	0.128	0.126	0.128	0.125	0.003	2.400	0.128	0.125	0.128	0.100	380,094,212
OM0000000162	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	1,372	59	1	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.001	2.381	0.043	0.041	0.043	0.100	3,655,000
OM0000000870	BARKA DESALINATION	85,266	11,407	4	0.133	0.134	0.133	0.134	0.131	0.003	2.290	0.134	0.134	0.000	0.100	10,119,948
OM0000000172	AL ANWAR INVESTMENT	281,839	25,149	39	0.089	0.090	0.088	0.090	0.088	0.002	2.273	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	36,869,794
OM0000000750	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	13,284,552	4,652,472	171	0.348	0.352	0.346	0.352	0.348	0.004	1.149	0.352	0.350	0.351	0.010	2,816,000,000
OM0000000847	OMAN REIT FUND	7,440	470	3	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.001	1.124	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.100	58,373,129
OM0000000152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	30,000	3,780	1	0.126	0.128	0.126	0.126	0.125	0.001	0.800	0.126	0.126	0.000	0.100	18,900,000
OM0000000898	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SF2)	19,060,951	2,804,023	505	0.147	0.148	0.146	0.147	0.146	0.001	0.685	0.147	0.147	0.148	0.040	508,545,155
OM0000000314	BARKA WATER AND POWER	22,800	5,944	3	0.173	0.173	0.173	0.173	0.172	0.001	0.581	0.173	0.172	0.173	0.100	27,980,000
OM0000000160	NATIONAL GAS	10,000	820	2	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.082	0.080	0.084	0.100	6,970,000
OM0000000159	DHOFAR INTERNATIONAL DEV. & INV.	207,000	52,785	8	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.000	0.000	0.255	0.000	0.255	0.100	126,494,218
OM0000000149	OMAN CEMENT	1,960	914	4	0.465	0.470	0.464	0.470	0.470	0.000	0.000	0.465	0.470	0.470	0.100	155,310,174
OM0000000187	MAJAN COLLEGE	4,827	550	1	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.114	0.109	0.114	0.100	10,260,000	
OM0000000377	AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	3,450	431	1	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.100	39,427,125
OM0000000220	AHLI BANK	109,607	16,112	3	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.147	0.147	0.100	0.100	397,899,647
OM0000000267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	5,000	1,175	2	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.000	0.000	0.235	0.225	0.235	0.100	107,54,963
OM0000000275	SURULI OMAN MARKETING	5,000	3,350	3	0.670	0.670	0.670	0.670	0.670	0.000	0.670	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	63,650,000
OM0000000280	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INV.	323	451	1	1.395	1.395	1.395	1.395	1.395	0.000	0.000	1.395	1.354	1.334	0.100	97,650,000
OM0000000475	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	23,250	4,211	7	0.184	0.184	0.180	0.184	0.184	0.000	0.000	0.184	0.180	0.184	0.100	17,541,239
OM0000000360	OMAN ARAB BANK	15,509	2,135	9	0.139	0.139	0.139	0.139	0.139	0.000	0.000	0.139	0.139	0.146	0.100	278,381,223
OM0000000583	PHOENIX POWER	10,522	1,210	2	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.115	0.118	0.100	168,199,168
OM0000000700	AMAN REAL ESTATE	2,200	580	3	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.082	0.082	0.085	0.100	0.100	16,400,000
OM0000000505	ALMAHA CERAMICS	1,047	323	2	0.307	0.309	0.307	0.309	0.310	-0.001	0.323	0.309	0.302	0.310	0.100	16,995,000
OM0000000264	NATIONAL FINANCE	31	4	1	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.130	-0.001	0.769	0.129	0.129	0.133	0.100	78,448,323
OM0000000424	SMN POWER HOLDING	74,867	16,851	8	0.227	0.227	0.225	0.225	0.227	-0.002	0.881	0.225	0.225	0.227	0.100	44,918,010
OM0000000140	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	20,900	9,513	4	0.459	0.459	0.455	0.455	0.460	-0.005	1.087	0.455	0.455	0.000	0.100	72,245,625
OM0000000740	DHOFAR GENERATING	101,300	8,471	14	0.086	0.086	0.083	0.086	0.084	0.001	1.190	0.083	0.081	0.086	0.100	18,445,020
OM0000000868	THE PEARL REIF	69,794	9,286	9	0.137	0.137	0.131	0.134	0.136	-0.002	1.471	0.134	0.131	0.134	0.100	79,525,542
OM0000000102	ASTAD SHIPPING	20,491,439	2,682,090	500	0.132	0.133	0.130	0.130	0.132	-0.002	1.515	0.130	0.131	0.132	0.000	677,136,756
OM0000000180	MUSCAT FINANCE	27,600	12,560	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.054	-0.001	0.054	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.100	5,027,588
OM0000000168	OMAN PACKAGING	2,000	310	1	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.158	-0.003	0.899	0.155	0.150	0.156	0.100	9,927,584
OM0000000196	MUSCAT INSURANCE	30	3	1	0.837	0.837	0.837	0.837	0.930	-0.093	-10.000	0.837	0.000	0.837	1.000	5,027,588
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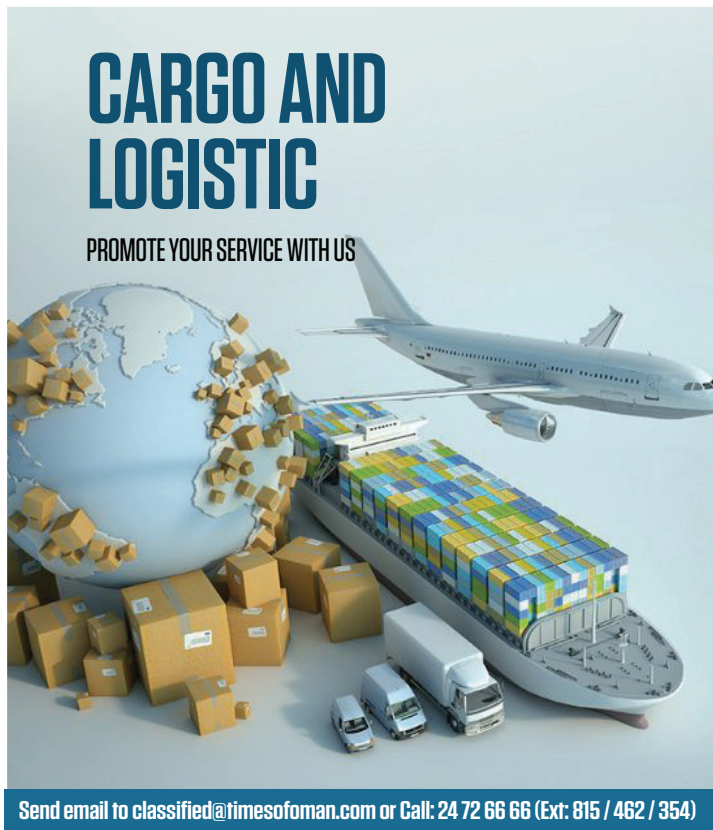
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Breakthrough gene therapy could one day cure genetic hearing loss

Israeli and US scientists have developed a promising new gene therapy that could one day restore hearing and balance for millions of people with genetic inner ear disorders. The therapy, which prevents the degeneration of sensory cells in the ear, has shown greater efficiency than existing approaches, offering hope for a condition that currently has no cure.

“This treatment represents an improvement over existing strategies and holds promise for treating a wide range of mutations that cause hearing loss,” said Professor Karen Avraham, Dean of the Gray Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Tel Aviv University and lead author of the study. The research was co-led by PhD student Roni Hahn from the Department of Human Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry and conducted in collaboration with Prof. Jeffrey Holt and Dr. Gwenaëlle Geleoc from Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Funding came from the US-Israel Binationa Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the Israel Science Foundation Breakthrough Research Program. The findings were featured in the peer-reviewed journal EMBO Molecular Medicine.

Genetic mutations are responsible for roughly half of all congenital hearing loss, affecting millions of children and adults worldwide. Currently, genetic hearing problems are addressed almost entirely through management and compensation rather than cures.

Avraham explained that the inner ear contains two critical systems: the auditory system,

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which allows people to hear, and the vestibular system, which controls balance. “Genetic variants can disrupt these systems, leading to hearing loss and balance problems,” she said. “Hearing loss is the most common sensory impairment worldwide, and over half of congenital cases are caused by genetics. In this study, we aimed to test a gene therapy approach that had not been used for this purpose before.”

The therapy targets the CLIC5 gene, which is essential for tiny sensory cells in the inner ear called hair cells. These cells detect sound and maintain balance. Faulty CLIC5 genes cause hair cells to gradually degenerate, first leading to hearing loss and later to balance difficulties. Hahn said the researchers used a special viral vector--a harmless virus engineered to deliver a healthy copy of the gene directly into hair cells. “Gene therapy has become a powerful tool for treating genetic disorders,” Hahn said. “Our self-complementary viral vector works faster and more efficiently than older methods, requiring lower doses. In animal tests, this therapy prevented hair cell loss and preserved normal hearing and balance.” Avraham highlighted the broader significance: “We applied an innovative treatment for genetic hearing loss and found it improves therapy while addressing combined impairments in hearing and balance. These findings could pave the way for gene therapies for a wide range of inherited hearing disorders.” By demonstrating that hair cells in the inner ear can be effectively targeted by gene therapy, the research potentially paves the way for therapies for other genetic hearing disorders. The techniques could also inform gene therapies for other sensory or neurological disorders where precise delivery to small, delicate cells is required, such as Parkinson’s disease, spinal muscular atrophy, and retinal disorders. – ANI

SPORTS

OFFICIATED IN 66 TESTS

Legendary cricket umpire ‘Dickie’ Bird of England passes away at 92



LONDON: Iconic former English cricket umpire Harold ‘Dickie’ Bird has died at the age of 92 on Tuesday. Bird, whose first-class playing career was cut short by injury, became one of the most famous umpires in the game.

He officiated in 66 Tests and 76 one-day internationals, including three World Cup finals, between 1973 and 1996. He was appointed an MBE in 1986 and an OBE in 2012 in recognition of his out-

standing contribution to cricket.

In a statement, Yorkshire confirmed that he had died peacefully at home. “He leaves behind a legacy of sportsmanship, humility, and joy -- and a legion of admirers across generations,” Yorkshire added.

Bird’s home county Yorkshire, whom he played for and served as president, described him as a “national treasure, known not only for his umpiring excellence but also for his eccentricities and warmth”.

The England and Wales Cricket Board said: “Everyone at the ECB is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dickie Bird.

Bird was born in Barnsley and played club cricket with legendary England batter Geoff Boycott and journalist and TV host Sir Michael Parkinson, with whom he remained close friends.

A right-handed batter, Bird began his playing career at Yorkshire before moving to Leicestershire.

He played 93 first-class matches and scored two centuries.

But he will be remembered for his career as an umpire. At one stage, his 66 Tests were the most an umpire had stood in. Before his final Test in 1996, Bird was given a guard of honour on the outfield at Lord’s by the England and India players. He stood in his last official match in 1998 - a fixture between Yorkshire and Warwickshire at Headingley. - **Agencies**

PSG’s Dembele wins Ballon d’Or, Spain’s Bonmati scripts history

The French forward shone for his club and played a key role in the quadruple last season, including their first Champions League crown

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain’s French international forward Ousmane Dembele has been named the men’s Ballon d’Or winner for 2025, with Barcelona’s Spanish international Aitana Bonmati claiming the women’s title for the third consecutive year.

The pair were awarded the trophies, recognised as the most prestigious individual prizes in football, at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris, France, on Monday.

Dembele helped PSG to its first Champions League title in May, and saw off strong competition from Barcelona starlet Lamine Yamal, who helped the Spanish club to the La Liga title year, immediately off the back of his starring role for Spain in their Euro 2025 triumph.



There was better news for fellow Barca forward Bonmati, however, as she became the third person, behind former French international Michel Platini and Argentina legend Lionel Messi, to claim a hat-trick of titles.

Dembele succeeded Manchester City midfielder Rodri to become the sixth Frenchman to win it after Raymond Kopa, Platini, Jean-Pierre Papin, Zinedine Zidane and Karim Benzema.

Bonmati won ahead of her Spain teammate Mariona Caldentey.

The award capped a remarkable turn of fortune for Dembele, who at one point last season was snubbed by PSG coach Luis Enrique for disciplinary reasons. But once repositioned as a No 9, he became a scoring machine and was inspirational in PSG’s historic Champions League campaign. The French club also completed a quadruple last season.

Dembele delivered 35 goals and 16 assists in 53 official matches last season, and was involved in 14 goals (eight goals, six assists) in his 15

Champions League appearances.

Dembele received the Ballon d’Or from former winner Ronaldinho and teared up during his acceptance speech, in which he asked his mother to join him on the stage. “It’s incredible to win a trophy like this,” he said in French. “I worked for the team to help win PSG’s first Champions League. To then be rewarded with an individual trophy like the Ballon d’Or is truly exceptional.”

Barca forward Yamal, who turned 18 in July, also helped Bar-



celona to win the Copa del Rey last season, as well as the Spanish top flight, and to reach the Champions League semifinals. Yamal was given the Kopa award for the best U21 player for the second straight year.

Dembele was injured, but able to attend the ceremony in Paris, while his team lost at Marseille 1-0 in the French league. He was one of nine PSG players nominated for the men’s award, including goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, forward Desire Doue, who scored twice in the Champions League final, and winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia.

Although Bonmati lost to England in a penalty shootout in the Women’s European Championship final last summer, she was named the best player of the tournament, which she began just days after being hospitalised for viral meningitis. Bonmati’s spot kick in the shootout was one of two saved by England’s Hannah Hampton, who was voted the best women’s goalkeeper.

“Third time in a row here, and I still can’t believe it,” Bonmati said. “I owe Barcelona everything. This is the club of my life.”

She won a domestic treble with Barcelona and also reached the Champions League final.

Other trophies at Ballon d’Or awards: Barcelona forward Vicky Lopez won the women’s Kopa trophy, and Sarina Wiegman, who led England to European victory, took the Johan Cruyff award for best women’s coach. On a great night for PSG, Luis Enrique won in the men’s category.

PSG was voted the best men’s club, and Donnarumma received the Lev Yashin award for best goalkeeper. Donnarumma, whose shot-stopping in the knockout stages proved crucial to PSG’s success, left for Manchester City during the offseason. Hampton was crowned the best women’s goalkeeper.

The men’s and women’s Gerd Müller trophies for the top scorers went to Barcelona’s Ewa Pajor and Viktor Gyokeres. - **Agencies**

FRENCH LIGUE 1

Marseille edge past PSG 1-0

PARIS: Defending champions Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) lost their hastily re-arranged Ligue 1 game away to Marseille 1-0 which ended with home manager Roberto de Zerbi being sent off in stoppage time.

Former West Ham defender Nayef Aguerd’s fifth-minute header proved to be the winner in a fixture which had been postponed by a day because of forecasts of heavy rain and storms. It was PSG’s first Ligue 1 defeat of the season.

“We are not used to losing games,” said PSG boss Luis Enrique, who was named coach of the year at the Ballon d’Or awards, held at the same time as the match.

The French champions were also without injured forward Ousmane Dembele, who stayed in Par-



is to attend the Ballon d’Or awards.

Marseille started brightly, striking early as Aguerd headed in at the far post after PSG goalkeeper Lucas Chevalier completely misjudged Mason Greenwood’s cross.

While the visitors looked to respond Marseille nearly doubled their advantage, with Amine Gouiri hitting the crossbar.

Marseille goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli made several key stops including a sharp save from Achraf Hakimi, while PSG striker Goncalo Ramos headed over a golden chance to level after half-time.

Tensions flared late in the game and Marseille’s former Brighton boss De Zerbi was sent off in stoppage time. - **Agencies**

BERNARDO SILVA SPEAKS

‘Fixture schedule unfair to City’

LONDON: Manchester City were at a disadvantage in Sunday’s Premier League game at Arsenal because of their schedule, says midfielder Bernardo Silva.

Gabriel Martinelli scored in stoppage time to earn Arsenal a 1-1 draw at Emirates Stadium.

City had 66 hours to prepare for the game after their 2-0 home win over Napoli in the Champions League on Thursday, with Arsenal having won 2-0 against Athletic Club in Bilbao on Tuesday.

“It is not fair to play one of these games like this,” said Silva. “It is just not right.

“The reality is we cannot come in to one of the most important games in the season with such a disadvantage, in terms of rest.

“I wasn’t feeling in a perfect



condition to play like this, and people who have not played at the highest level don’t know how it feels to play a game like this. You need to be at your best condition.”

UEFA schedules Champions League matches, while the Pre-

mier League organises domestic fixtures for English clubs. This is the second season in a row that a Champions League matchweek has included Thursday fixtures.

It is part of a revamped format in which one exclusive matchweek per season is set aside for matches to be played across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Silva, who made 62 appearances for City and Portugal last season, said: “I don’t think that they are trying to make us lose a game.

“It could happen to Arsenal or Liverpool in a few months. But when you are playing an Arsenal v City, or a City v Liverpool, or a Liverpool v Arsenal, you need to have a bit of common sense, and understanding of these situations.” - **Agencies**

FIA WEC ROUND SEVEN

Oman’s Al Harthy targets more podium glory at Fuji Speedway

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman’s Ahmad Al Harthy will be aiming to extend his late-season charge when the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) returns to Japan’s world-famous Fuji Speedway this weekend for the penultimate round of the 2025 campaign.

Fresh from a sensational second-place finish at the Circuit of the Americas in Texas (COTA) just over a fortnight ago, Al Harthy and his Team WRT teammates, Valentino Rossi and Kelvin van der Linde, head into round seven brimming with confidence.

The trio will once again take the wheel of the No.46 BMW M4 LMGT3 as they seek to add to their tally of two podiums this year.

Fuji holds fond memories for Al Harthy, who made his debut at the Japanese track in 2023 and stormed to a podium with Rossi and Maxime Martin last season.

The 37-year-old Omani is de-



termined to repeat that form on what will be only his third visit to the iconic venue – and on the landmark occasion of the 100th race in WEC history.

“We’re all still buzzing from the second place at COTA,” Al Harthy said. “It was an incredible race, very unpredictable with the weather, the red flag, and that last half hour where Kelvin did such a

fantastic job. We want to keep that momentum going this weekend in Japan and to try and challenge for another podium, especially in the 100th race of the World Endurance Championship – that would be very special.”

The Circuit of the Americas in Texas result was earned in dramatic circumstances, with torrential rain delaying the action and a late



strategy call proving decisive. Van der Linde switched to slick Good-year tyres in the closing stages and charged from 10th to second, crossing the line just 0.2 seconds behind the eventual winner. That performance propelled the squad back into the top 10 of both the driver and team standings.

With 25 points on offer for victory in Japan, 18 for second and

15 for third, another strong showing at Fuji could lift Al Harthy and his teammates further up the order. They currently sit 10th in the LMGT3 standings on 40 points, just six shy of eighth place. “Fuji is an amazing circuit, I love driving there and it’s always a real highlight of the season,” Al Harthy added.

“We’ve performed well there in

both 2023 and 2024, and last year’s podium was a great result from 12th on the grid. As always, we’ll give maximum effort and work as hard as possible to try and deliver the best result for the team and for all of our amazing partners and supporters back home in Oman.”

Practice begins on Friday before qualifying on Saturday, with the six-hour race scheduled to start at 11.00am local time on Sunday.

2025 FIA WEC LMGT3 Driver Standings (after Rd6): 1 Riccardo Pera/Richard Lietz/Ryan Hardwick, 95pts; 2 Alessio Rovera/Francois Heriau/Simon Mann, 76pts; 3 Ben Keating/Daniel Juncadella/Jonny Edgar, 66pts; 10 Ahmad Al Harthy/Valentino Rossi/Kelvin van der Linde, 40pts

2025 FIA WEC LMGT3 Team Standings (after Rd6): 1 Manthey 1 Phorm (Porsche 911 GT3 R), 95pts; 2 Vista AF Corse (Ferrari 296), 76pts; 3 TF Sport (Corvette Z06), 66pts; 10 Team WRT (BMW M4 LMGT3), 40pts.



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ROUND-UP

Malabar Gold & Diamonds launches Artistry Show series

These limited period showcases will highlight a wide array of one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewellery pieces, from timeless traditional collections to contemporary designs, allowing customers to experience the true artistry and legacy of the brand

MUSCAT: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 5th largest jewellery retailer globally with over 410 showrooms across 14 countries, has launched its exclusive Artistry Show series, with acclaimed Bollywood actress and brand ambassador of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Kareena Kapoor Khan officiating the inaugural event.

The Artistry shows will be held across various international show-



rooms of Malabar Gold & Diamonds over the coming months and will commence in Oman with the exclusive exhibitions at their showrooms in Oman Avenues Mall, Bausher and Ruwi West Gate mall from 25 September to 4 October 2025.

The 'Artistry' Show is a captivating initiative that celebrates the unparalleled craftsmanship and design mastery that Malabar Gold & Diamonds is known for. These

limited period showcases will highlight a wide array of one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewellery pieces, from timeless traditional collections to contemporary designs, allowing customers to experience

the true artistry and legacy of the brand. The upcoming schedule for the 'Artistry' Show includes exhibitions across other GCC countries and key Western markets throughout the year.

Commenting on the occasion, Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds said: "The Artistry shows by Malabar Gold & Diamonds is the pinnacle of design mastery & jewellery craftsmanship that Malabar Gold & Diamonds is known for and we are very excited to present this exceptional showcase to jewellery lovers. Our aim is to provide our customers with an immersive experience into the world of fine jewellery, wherein they have the opportunity to get their hands on some truly exclusive designs. We cordially invite all jewellery lovers in Oman to our showrooms in Oman Avenues Mall and Ruwi West gate mall to experience true artistry."

The wide array of unique designs that is the highlight of the Artistry Show will be available across the numerous exclusive brands & collections offered by Malabar Gold & Diamonds such as Mine-Diamond jewellery, Era-Uncut diamond jewellery, Ethnix-handcrafted designer jewellery, ViraaZ-Royal polki jewellery and many more. As part of the exhibition, the brand is also providing customers with a unique opportunity to exchange their diamond jewellery purchased from anywhere at the best value till 4th October. Other offers like free cash vouchers on diamond & precious gem jewellery purchases, zero deduction on 22K gold exchange are also available for a limited period.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SIGN LANGUAGE

Alizz Islamic Bank hosts workshop on fundamentals of sign language

MUSCAT: As part of the banks 'Alizz Cares' program and underscoring its commitment to fostering inclusivity, empowering communities and enhancing the quality of life, Alizz Islamic Bank recently celebrated the 'International Day of Sign Language' by hosting an interactive workshop on the fundamentals of sign language, conducted by Said Al Badai, General Manager of Al Tawassul Institute for Training. The session brought together more than 25 employees of the bank for an engaging and informative session.

Said Al Badai is a long-standing advocate for people with hearing and speech impairments and is recognised as one of the first Omanis to learn sign language. Through his efforts, he has created opportunities for many to follow in his path and created a safe haven for many individuals. His distinguished career includes serving as an interpreter for the United Nations and Oman TV.

The workshop highlighted the importance of a universal language in bridging communication barriers. Said emphasised that individuals with hearing and speech impairments often face significant



challenges in communication which leads to frustration. He called on society to adapt to their needs rather than the other way around as they are an integral part of our community, similarly to any other individual.

Lina Al Abdulsalaam, Head of Marketing & Communications at Alizz Islamic Bank said "True inclusion means recognising people for their talents and shared purpose. At Alizz Islamic Bank, we are committed to bridging the gap between people with special needs and the wider community. We believe in the power of acceptance and ensure our employees embrace

this value by seeing individuals for who they truly are. This is why we encourage our team to learn sign language, so every customer who walks through our doors feels understood and welcomed."

Alizz Islamic Bank has played a leading role in creating an environment to facilitate financial inclusivity and is dedicated to continuing to remove barriers and simplify access to financial services for all. In line with the commitment to empowering the community, Alizz Islamic Bank has formed a strategic partnership with SignBook and Al Tawassul Institute for Training.

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY FOR OMANI WOMEN

Lahunna Oman and Asyad sign MoU to launch Wijdan

MUSCAT: Lahunna Oman and Asyad Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to sponsor Wijdan, a pioneering transformative program designed to support young women in Oman as they explore self-discovery and professional growth.

Through this partnership, Asyad Group will support Lahunna Oman to launch Wijdan's inaugural cohort across the Sultanate of Oman, enriching the experience with real-world career perspective and development opportunities that connect learning to practice.

"At Asyad Group, we are proud to sponsor initiatives that invest in Omani talent and uplift the next generation of leaders," said Leyan Al Mawali, Group Chief Legal Officer at Asyad Group. "This sponsorship is part of our broader strategy to invest in people, cultivate diverse expertise, and build a resilient, inclusive workforce that strengthens Oman's global competitiveness. By supporting Wijdan, we're nurturing women's



potential and helping create a pool of capable individuals who can thrive across diverse fields. It reflects our commitment to empowering local talent and reinforcing Oman's position as a leading logistics hub."

Wijdan creates space to connect and grow through a three-phase journey that blends online courses, short videos, weekly assignments, group coaching, peer to peer learning and community engagement. The program also equips women with practical tools to build clarity, resilience, and direction, helping them navigate

their individual paths with greater confidence and purpose.

"Wijdan is about building skills, and creating space for women to discover who they truly are and how they can excel in life," said Shatha Salim Al Maskiry, Founder of Lahunna Oman. "Asyad's support allows us to bring and amplify this experience to young women across Oman in its first year."

Meaning "deep awareness" in Arabic, Wijdan embodies clarity and quiet confidence that emerge when women are given the space to reflect, grow, and move forward with purpose.

FIRST HYBRID ELECTRIC MODEL

All-new Toyota Land Cruiser HEV now in Oman

MUSCAT: Toyota announced the launch of the new Land Cruiser HEV, the first hybrid electric model in the iconic Land Cruiser series.

Setting a new benchmark for electrified off-road vehicles, the new Land Cruiser fuses seven decades of heritage with Toyota's cutting-edge hybrid technology, delivering enhanced performance while maintaining the unmatched reliability, durability and all-terrain capability for which the Land Cruiser is renowned.

This momentous launch, which sees the new Land Cruiser HEV debut first in the Middle East, highlights the unique and enduring relationship between the region and the Land Cruiser nameplate. Since the model's inception in 1951, the Land Cruiser has supported the lives and livelihoods of people across the globe, becoming an indispensable tool across some of the world's harshest environments.

The introduction of the Land Cruiser HEV marks a bold step toward Toyota's vision for carbon neutrality under its multi-pathway approach, offering customers greater choice while ensuring



that no compromises are made on capability or reliability. Building upon 28 years of leadership in hybrid technology, Toyota has applied its extensive expertise to create an electric off-roader capable of delivering superior power, driving refinement and environmental benefits, all while staying true to the Land Cruiser spirit.

Masaya Uchiyama, Chief Engineer in charge of development, commented "The fully remodelled

Land Cruiser, introduced in 2021, has been so well received across all regions and we are deeply grateful for our customers' continued support. As the global drive towards a carbon-neutral society accelerates, we recognised the importance of offering electric vehicle options for our flagship Land Cruiser. It is an honour to introduce the Land Cruiser Hybrid first to the Middle East, a region whose valuable feedback has helped shape the Land

Cruiser's evolution. While we have made significant advancements with this HEV model, this is only the beginning of our journey as we work to create the ultimate electric off-roader, evolving it further with the insights and experiences of our loyal customers."

The Land Cruiser HEV inherits the core DNA that has defined the series for generations — reliability, durability and exceptional off-road performance now enhanced

through electrification.

The hybrid system introduces a 20% increase in torque and a 40% improvement in accelerator response compared to conventional powertrains, resulting in a driving experience that is more powerful, more linear and more responsive across every terrain.

Extensive development and real-world testing on global terrains, including the deserts, mudflats and mountainous landscapes of the Middle East, ensured that the Land Cruiser HEV remains capable of taking drivers anywhere and everywhere and bringing them back safely. Invaluable lessons learned from Toyota's participation in off-road rallies such as the Dakar Rally were also incorporated into the development process to enhance the vehicle's endurance and performance in extreme conditions.

As a result, the Land Cruiser HEV's hybrid system has been designed with true off-road reliability in mind. Even in the unlikely event of hybrid unit failure, the vehicle can continue operating solely on the combustion engine, ensuring peace of mind in remote areas. The hybrid battery area has

been specially waterproofed to maintain the Land Cruiser's famed fording ability, allowing it to tackle rivers and water obstacles with confidence. Additionally, the vehicle also offers a third-row seat and cargo layout specifically optimised for the addition of the HEV system, ensuring no compromise in versatility or interior space.

The launch of the Land Cruiser HEV represents more than just the evolution of a legendary vehicle, it is a commitment to a future where Toyota continues to deliver solutions that meet customer needs without compromising its core values. By bringing electrification to its most trusted off-roader, Toyota reaffirms its dedication to creating vehicles that inspire trust, adventure and enduring loyalty. As Toyota looks ahead to an era of sustainable mobility, the Land Cruiser HEV stands as a proud example of innovation rooted in tradition, offering customers across the Middle East and the world, an even better way to explore new horizons.

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