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Shura committees hold meetings to elect their chiefs and deputies

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Khalid Hilal Al Maawali, Chairman of the Council, with the attendance of Council members and Ahmed Mohammed Al Nadhabi, Secretary-General of the Council

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Shura Council convened its second regular session of the third ordinary meeting (2025-2026) of the tenth term (2023-2027) on Monday, under the chairmanship of Khalid Hilal Al Maawali, Chairman of the Council, with the attendance of Council members and Ahmed Mohammed Al Nadhabi, Secretary-General of the Council.

Election Results for Committee Chairs and Deputies
At the start of the session, the Council approved the final lists of the permanent committees' memberships.
Prior to the session, the committees held their meetings to elect their respective Chairs and Deputies.
The outcomes are as follows: ■

Legislative and Legal Committee:



Head – Dr. Ahmed Ali Al Saadi; Deputy –Yaqub Mohammed Al Harthi.

■ Economic and Financial Committee: Head – Ahmed Said Al Sharqi; Deputy – Abdul Aziz Rashid Al Hashmi.

■ Food and Water Security Committee: Head– Abdullah Ahmed Al Malik; Deputy – Ali Mohammed Al Alawi.

■ Public Services and Facilities Committee: Head – Hamoud Ahmed Al Yahyai; Deputy – Mansour bin Khalifa Al Siyabi.

■ Health and Social Committee: Chair – Mansour Zaher Al Hajri; Deputy–Abdullah Ali Al Hamhami.

■ Youth and Human Resources Committee: Head – Younis Ali Al Mandhari; Deputy – Sultan Humaid Al Housni.

■ Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation Committee: Head – Dr.Ali Nasser Al Harasi; Deputy – Jamal Ahmed Al Abri.

■ Tourism, Media, and Culture Committee: Head – Abdullah Hamad Al Harith; Deputy – Ali Khalfan Al Hosni.

Approval of permanent committees' work plans

The Council reviewed the work

plans of the permanent committees for the third ordinary meeting of the tenth term.

Committee Chairs presented summaries of annual plans and proposed legislative initiatives, alongside suggested topics for consideration within each committee's remit.

Members provided observations and recommendations aimed at enhancing legislative priorities and institutional coordination.

The Council approved the committees' work plans, incorporating the members' inputs, with committees set to commence work according to the established timelines.

The Shura Council's permanent committees comprise eight committees: Legislative and Legal; Economic and Financial; Food and Water Security; Health and Social; Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation; Public Services and Facilities; Youth and Human Resources; and Tourism, Media, and Culture.

Approval of Ministerial Briefing Axes

During the session, the Council approved the axes of ministerial briefings for the third ordinary



meeting, pursuant to Article (69) of the Shura Council Law, which mandates the Council to determine the programme and discussion topics at the start of each term.

The adopted axes aim to enhance communication with the executive branch and discuss economic and social development priorities.

Discussion and Approval of the National Geospatial Data and Information Law

The session included a discussion of the report from the Public Services and Facilities Committee on the draft National Geospatial Data and Information Law, which aims to regulate the collection and use of geospatial data in line with modern technological developments, supporting evidence-based developmental planning.

Hamoud Ahmed Al Yahyai, Committee head, highlighted the committee's comprehensive study of the draft law, consultations with academic experts from Sultan Qaboos University, and coordination with relevant military authorities to address technical and security aspects.

Members emphasised the im-

portance of updating legal frameworks to align with technological progress and ensure institutional coordination in data collection and usage.

Following deliberations, the Council approved the committee's report and referred the draft law to the State Council for completion of its legislative process.

Discussion and Approval of the Unified Industrial Organisation Law for GCC States

Ahmed Said Al Sharqi, head of the Economic and Financial Committee, presented the committee's report on the Unified Industrial Organisation Law for GCC States.

The committee conducted a detailed study of the law's economic, regulatory, and technical aspects, considering its impact on Oman's industrial sector and alignment with national legislation.

The session included extensive member discussions, who provided feedback to ensure the law balances regional integration with national development needs.

The Council concluded the study of the draft law, preparing it for the next legislative phase. The law supports legislative and eco-

nomie cooperation among GCC countries, facilitates industrial integration, and promotes sustainable development in Oman and the region.

Discussion of Economic and Financial Committee Report on Omani Business Competitiveness

The Council reviewed the Economic and Financial Committee's report on Omani business competitiveness and local industry assessment.

The committee examined related legislation, consulted public and private sector stakeholders, and reviewed international best practices.

Recommendations aim to streamline investment procedures, stimulate industrial growth, and promote sectoral integration in line with Oman Vision 2040.

The reports were referred for further study to enhance their recommendations.

Discussion of the Food and Water Security Committee Report on Agricultural Product Marketing

The session also included a discussion of the Food and Water Security Committee's report on agricultural product marketing.

Abdullah Ahmed Al Malik, head of the Committee, outlined challenges facing Oman's agricultural marketing sector and proposed practical solutions, including strengthening agricultural cooperatives, establishing digital marketing platforms, and improving storage, transport, and distribution mechanisms.

The committee's study aims to empower farmers, enhance local product value, and ensure national food security in line with sustainable agricultural strategies.

MEETING

Bureau of the Shura Council reviews ministerial responses

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Bureau of the Shura Council approved on Monday the results of the elections for the standing committees, along with the final lists of committee members for the second half of the tenth term (2023–2027).

The members will begin carrying out their responsibilities within the Council's standing committees, reviewing and studying a range of topics outlined in their respective work plans, which endorsed earlier yesterday during the Council's second regular session.

The approval came during the Office's second regular meeting for the Third annual Session of the Tenth Term (2023–2027), chaired by Khalid Hilal al-Maawali, Chairman of the Shura Council, in the presence of their Excellencies members of the Bu-



reau and Ahmed Mohammed al-Nadabi, Secretary-General of the Council.

During the meeting, a number of the ministerial responses were reviewed, most notably the Council of Ministers' reply regarding the proposal to allow graduates of the College of Sharia Sciences who studied via distance learning

to enroll in teacher qualification programmes, as well as the Cabinet's response concerning the procedures required to prevent expatriate workers from leaving the country without their sponsor's approval.

The meeting also discussed the response of the Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Eco-

nomie Zones and Free Zones to the inquiry related to the agreement on the treatment of steel waste.

In addition, the Office reviewed an inquiry submitted to the Governor of North Al-Batinah regarding the community contributions of mining and quarrying companies in the governorate.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Forum underscores deepening ties

CAIRO: The First Egyptian-Gulf Trade and Investment Forum, held on Monday in Cairo under the slogan "A Roadmap towards Enhancing Egyptian-Gulf Economic Cooperation", and in which the Sultanate of Oman is participating, affirmed the importance of deepening economic partnerships and capitalising on available investment opportunities.

The opening of the forum was held under the auspices of Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The forum included extensive discussions on developmental projects and future investment opportunities, alongside direct meetings between the public and private sectors and bilateral business meetings that help enhance cooperation and develop joint opportunities.

The forum hosted a main ministerial session which addressed the future of trade and investment relations and prospects for eco-



nomie development between the two sides.

The session reviewed efforts made to improve the business environment, facilitate investment movement, and enhance the roles of both the public and private sectors in supporting economic growth and providing quality opportunities for investors.

The dialogue sessions also focused on reading the reality of the

Gulf and Egyptian markets, discussing mechanisms to overcome challenges related to financing and regulatory procedures, and identifying priorities for future joint cooperation.

The forum also included B2B meetings between Egyptian businessmen and their counterparts from the GCC States and an exhibition of investment opportunities in various economic sectors

in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The forum's program for tomorrow includes field visits to a number of administrative and economic cities, ports, and economic projects in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Partnership

Through its participation in the forum, the Sultanate of Oman seeks to expand its presence in regional and international economic events, due to their contribution to enhancing communication within the business community, highlighting promising investment opportunities, exchanging successful experiences, and building partnerships that support economic growth and achieve Gulf and Arab trade and investment integration.

The forum was attended by a number of ministers, undersecretaries, and a gathering of decision-makers and officials from the GCC States and Egypt. -**ONA**

POLITICAL TALKS

Sayyid Badr meets Bosnian counterpart



MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister on Monday received Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who is currently on an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

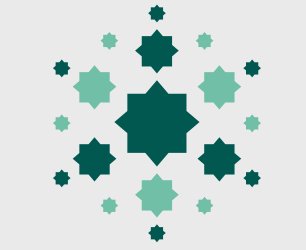
The two sides held political talks which reviewed the bilateral cooperation between the two countries and means of enhancing them in various political, diplomatic, economic and cultural spheres in a manner that serves mutual interests.

The two sides exchanged views on several regional and international issues and challenges of mutual concern. They stressed

their two countries' commitment to pursuing dialogue, peaceful, and legal means to achieve stability and peace, and address issues in a spirit of justice and wisdom.

They affirmed their mutual keenness to develop tourism and educational opportunities, encourage investments and mutual visits, and support communication between the different sectors of the two countries, which would bring mutual benefits.

The talks were attended by Razim Čolić, Ambassador of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Sultanate of Oman, as well as a number of officials from both sides. -**ONA**



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Interior Minister views open prisons in Bahrain

The briefing included a presentation of the administration's initiatives in the fields of education, vocational training, and psychological and social rehabilitation

MANAMA: Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, on Monday visited the Open Prisons Complex in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This came within the framework of the Interior Minister's official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Minister of Interior was accompanied during the



visit by Gen. Sheikh Rashed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior of Bahrain.

Upon their arrival at the complex, they were received by a number of senior officials from the Bahraini Ministry of Interior.

At the beginning of the visit, the Minister of Interior listened to a comprehensive introductory briefing presented by the open prisons' management.

The briefing covered the objectives of these correctional facilities and their role in rehabilitating inmates and preparing them for

integration into society after the completion of their sentences.

The briefing included a presentation of the administration's initiatives in the fields of education, vocational training, and psychological and social rehabilitation, in addition to reviewing the proce-



dures followed to ensure the rights of inmates and provide a humane correctional environment that adheres to the standards of justice and dignity, in line with humanitarian principles and best international practices in this field.

Following this, the Minister of Interior conducted a field tour of the administration's facilities, which included training workshops, education halls, and various service facilities.

Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, lauded the advanced administrative organization and quality programs he witnessed, which reflect the great attention the Kingdom of Bahrain accords to developing the correctional work system. He pointed to the importance of continuing the exchange of visits and expertise to contribute to the advancement of the correctional work system and the efficiency of prison management, thereby serving mutual interests.

The Minister of Interior was accompanied during the visit by Maj. Gen Abdullah bin Ali Al Harthy, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs for Operations, Sayyid Faisal bin Harib Al Busaidi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and a number of officials from the Ministry of Interior. **-ONA**

PEOPLE-DRIVEN ECONOMY

OEX 2025 celebrates Oman's employee experience and future of work

< FROM A1 He commended the role played by Muscat Media Group through its integrated platform in organising the conference, highlighting success stories and promising opportunities for Omani youth, adding that the media is a key partner in supporting national visions and shaping the future.

In his welcome address, Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali, Chairman of Muscat Media Group, stated that the Oman's journey toward Vision 2040 depends on its people, and events like OEX celebrate the people behind transformation, innovation and culture-building.

Delivering the keynote, Dr. Mohammed Al-Najjar, Director General of Training and Development



His Excellency Hamed Al-Nazouani

at the Ministry of Labour, emphasized that employment is a shared national responsibility that requires full coordination between public and private sectors. He stressed that the next stage calls for a unified national alliance to build a more efficient and adaptable labour market.

"The Ministry of Labour's new strategy establishes an integrated system based on skills and competencies, aimed at creating a more efficient labour market and ensuring better alignment between educational outcomes and the needs of the national economy," he said. "This strategy also contributes to developing the employment and training ecosystem by updating curricula and training

programmes according to national professional standards, ensuring that Omani talent is fully prepared to compete in both local and global markets."

Dr. Ghalib Al Hosni, Chief People Officer at Omantel and Chairman of OSHRM, underscored the strong connection between employee happiness and business success. In his presentation, he showcased Omantel's people-centric culture and a series of initiatives focused on employee engagement, wellbeing, and diversity - key drivers, he noted, of the company's sustained performance and innovation.

A highlight of the day was a panel discussion on "Building the Future of Work: Designing Employee Experiences that Matter." The event concluded with the OEX Awards Ceremony, held under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Dr. Faris Bin Turki Al Said, honouring 21 outstanding organizations and HR leaders.

Drawing over 175 participants from across industries, the OEX Summit 2025 reinforced Oman's commitment to building empowered, future-ready workplaces aligned with the vision of a thriving, people-driven economy.

The event was supported by Oman American Business Council (OABC), Elevatus, MENA HR Solutions, Interface Incorporated, Infoline, Jotun Paints, GBM, Minara, McDonald's and Changan.



REF: OFM/TD-03/2025

Supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

Oman Flour Mills SAOG (OFM) invites specialized and experienced contractors to participate in the supply and delivery of Bulk Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in accordance with the defined scope of work and technical specifications.

Tender Documents:
Interested bidders are requested to send an email to tender3@omanflourmills.com to obtain the tender documents.

Tender Fee Details:
Tender fee shall be deposited directly to the following bank account:
•Account Name: Oman Flour Mills Company SAOG
•Bank: Sohar International
•Account Number: 001020032407
•Swift Code: BSHROMRUXXX

Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-03/2025
Tender subject	Supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas
Tender Fee	RO. 100/- (non-refundable)
Start date for tender collection	11/11/2025
Last date for tender collection	16/11/2025
Last date for receiving the technical queries	18/11/2025
Closing date of the tender	19/11/2025
Mode of payment of tender fee	By Bank Transfer
Email address for receiving SOW & clarification	tender3@omanflourmills.com
Mode of submission	All bidders are required to submit their proposals online through email: bid-ofm@omanflourmills.com

•Vendor selection will be based on "best and final offer". OFM is not bound to select the lowest bidder.
•Notwithstanding the specific terms in the Tender Documents, Tender fee is not refundable
•Bids submittal shall consist of 2 separate PDF files (Technical) & (Commercial), with bidder name on each and tender reference number OFM/TD-03/2025.





REF: OFM/TD-04/2025

Ship Unloading Operator

Oman Flour Mills SAOG (OFM) invites specialized and experienced contractors to participate in providing skilled and qualified ship unloading operator in accordance with the defined scope of work and technical specifications.

Brief Scope of Work:
This tender aims to engage a competent and experienced contractor to provide qualified operators to support Oman Flour Mills in its ship unloading operations at Sultan Qaboos port. The contractor will be responsible for supplying eight (8) skilled operators capable of handling ship unloaders and other heavy equipment used in the discharge of bulk grains such as wheat, corn, barley, bran pellets, and soya.

Tender Documents:
Interested bidders are requested to send an email to tender3@omanflourmills.com to obtain the tender documents.

Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-04/2025
Tender subject	Ship Unloading Operator
Start date for tender collection	11/11/2025
Last date for tender collection	17/11/2025
Last date for receiving the technical queries	19/11/2025
Closing date of the tender	24/11/2025
Email address for receiving SOW & clarification	tender3@omanflourmills.com
Mode of submission	All bidders are required to submit their proposals online through email: bid-ofm@omanflourmills.com

•Vendor selection will be based on "best and final offer". OFM is not bound to select the lowest bidder.
•Bids submittal shall consist of 2 separate PDF files (Technical) & (Commercial), with bidder name on each and tender reference number OFM/TD-04/2025.





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Middle East LPG Summit and Expo begins in Muscat

The summit is attended by approximately 2,000 experts and specialists from 30 countries, alongside 80 international companies showcasing the latest advancements in the LPG industry



MUSCAT: The Middle East LPG Summit and Expo 2025 began on Monday at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The event is hosted by the Sultanate of Oman and organised by the World Liquid Gas Association (WLGA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (MoCIIP).

The two-day event aims to discuss the future of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) industry and enhance global cooperation in the energy field.

This is achieved by showcasing the latest innovations, technologies, and solutions related to the energy transition, industrial safety, women's empowerment, digital transformation, and artificial intelligence.

The opening of the summit was held under the auspices of Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion.

The summit is attended by approximately 2,000 experts and specialists from 30 countries, alongside 80 international companies showcasing the latest advancements in the LPG industry across technology, safety systems, and supply chains.

The event witnessed the launch

of the first chapter of the Women's Empowerment Programme in the LPG sector in the Middle East, which reinforces Oman's efforts to support women's participation in the energy and industry sector.

The summit programme included a number of panel discussions and workshops on autogas, indus-

trial safety, women's empowerment in the energy sector, and the exchange of global expertise.

DNA

Commerce ministry reviews opportunities in vehicle repair and maintenance sector



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (MoCIIP) on Sunday reviewed, with a number of entrepreneurs in the vehicle repair and maintenance sector, the opportunities available to develop this sector in line with the needs of the local market.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the challenges facing those working in this sector and ways to enhance competitiveness and improve service quality, in addition to mechanisms for facilitating licensing and inspection procedures and encouraging the application of technical standards.

Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, affirmed during the meeting that the Ministry accords great importance to the services and maintenance sectors, considering them an important part of the national economy and a vital area for developing small and medium enterprises (SMEs). He noted that the ministry continues to support initiatives that contribute to improving the level of services and encouraging entrepreneurs to adopt the best technical practices and technologies.

He also stressed the importance of establishments operating in the sector adhering to approved standards and specifications, and ensuring the availability of certified quality spare parts, which enhances consumer confidence and protects their rights. He pointed out that the ministry, in coopera-

tion with relevant authorities, is working to develop an effective supervisory system that preserves consumer rights and supports the growth of the sector at the same time. The meeting addressed initiatives aimed at enhancing the role of national competencies in the sector, through supporting and distinguishing Omani-run workshops and incentivising them to provide high-quality services. This promotes Omanisation opportunities and encourages Omani youth to engage in this vital field.

The entrepreneurs expressed their appreciation to the ministry for providing this opportunity for direct dialogue, affirming that such meetings contribute to enhancing the partnership between the government sector and entrepreneurs, finding practical solutions, and developing businesses in a way that serves the economic development goals in Oman. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Labour, the SMEs Development Authority (Riyada), the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Development Bank, and a number of officials from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion.

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US Senate votes to end shutdown, paving the way for govt reopening

The deal followed tense negotiations between Senate leaders, the White House, and centrist lawmakers

WASHINGTON, DC: The US Senate voted 60-40 on Sunday night to break the weeks-long government shutdown, marking the first major step toward reopening federal agencies as early as later this week, according to media report.

The breakthrough came after eight Senate Democrats agreed to support a bipartisan funding package that would fully fund several key agencies for the rest of the fiscal year and extend all others through January 30, 2026. The deal followed tense negotiations between Senate leaders, the White House, and centrist lawmakers.

In exchange, Democrats secured two key concessions from the Trump administration: a commitment to rehire thousands of fed-



eral workers who were dismissed at the start of the shutdown and a promise of a Senate floor vote in December on extending expiring Obamacare tax credits.

Sunday's vote ended a six-week standoff that had left millions of Americans without key government services, delayed paychecks

for federal employees, and closed programs such as food assistance and childcare support. Senate Majority Leader John Thune said the vote marked "a path forward to get America working again."

"I am optimistic that after almost six weeks of this shutdown, we'll finally be able to end it,"

Thune said from the Senate floor, as per CNN.

The vote came hours after a small group of moderate Democrats struck a deal with Republicans to use a House-passed stop-gap bill as the vehicle for a broader funding package.

While the deal signalled a break-

through, it exposed deep divisions within the Democratic Party. Many liberal lawmakers opposed the plan for not guaranteeing the continuation of Affordable Care Act subsidies, arguing it was a "half-step" that left healthcare protections uncertain.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said he would vote "no deal without health care," reflecting widespread frustration among progressives.

However, centrist Democrats defended the compromise, calling it a necessary step to end the financial and social fallout of the shutdown.

"There's no good solution," said Sen. John Hickenlooper of Colorado. "Some of my colleagues believe Trump will stop at nothing to prevent that subsidy from being restored. We tried it and now we're going to use every other tool. We're not going to quit," CNN quoted.

The funding deal was the product of five weeks of talks led by Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, Angus King of Maine, Senate Majority Leader Thune, and White House negotiators.

Shaheen said Republicans made it clear there would be no better deal if Democrats waited longer. "Now I understand that not all of my Democratic colleagues are satisfied with this agreement, but

waiting another week or another month wouldn't deliver a better outcome," she said.

Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia said the agreement ensures back pay for all federal employees and prevents mass layoffs for the rest of the fiscal year. "Lawmakers know their constituents expect them to vote for it, and if they don't, they could very well be replaced at the ballot box," he added.

What comes next?

The vote on Sunday clears the way for the Senate to pass the measure. It will then be sent to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives for approval before landing on Trump's desk for a signature.

The process could take several days, or longer, depending on the degree of opposition.

When the Senate reconvenes on Monday, Republicans said they would try to expedite the voting process to get the bill through procedural measures quickly, and end the shutdown by the weekend.

"It was a good vote tonight," Senate Majority Leader John Thune told reporters after the Senate adjourned on Sunday.

"Hopefully, we'll get an opportunity tomorrow to set up the next votes. Of course, that's going to take some cooperation and consent." — *Agencies*

BORDER CLASHES

Thailand suspends Cambodia peace deal after landmine blast

BANGKOK: Thailand announced on Monday it was suspending a peace agreement with Cambodia after two Thai soldiers on border patrol were injured in a land mine blast.

"The follow-up to the joint declaration that we have been doing for about a week will stop," government spokesman Siripong Angkasakulkiat said.

Border clashes between the two countries threatened to spill into an all out war in the summer, before US President Donald Trump helped broker a ceasefire that has largely held since July.

The next step of the ceasefire included the release of 18 Cambodian soldiers detained in Thailand. On Monday, Angkasakulkiat said the release will be paused.



whether the land mine that went off was planted recently, or if it was left over.

Thailand and Cambodia have a long-standing border dispute which has lasted for over a century. The summer clashes however were mainly fueled by Thai claims that Cambodia was planting land mines that wounded Thai troops.

Since the ceasefire, both sides have been working on arms removal and citing progress. However, Thailand still accuses Cambodia of obstructing the mine clearance process, while Phnom Penh insists it is committed to the agreement fully.

— *DW*

What else do we know about the land mine blast?

A sergeant lost his right foot after stepping on a land mine while on a patrol along the border in Sisaket province, the Royal Thai Army said on Monday.

The blast caused chest tightness in another soldier. Both were receiving treatment at a hospital.

Thai Defence Minister Natthaphon Narkphanit said the military was yet to determine

COP30

‘Climate conference of truth’ in Brazil?

BELEM: Two cruise ships are bobbing quietly in the specially expanded port near the city of Belem in northern Brazil on the edge of the Amazon. They will serve as alternative accommodation for more than 10,000 participants at this year's climate conference.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 people, including heads of state and government from almost 200 countries, are expected to attend the 30th UN Climate Change Conference, COP30, to discuss measures for greater climate protection.

From converted strip clubs to multi-story steamboats, Belem had to get creative with accommodation due to a lack of available rooms and high prices.

Belem is a symbolic choice of location for the summit due to its proximity to the Amazon, a region that is vital for both the regional and global climate — even as forest fires, droughts, and changing rainy seasons take their toll — and where local communities are on the frontline of a deforestation crisis.

The region is also one of the poorest in Brazil. Extreme weather events, which are becoming more frequent and severe due to rising temperatures associated with the burning of oil, gas and coal, have bigger impacts on low-income communities in the country, but also worldwide.

Speaking ahead of the negotiations, Brazil's President Lula has labelled the event a "conference of



truth," referencing the need to face the reality of climate change and need for action. Similarly, the host nation has called it a "conference of implementation."

This has definitely been lacking in recent years, with no single country currently doing enough to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) — the limit the world agreed to strive for under the Paris Agreement of 2015.

Climate change adaptation is set to be a key theme in Belem. As economies, ecosystems and communities begin to endure more frequent and severe climate impacts, there is a pressing need to mitigate these consequences.

Poorer and developing countries, many of which are very vulnerable to the consequences of increasing temperatures, are demanding significantly more financial support from rich countries that have contributed more to heating the planet.

The 1.5°C target for climate protection does not yet extend to adaptation, and vulnerable countries want to agree on indicators that will rate the success of adaptation measures.

There is also the key question of country commitments to reducing planet-heating emissions. All Parties to the Paris Agreement should have submitted new climate targets in September. But by November, according to COP President Andre Correa do Lago, fewer than 70 countries had submitted new targets.

"We are frustrated," said Do Lago. "Two deadlines have already passed without countries fulfilling their commitments. That is annoying."

Brazil's chance to lead amid uncertainty

For Brazil under President Lula, the conference is a top priority as it showcases the nation's ability to couple sustainable development

with economic progress and take a leading role on the world stage.

Global uncertainty related to increasing trade conflicts, the war in Ukraine, and the situation in Gaza has unduly impacted multilateral climate policy. Meanwhile, the US, the world's second-largest greenhouse gas emitter, withdrew from the Paris climate agreement when Donald Trump took office and has since rolled back climate protections.

Observers view upcoming negotiations with concern

"It is important to have a host for the negotiations who inspires confidence in all countries," says Niklas Höhne of Climate Action Tracker — a consortium of German and international think tanks that examine how national climate targets are being implemented.

At the start of the conference, Brazil will present an initiative to protect tropical forests, which are particularly important for climate regulation and biodiversity: the Tropical Forest Forever Facility.

This involves a new fund that will be established with government money and topped up by private investors. Countries that take special measures to protect their forests will be rewarded with profits from the fund. At least 20% of the payments are earmarked for Indigenous communities. The goal is to raise a total of US\$125 billion (€108 billion) for the fund. — *DW*

PHILIPPINES

Deadly typhoon Fung-wong unleashes flooding

MANILA: Typhoon Fung-wong slammed the Philippines on Monday with floods and landslides, killing at least five people and displacing some 1.4 million.

The brunt of the typhoon affected the north of the archipelago, making landfall on the coast of Aurora province on the main island of Luzon as a super typhoon, with sustained winds of up to 185 kilometres per hour and gusts of up to 230 kph.

Entire villages were submerged and dozens of towns remained without electricity on Monday. On Monday, schools and government offices across the main island of Luzon were closed, with the closure due to resume on Tuesday. This includes the capital, Manila.

The massive storm — the biggest to threaten the Philippines so far this year — was 1,800 kilometres (some 1,100 miles) wide.

It blew in as the central Philippines was still dealing with the massive damage caused by Typhoon Kalmaegi, which killed at least 224 people.



Authorities warned that while the typhoon has passed, heavy rain still posed a danger in certain areas.

Storm heads toward Taiwan

More than 1.4 million people were displaced into emergency shelters or relatives' homes before Fung-wong made landfall, with more than 300,000 people still staying at evacuation centers on Monday.

According to forecasts, a weakened Fung-wong will next affect Taiwan, with the populated west coast expected to take a hit.

However, the heaviest rainfall is expected along the mountainous east coast.

As of Monday, the typhoon's winds were measured between 130 kph and 160 kph (80 mph to 100 mph).

Taiwanese weather forecaster Stan Chang told the French AFP news agency that more than 350 millimetres (14 inches) of rain is expected in a 24-hour period across the region.

Government officials said that some 5,000 people will be evacuated from three townships in the

eastern county of Hualien.

The weather bureau said a sea warning for Typhoon Fung-Wong could be issued later on Monday.

As of 2 am, the typhoon was located about 580 kilometers south of Taiwan and moving northwest toward the Taiwan Strait. The CWA said Fung-Wong is expected to turn northeast toward Taiwan while gradually weakening.

From Monday night to Tuesday, the typhoon's outer bands, combined with strong northeasterly winds, are likely to bring heavy downpours to Keelung, the

Greater Taipei area, eastern Taiwan, and the Hengchun Peninsula in the south, the CWA said.

The bureau also warned of additional rainfall in central and southern Taiwan on Wednesday as the storm moves across the island. The weather is expected to ease by Thursday, though occasional heavy showers may still occur in the north, as per Focus Taiwan.

Citing Independent meteorologist Wu De-rong, Focus Taiwan noted that the storm's strongest impact will be felt on Tuesday, with northern and eastern Taiwan facing intense rain. He added that conditions should gradually improve from Thursday, and sunny to cloudy skies are expected to return nationwide by Saturday.

Temperatures on Monday are forecast to range between 22 degree celsius and 24 degree C in northern Taiwan and Yilan County, while central and southern regions could see daytime highs of 30 degree C to 32 degree C, the CWA added. — *Agencies*

Dozens of prison inmates dead

EL ORO: Authorities at a prison in Ecuador's El Oro province said that they found at least 27 individuals on Sunday afternoon who had died from asphyxiation caused by "immediate death by hanging."

Asphyxiation occurs when the body is deprived of oxygen.

In a statement on X, Ecuador's SNAI prison authority said they were still working to "fully clarify the facts" at the jail, which is located in southwestern Ecuador near the border with Peru.

In a separate incident on Sunday morning, the prison was the scene of a violent riot.

Local residents heard gunfire, explosions and cries for help coming from inside the prison's walls, news agencies report.

Four people died in the morning violence, while 33 inmates and one police officer were injured, SNAI said.

Elite police teams entered the prison immediately and regained control after the riot broke out, the agency said.

— *DW*

Al Amerat reign supreme again

Defending champions
beat Ahli-Sidab 4-3
in a shootout to lift
55th His Majesty's
Cup hockey title

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Al Amerat stamped their growing dominance on Omani hockey after retaining the prestigious 55th His Majesty's Cup with a dramatic 4-3 shootout victory over record champions Ahli-Sidab, following a thrilling 4-4 draw in regulation time at the Hockey Oman Arena on Monday night.

The final, held under the patronage of HH Sayyid Dr Fahd bin Al Julanda Al Said, Vice-Chancellor of Sultan Qaboos University, was attended by dignitaries, Oman Hockey Association (OHA) officials and a large, vocal crowd.

Having lifted their maiden title last year, Al Amerat's back-to-back triumph confirmed their status as Oman's new hockey powerhouse.

The Muscat-based side started with high intensity, pressing deep and creating early openings, though both teams missed penalty corners in a tense,

goalless first quarter.

Ahli-Sidab took the lead in the second quarter when Rashid Salem Al Fazari scored from Par-deep Singh's assist. But Al Amerat hit back immediately through a penalty stroke from Korean star Jonghyun Jang to make it 1-1.

Just four minutes later, Uttam Singh fired in to give Al Amerat a 2-1 advantage at halftime.

Al Amerat widened the gap early in the third quarter when Lalit Kumar Upadhyay followed up on a rebound to make it 3-1.

Ahli-Sidab rallied, reducing the deficit to 3-2 through Pardeep Singh's neat finish in the 39th minute.

The drama peaked in the final quarter. Al Fazari equalised 3-3, only to be shown a yellow card

Tie-breaker

In the tie-breaker, Al Amerat held their nerve, winning 4-3 to spark jubilant celebrations.

HH Sayyid Dr Fahd Al Said was joined by Basil bin Ahmed Al Rawas, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, and Dr Marwan bin Juma Al Juma, OHA Chairman at the presentation ceremony.

ceived OMR 40,000 and gold medals, while Ahli-Sidab took OMR 25,000 and silver. Salalah Club clinched bronze, defeating Sohar 4-3 on penalties after a 3-3 draw.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Ahl-Sidab routed Sohar 5-1, while Al Amerat booked their spot with a commanding 8-0 win over Salalah.

The 55th edition saw a record 20 clubs compete and featured VAR technology and international referees, marking another milestone in the sport's professionalisation.

Individual awards: Best player: Younis Ghabish Al Nofali (Al Amerat); Best goalkeeper: Fahad Al Nofli (Al Amerat), Top scorer: Jonghyun Jang (13 goals, Al Amerat), Best promising player: Maitham Saif Al Wahaibi (Ahli-Sidab)

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by January 2026 reaching \$65.36, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 37 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$64.99. - **ONA**

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) 30 Index concluded yesterday's trading session at 5,663.32 points, registering a rise of 90 points, equivalent to 1.62 percent, from its previous close of 5,573.28 points.

Chairman's Statement

Q3 2025

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OUR VALUES SAFETY | ESG | RESPECT | VISION | INTEGRITY | CARING | EMPOWERMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I present the unaudited financial statements for Renaissance Services SAOG for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

The first three quarters of 2025 were characterised by mixed economic conditions both in Oman and across the wider region. The Omani government's continued focus on fiscal discipline and infrastructure investment sustained underlying momentum, though delayed project commencements and slower tender cycles tempered growth in certain sectors.

Regional energy prices stabilised after earlier volatility, contributing to more predictable but tighter government expenditure cycles. Neighbouring markets experienced similar trends of moderated growth amid cautious public spending and project delays.

Against this backdrop, Renaissance delivered steady operational performance supported by disciplined cost management, strong client relationships and a consistent focus on service quality and compliance.

Financial Performance
RS Consolidated

	RO mn		USD mn	
	9-month period ended		9-month period ended	
	Sep 2025	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	Sep 2024
Revenue	83.49	77.71	216.86	201.84
EBITDA	14.32	17.61	37.19	45.74
Operating profit	7.50	10.77	19.48	27.97
Net profit after tax	3.98	6.17	10.34	16.03
Net profit after non-controlling interest	5.15	7.47	13.38	19.40

Performance

Demonstrating continued resilience, the company recorded a 7.4% increase in revenue to RO 83.49mn for the nine months ended September 2025, driven by new contract wins in health, energy and integrated tourism projects as well as stable performance across core operations. Though profitability was lower over the previous year corresponding period, there was an improvement in the Q3 bottomline compared to the first two quarters of 2025.

The company maintained a strong financial discipline throughout the period: Collections remained healthy, overheads were tightly managed and financing costs reduced year on year. Investment in carefully selected areas of innovation and process improvement, including digitalisation, automation and data-driven management, helped strengthen long-term competitiveness.

Our Contract Services business benefited from strong delivery and improved operational efficiency across key contracts in the energy, healthcare and infrastructure sectors highlighting the trust placed in Renaissance as a reliable partner in essential, nation-building services.

At the same time, across much of the public and private/semi-government sectors, tendering and contract renewals have been delayed, with many clients extending existing agreements or re-tendering later than planned. Heightened competition and price sensitivity have also shifted emphasis toward lowest-cost awards rather than value-based evaluation, compressing margins across the industry.

The general business environment continues to experience rising operating costs, driven by inflationary pressures, tighter labour markets and increased regulatory and compliance requirements. These factors, combined with a more competitive tendering landscape, have placed additional strain on margins.



The broader trends in the current contracting landscape, particularly affect our accommodation solutions business, at Renaissance Village Duqm (RSVD) and the Permanent Accommodation for Contractors (PACs) in the oil & gas fields. Though announcements of major projects or new contract awards signal future opportunity, actual mobilisation has been slow, temporarily limiting demand for accommodation solutions.

However, this sector continues to be a strategic platform for growth. Building on the strength of our existing assets in Duqm and the oilfields, we are exploring opportunities to leverage these investments to support regional expansion and new client requirements. This business model, proven in Oman, represents a unique value proposition, positioning Renaissance to pursue long-term partnerships with local and international private and public sector clients seeking reliable and sustainable solutions.

M & A

The company continues to pursue acquisition opportunities in Oman and the region. Several potential targets are under evaluation where the combination of strategic fit, earnings potential and cultural alignment could deliver meaningful scale and capability enhancement. Synergies with our existing business will be central to any potential transaction, whether through operating leverage, access to high-growth sectors or an expanded range of integrated services.

ESG

Renaissance continues to advance its sustainability agenda through innovation, technology and the responsible management of precious natural resources. The company's efforts remain aligned with Oman's Net Zero commitments and focused on driving measurable progress across its operations.

Continuing the digitalisation journey, a Facilities Management (FM) app has been deployed at a flagship mixed-use waterfront development in Muscat, where comprehensive Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) services are being provided. This digital platform streamlines maintenance activities, eliminates paper-based work orders, and enhances overall efficiencies through process automation.

Transformation and growth

2025 marked an important phase of transformation and growth for Renaissance. A clear strategic direction was reinforced, focused on strengthening competitiveness, embedding a growth-oriented culture, and pursuing both service and geographic diversification through a combination of organic expansion and selective mergers and acquisitions.

Earlier this year, Renaissance began a company-wide review of its service delivery processes, workforce deployment and cost structures, with the goal of improving productivity and delivering better value to clients. This will be supported by the increased use of automation, robotics and digital tools to reduce manual processes in food, cleaning and accommodation services.



Decades of proven experience in healthcare FM services positions the company to expand into new integrated solutions, including asset and energy management for hospitals and clinics. In parallel, the development of advanced predictive maintenance systems for utilities will allow Renaissance to reduce clients' operating costs and carbon footprint while differentiating its Hard FM offerings through data, AI and sustainability performance.



We will continue to strengthen participation in the waste management and utilities sectors, leveraging joint ventures and partnerships to drive innovation and efficiency in these sectors. These initiatives align directly with Oman Vision 2040 priorities and reinforce Renaissance's position as a trusted Omani company contributing to national development, business continuity and economic resilience.

The macro view

Oman's economic outlook remains positive, supported by continued fiscal discipline and accelerated diversification. The latest data indicate that foreign direct investment (FDI) rose by about 18% to reach RO 30.3bn by mid-2025, nearly double the level recorded in 2020. Private-sector investment accounted for about 17 per cent of GDP, reflecting an 8.4 per cent annual growth rate, and in line with the goals of Oman Vision 2040. A current account surplus for the third consecutive year underscores continued fiscal discipline and a strengthening financial position.

While the oil and gas sector continues to account for around 80 per cent of total FDI inflows into the country, diversification is gradually expanding the investment base, with almost 9 per cent directed to manufacturing by mid-2025 and rising inflows now expected in renewable energy, tourism and technology-enabled services in line with ongoing announcements.

Redefining value

As we look ahead, Renaissance aims to engage clients and partners in a broader conversation around value - one that moves beyond price to focus on total cost, performance and long-term outcomes. As organisations face rising cost pressures, sustainability requirements and the need for reliable asset performance, the importance of understanding the total cost of ownership is becoming increasingly evident.

IFM aligns the management of physical assets, infrastructure and workplace services directly to business outcomes like productivity, safety, cost efficiency and sustainability. Over time, greater awareness of these benefits will help shift the market toward value-based partnerships that deliver stronger outcomes for both clients and service providers.

Tribute

Renaissance extends its congratulations to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and the people of Oman. Under His Majesty's leadership, Oman continues to advance its economic diversification and sustainability agenda with clarity and purpose. The company remains committed to supporting this vision by enhancing In-Country Value (ICV) and contributing to national progress through efficient, high-quality and sustainable services.



Samir J. Fancy
Chairman

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

	9-month period ended	
	Sep 2025	Sep 2024
	RO '000	RO '000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	126,816	134,044
Intangible assets	1,915	1,930
Investments	5,287	6,324
Deferred tax asset	849	596
	134,867	142,894
Current assets	69,199	61,511
Current liabilities	53,068	42,662
Non- current liabilities		
Term loans excluding current maturities	37,523	47,527
Deferred tax liability	-	428
Other non current payables	9,701	10,833
	47,224	58,788
Net assets	103,774	102,955
Equity		
Share capital	23,641	23,641
Treasury shares held by subsidiary	(6,772)	(6,772)
Treasury shares held by liquidity provider	(226)	(167)
Share premium	26,936	26,936
Legal reserve	9,145	9,139
Other reserves	1,389	470
Retained earnings	31,876	30,182
	85,989	83,429
Non controlling interest	17,785	19,526
Total equity	103,774	102,955

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	9-month period ended	
	Sep 2025	Sep 2024
	RO '000	RO '000
Revenue	83,491	77,707
Operating expenses	(75,995)	(66,941)
Profit from operations	7,496	10,766
Net finance costs	(2,604)	(3,049)
Profit before tax	4,892	7,717
Tax	(907)	(1,551)
Profit for the period	3,985	6,166
Net profit attributable to:		
Shareholders of the Parent Company	5,147	7,468
Non-controlling interest	(1,162)	(1,302)
	3,985	6,166

Notes
1) The complete accounts will be sent by mail to shareholders within 7 days of receipt of request.
2) The complete set of financial results can be accessed at www.renaissanceservices.com

MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Salalah Mills, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while Oman United Insurance, down 2.68%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 5,663.32 points, up by 1.62% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 1.09% at 479.03 points. Salalah Mills, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while Oman United Insurance, down 2.68%, was the top loser.

Shares of Sohar International Bank 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 8143 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 54.9 million, with more than 242.68 million shares changing hands. Out of 69 traded securities, 37 advanced, 10 declined, and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net buyers for RO 1024K while domestic investors were net sellers for RO 634K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 391K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 9,110.31 points, up 1.10%. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment,

National Finance, Bank Dhofar, Sohar International Bank, Al Anwar Investment were up by 6.25%, 3.57%, 3.23%, 3.21%, 2.91% respectively. Prices of Oman United Insurance, Bank Nizwa, Al Omaniya Financial Services, Ominvest were down by 2.68%, 0.96%, 0.79%, 0.32% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 7,238.06 points, up 0.26%. Prices of Salalah Mills, Oman Flour Mills, Voltamp Energy, Jazeera Steel Products, Oman Cement were up by 10.00%, 1.06%, 0.53%, 0.35%, 0.21% respectively. Prices of A'Saffa Foods, Gulf Mushroom Products, Oman Cables Industry were down by 1.88%, 0.70%, 0.05% respectively.

Services Index was up by 2.10% before closing at 2,305.04 points. Prices of Shell Oman Marketing, Abraj Energy, Phoenix Power, OQ Exploration & Production, Oman Oil Marketing were up by 7.46%, 6.74%, 4.03%, 3.30%, 2.56% respectively. Prices of Ooredoo were down by 0.42% respectively.

— United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

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INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%	
MSX 30 INDEX	5,706.78	5,583.00	5,663.32	5,573.28	90.04	1.62	
FINANCIAL INDEX	9,136.43	9,016.62	9,110.31	9,011.43	98.88	1.10	
Industry Index	7,242.78	7,200.93	7,238.06	7,219.35	18.71	0.26	
Services Index	2,324.74	2,261.61	2,305.04	2,257.71	47.32	2.10	
MSX Shariah Index	481.03	474.69	479.03	473.86	5.17	1.09	
MSX TR INDEX	8,565.16	8,379.41	8,499.96	8,364.83	135.13	1.62	
FINANCIAL TR IDX	10,854.39	10,712.06	10,823.37	10,705.90	117.47	1.10	
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	8,929.72	8,878.12	8,923.90	8,900.83	23.07	0.26	
SERVICES TR IDX	3,018.53	2,936.57	2,992.95	2,931.50	61.45	2.10	
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	1,205.12	0.00	0.00	
Trading Summary							
Volume	.....	Turnover	.....	Trades	.....	Market Cap	.....
242,687,991	.....	54,895,017	.....	8,143	.....	31,677,670,866	.....
	.....		.....		.....	37	.....
	.....		.....		.....	10	.....
	.....		.....		.....	22	.....
	.....		.....		.....	69	.....

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PREV. VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	13,503,604	4,023,357	959	0.285	0.306	0.285	0.301	0.282	0.019	6.738	0.301	0.301	0.302	0.100	231,830,200
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	55,113,808	8,856,992	980	0.157	0.163	0.157	0.161	0.156	0.005	3.205	0.161	0.161	0.163	0.100	1,065,376,649
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.	145,000	11,950	13	0.082	0.084	0.082	0.084	0.082	0.002	2.439	0.084	0.083	0.084	0.100	7,580,000
OM0000002524	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	894,388	275,317	56	0.280	0.297	0.280	0.297	0.280	0.017	6.414	0.297	0.295	0.297	0.100	70,313,770
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	2,006,785	174,315	73	0.087	0.088	0.086	0.088	0.086	0.002	2.326	0.088	0.086	0.088	0.100	15,400,000
OM0000003036	OMAN TELECOM	1,860,120	2,052,676	153	0.031	0.045	0.031	0.044	0.028	0.014	4.544	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.100	75,000,000
OM0000004925	ALBATHA POWER	1,691,782	292,427	18	0.172	0.175	0.172	0.174	0.171	0.003	1.754	0.174	0.174	0.179	0.100	117,340,413
OM0000009072	OQAS NETWORKS	16,970,133	3,187,423	972	0.186	0.196	0.186	0.196	0.183	0.013	1.639	0.196	0.186	0.196	0.100	865,486,049
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	13,000	1,957	5	0.151	0.151	0.150	0.148	0.002	0.001	0.551	0.150	0.150	0.162	0.100	30,000,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	18,252,645	6,142,565	748	0.335	0.338	0.334	0.336	0.333	0.003	0.901	0.336	0.336	0.338	0.100	2,522,149,413
OM0000004853	AL SUWADI POWER	214,464	37,071	37	0.171	0.175	0.171	0.172	0.171	0.001	0.885	0.172	0.172	0.172	0.100	192,877,580
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	288,559	51,939	25	0.180	0.181	0.179	0.180	0.179	0.001	0.559	0.180	0.179	0.180	0.100	771,178
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	16,746	15,694	18	0.945	0.950	0.930	0.950	0.945	0.005	0.559	0.950	0.928	0.927	0.100	98,802,304
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	1,091	622	2	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.568	0.002	0.352	0.570	0.570	0.600	0.100	71,911,837
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	503,076	183,870	12	0.365	0.368	0.363	0.363	0.362	0.001	0.276	0.363	0.363	0.368	0.100	590,218,527
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	89,280	15,856	11	0.160	0.163	0.160	0.162	0.160	0.002	0.000	0.162	0.162	0.178	0.100	35,640,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	1,409,076	90,181	34	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.100	22,792,147
OM0000001077	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	1,500	3,332	3	2.150	2.150	2.149	2.149	2.150	-0.001	-0.047	2.149	2.125	2.149	0.100	192,765,300
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	429,806	133,556	58	0.312	0.316	0.310	0.310	0.311	-0.001	-0.322	0.310	0.310	0.316	0.100	290,070,595
OM0000003988	OOREDOO	500,991	117,783	18	0.236	0.238	0.235	0.235	0.236	-0.001	-0.424	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.100	152,971,894
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	856,340	88,561	43	0.104	0.105	0.103	0.103	0.104	-0.001	-0.982	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.100	230,406,162
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	7,500	3,505	4	0.462	0.470	0.462	0.470	0.479	-0.009	-1.879	0.470	0.473	0.479	0.100	56,400,000
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	76,411	19,561	12	0.260	0.260	0.254	0.254	0.261	-0.007	-2.682	0.254	0.256	0.254	0.100	25,400,000
Total	23	115,021,145	25,781,407	4,253												
Parallel Market																
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	4,791	2,166	4	0.429	0.462	0.429	0.462	0.420	0.042	10.000	0.462	0.410	0.462	0.100	28,857,936
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	250	176	2	0.700	0.720	0.700	0.720	0.670	0.050	7.463	0.720	0.671	0.720	0.100	68,400,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	520,837	43,206	37	0.082	0.085	0.081	0.085	0.080	0.005	6.250	0.085	0.082	0.087	0.100	10,359,975
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	3,074,194	476,327	91	0.150	0.160	0.150	0.155	0.149	0.006	4.027	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.100	226,703,228
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	3,500	306	2	0.141	0.145	0.141	0.145	0.140	0.005	3.571	0.145	0.143	0.145	0.100	58,178,348
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	35,792,372	13,337,892	1,229	0.365	0.377	0.365	0.379	0.364	0.012	3.297	0.379	0.376	0.376	0.100	3,098,000,000
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	249,000	39,840	127	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.155	0.005	3.226	0.160	0.155	0.160	0.100	486,367,765
OM0000001722	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	1,316,978	139,088	74	0.103	0.108	0.103	0.108	0.103	0.005	2.913	0.108	0.105	0.108	0.100	31,646,811
OM0000008868	THE PEARL REIF	18,692	2,772	11	0.146	0.149	0.146	0.149	0.145	0.004	2.759	0.149	0.145	0.149	0.100	88,124,000
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	1,779	1,423	1	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.780	0.020	2.554	0.800	0.785	0.800	0.100	49,020,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	25,620	1,844	5	0.081	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.080	0.002	2.500	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.100	4,970,000
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	166,174	14,809	19	0.088	0.090	0.087	0.088	0.086	0.002	2.326	0.088	0.088	0.088	0.100	19,571,120
OM0000004248	SWANPOWER HOLDING	3,000	672	2	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.219	0.005	2.283	0.224	0.220	0.240	0.100	44,718,574
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	24,400	3,541	6	0.145	0.148	0.145	0.148	0.145	0.003	2.069	0.148	0.145	0.148	0.100	11,177,256
OM0000009938	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	32,768,360	5,857,953	1,080	0.176	0.181	0.176	0.178	0.175	0.003	1.714	0.178	0.178	0.178	0.100	615,789,371
OM0000001020	ASAD SHIPPING	48,209,867	8,477,008	1,071	0.172	0.178	0.172	0.174	0.171	0.003	1.163	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.100	996,321,506
OM0000001506	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	2,056	976	2	0.474	0.475	0.474	0.475	0.470	0.005	1.064	0.475	0.472	0.477	0.100	78,533,125
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	520,106	130,027	13	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.248	0.002	0.806	0.250	0.250	0.270	0.100	134,014,035
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	52,000	7,696	3	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.147	0.001	0.890	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.100	40,096,648
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	1,100	184	2	0.178	0.178	0.178	0.178	0.175	0.001	0.571	0.178	0.170	0.178	0.100	28,160,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	42,305	5,647	6	0.134	0.134	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.100	19,950,000
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASTES	1,000	472	1	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.003	0.000	0.138	0.000	0.138	0.100	15,440,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	13,658	683	2	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.100	15,357,316
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	10,897	2,412	2	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.122	0.122	0.100	11,070,000
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	2,840	506	1	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.068	0.074	0.100	1,449,000
OM0000002580	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INV	327	507	1	1.550	1.550	1.550	1.550	1.550	0.000	0.000	1.550	1.550	1.550	0.100	108,500,000
OM0000004764	ALFA PETROLEUM IN PRODUCTS MARKETING	1,000	472	1	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.003	0.000	0.138	0.000	0.138	0.100	15,440,000
OM0000004038	SEMPORCO SALAH	64,640	129,834	1,187	0.187	0.187	0.186	0.187	0.180	0.007	3.800	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.100	175,504,955
OM0000001754	ALFA PETROLEUM IN PRODUCTS MARKETING	1,000	472	1	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.138	0.135	0.003	0.000	0.138	0.000	0.138	0.100	15,440,000
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	4,000	1,220	1	0.305	0.305	0.305	0.305	0.305	0.000	0.000	0.305	0.300	0.305	0.100	21,468,590
OM0000007910	AMMAN REAL ESTATE	21,084	1,686	5	0.080	0.080	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.078	0.080	0.100	15,800,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT LTD	5,000	68.17	0	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.100	15,800,000
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	43,050	12,286	15	0.294	0.294	0.284	0.285	0.287	-0.002	-0.697	0.285	0.282	0.292	0.100	13,042,252
OM0000001533	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV.	42,305	5,647	6	0.134	0.134	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.100	19,950,000
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	38,450	3,281	6	0.086	0.086	0.084	0.084	0.085	-0.001	-1.176	0.084	0.082	0.084	0.100	13,066,234
OM0000005959	JABAL REIF	3,649,278	379,525	4	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	-3.704	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.100	18,096,000
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MARKET

OMR10mn pact signed to establish project in Al Buraimi Industrial City

The contract signing comes within a strategic plan to attract more investments and promote advanced industries in Oman, and encourage industries that rely on modern technologies



MUSCAT: The Al Buraimi Industrial City, an affiliate of the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), signed an investment contract with Sohar Iron and

Billet Company to establish a project specialising in the production of iron and the manufacturing of aluminium, iron, and non-ferrous

metal sheets and extrusions. The project will be built on an area of 36,000 square meters, with an investment volume reaching

OMR10 million. Said bin Abdullah Al Balushi, Director General of Al Buraimi Industrial City, stated that the localisation



of such projects aims to provide new job opportunities for national cadres, and contribute to the development of the industrial sector in Al Buraimi Governorate, thereby strengthening the national economy and diversifying its sources.

He added that the contract signing comes within a strategic plan to attract more investments and promote advanced industries in the Sultanate of Oman, and encourage industries that rely on modern technologies. This opens

broad horizons for economic growth and supports sustainable industrial transformation.

It is worth noting that the total volume of investments in Al Buraimi Industrial City reached over RO 287 million by the end of the first half of the current year. The number of signed investment contracts reached 1,645 contracts, with a total invested area exceeding 1.7 million square meters, in addition to more than 4.4 million square meters of leasable land. -ONA

STATISTICS



Oman's natural gas production exceeds 42.6bn cubic metres

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman's production of natural gas, including domestic production and imports, witnessed a slight growth of 0.9 percent, reaching 42.6173 billion cubic metres (BCM) by the end of September 2025. This compares to 42.222 BCM during the same period in 2024.

Data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) showed that associated gas production increased by 10 percent by the end of September 2025, reaching 9.4511 BCM compared to 8.5956 BCM in the same period of 2024.

In contrast, non-associated gas production (including imports) declined by 1.4 percent, reaching 33.1662 BCM by the end of September 2025 compared to 33.6264 BCM by the end of September 2024.

Natural gas consumption in industrial projects declined by 3.5 percent, reaching 20.8842 BCM

by the end of September 2025, compared to 21.6331 BCM for the corresponding period in 2024.

Gas usage in power generation plants rose by 1.4 percent by the end of September 2025, reaching 11.7738 BCM compared to 11.6099 BCM by the end of September 2024.

Data also showed that gas consumption in oil fields (including losses, metre differences, and shrinkage factor) grew by 10.9 percent, reaching 9.7493 BCM by the end of September 2025 compared to 8.7912 BCM in the corresponding period of 2024.

As for gas used in industrial areas (including industrial areas, Oman Mining Company, and Oman Cement), it recorded a growth of 11.8 percent, reaching 210 million cubic metres by the end of September 2025 compared to 187.8 million cubic metres during the same period in 2024. -ONA

BY END OF SEPTEMBER

Oman's oil exports exceed 230mn barrels

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman's oil exports reached approximately 230.1804 million barrels by the end of September 2025, recording a slight decrease of 0.2 percent compared to the same period in 2024, which totalled 230.5755 million barrels.

Preliminary statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) indicated that the average price of oil fell by 12.8 percent to reach \$72 per barrel by the end of September 2025, compared to \$82.6 per barrel during the same period

in 2024.

In contrast, the average daily production of oil rose slightly by 0.1 percent, reaching 995,200 barrels per day by the end of September 2025, compared to 994,200 barrels per day during the same period last year.

The total production of oil in the Sultanate of Oman decreased by 0.3 percent, registering 271.6968 million barrels by the end of September 2025, compared to 272.4114 million barrels in the corresponding period of 2024. -ONA



SOHAR INTERNATIONAL

Forum drives dialogue on cognitive fintech and future of intelligent finance

MUSCAT: Affirming its commitment to fostering progressive industry dialogue and advancing financial innovation within Oman's evolving economic landscape, Sohar International recently convened another successful edition of its flagship thought leadership initiative.

The latest Viewpoints forum — titled "Cognitive Fintech and the Future of Intelligent Finance: Opportunities for Governments and Institutions" — examined how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cognitive systems are redefining the contours of modern finance, cultivating smarter, adaptive, and ethically governed financial ecosystems for governments and institutions.

The forum, attended by the bank's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Abdulwahid Mohamed Al Murshidi, together with members of the



executive and senior management, also brought together the bank's corporate clients and key stakeholders. Designed as an open and inclusive event, it was accessible to a wider audience through digital channels, extending participation beyond the room to an engaged online community.

Headlining the session was Dr.

Mohamed (Mark) Khater — Strategic Cognition Architect, Cambridge Fellow, and global AI & Fintech innovator — who shared forward-looking perspectives on how cognitive AI frameworks are transforming institutional intelligence and redefining financial architecture. Moderating the discussion for the second time, Sarah Cocker, re-

nowned broadcast journalist and former CNBC Squawk Box anchor, guided the conversation with her engaging, interview-led approach that encouraged lively exchange and meaningful participation.

Abdulwahid Mohamed Al Murshidi, remarked, "Cognitive AI is reshaping the very foundation of decision-making and risk intelligence across the global financial ecosystem. Beyond automation, it is enabling a new paradigm of insight — one that harmonizes human judgement with data-driven intelligence to unlock sustainable value creation. As an institution that values foresight and collaboration, Sohar International, through initiatives such as Viewpoints, continues to champion conversations that bridge emerging technology with strategic purpose."

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

Oman's central bank issues treasury bills worth OMR11.3mn

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR11.3 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Monday.

The value of the allotted Treasury bills include OMR0.3 million for a maturity period of 28 days. The average accepted price reached OMR99.760 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99.760 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.12857 per cent

and 3.13610 per cent, respectively.

Additionally, treasury bills of OMR11 million for a maturity period of 91 days was also allotted. The average accepted price reached OMR99.059 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99.055 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.77398 per cent and 3.80983 per cent, respectively.

Treasury Bills are short-term

highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds.

Issue Manager

The Central Bank of Oman acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo). It may be noted that the interest rate on the

Repo operations with CBO is 4.50 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 5 per cent.

Furthermore, Treasury Bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the Government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. -ONA



RECOGNITION

JW Marriott Hotel Muscat receives multiple international awards



MUSCAT: JW Marriott Hotel Muscat announced that the luxury urban resort has received multiple international awards and recognition from the prestigious World Travel Awards 2025, World Luxury Awards 2025 and Hotelier Middle East 2025, namely:

- Best Luxury Conference & Event Hotel in the Middle East - World Luxury Awards 2025

- Best Luxury Family Hotel in Oman - World Luxury Awards 2025
- Best General Manager in Oman (Samir Messaoudi) - World Luxury Awards 2025
- Oman's Leading Business Hotel 2025 - World Travel Awards 2025
- Oman's Leading Conference Hotel 2025 - World Travel Awards 2025

• GM Powerlist 2025 (Samir Messaoudi) - Hotelier Middle East 2025
Commenting on these accolades, Samir Messaoudi, General Manager of the hotel says, "We are honored to receive such prestigious international awards. This is a reflection of the dedication of our whole team in providing unparalleled service and memorable experiences to all our guests."



WHAT US SCHOOL KIDS ARE LEARNING ABOUT CLIMATE

As the long arm of the fossil fuel lobby enters the classroom, some US science teachers are finding their job requires more than simply imparting knowledge and wisdom

That Jeff Grant signs off his emails with “science on!” says something about his commitment to the subject he teaches to Illinois high schoolers. Lately, that dedication has meant teaching a topic that makes some educators uncomfortable: the science of climate change.

As an avid reader of scientific journals and books, and someone who spends time outdoors, he has a clear understanding of how rising temperatures are impacting the planet.

“It’s been something that for the last decade or so I’ve personally seen the effects of,” he said, citing changes to the aquatic, forest and prairie ecosystems he grew up with. As a result, he has started to “bake” our changing climate into his classes.

Yale University research suggests his approach would be widely welcomed. Three-quarters of adults in the US say they want schools to teach the causes, consequences and potential solutions to global warming.

“Today’s students are tomorrow’s consumers, workers, and voters, and they’re going to be faced with a series of challenges due to the disruptions caused by climate change,” said Glenn Branch, deputy director of the non-profit National Center for Science Education (NCSE). And to deal with the challenges, he adds they’ll need “at least the basic understanding of climate change and its impacts and solutions.”

What students learn depends on where they live
The NCSE is one of several bodies working to ensure students across the country are given accurate climate information. But the decentralised nature of the US education system means curricula decisions are made at the level of the local school district. And with more than 13,000 of them across the nation, that equates to huge variation.

Teachers in some states can



look to what are known as the Next Generation Science Standards for guidelines on teaching climate change. But they are not obligatory and don’t, Grant says, go far enough.

“Not every state has that as part of their curriculum,” he said, adding that even if they do, they don’t offer lesson plans. “It’s up to the teachers or the school districts to develop those things or find things to help them with that presentation to kids.”

And that is a problem, given that many educators never learned about climate change themselves. They are faced with huge volumes

of potential resources to draw from, as well as competing interests from powerful groups trying to take their own agendas into classrooms.

Fossil fuel companies in the classroom
Branch says there have been “systematic attempts to provide teachers with misinformation about climate change in the hopes they will relate it to their students,” with material coming from “very strongly ideologically motivated” climate change denial think tanks, such as the Heartland Institute, as well as from the fossil

fuel industry itself.

Groups such as the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB), which is a privatized state agency, are active in a number of states across the US. And always with an educational arm. “That material is less blatant,” Branch said. “But it can still have a distorting influence.”

In the case of the OERB, the material includes a series of illustrated books that see protagonist “Petro Pete” praise human dependence on fossil fuels. The agency also provides workshops and curricula that give insights into the oil and gas industry. Educators who sign



up are rewarded with professional development credits, stipends and class field trips.

Melissa Lau, who teaches science in her native Oklahoma, says such offerings strike a chord with teachers who don’t know enough about climate change to teach it.

“That’s very appealing in many ways. If a teacher is like, ‘this seems legit...’ I mean, there’s not anything wrong with the science. It just gives the impression of ‘look how good the fossil fuel industry is.’ It minimises the impact.”

OERB did not respond to a DW request for further information.

Making climate relatable to students and teachers

Lau says getting climate change into the classroom in Oklahoma is further complicated by the fact that farming — which is responsible for almost 12% of global emissions — and fossil fuels, are among the state’s major industries.

“A lot of times it is, ‘you know, my dad is just trying to make a living, we’re trying to feed our family, keep a roof over our heads.’ It gets personal.” In Lau’s case, having family members in both industries has helped her to address what she calls “sticky” topics with her students. “I think that puts them at ease.”

That doesn’t apply to all teachers in the state, especially not when the White House administration has been so vocal in its climate change denial. But Lau, like fellow teacher Jeff Grant in Illinois, is determined to keep on

highlighting the importance of the topic — to students and colleagues.

Both are involved in creating resources and spreading the word however they can. In Grant’s case, that has meant organizing a day-long conference for hundreds of educators to learn about climate science. Lau says a similar event would be hard to pull off in “deeply conservative” Oklahoma.

“A lot of teachers feel more censored right now in the current political climate than ever before,” she said. “I think right now they would feel like it would put them on some sort of list.”

Having been in her job for almost three decades, she is willing to speak for those who might just be starting out, because the climate crisis, she says, needs to be talked about and depoliticised.

“It isn’t about vilifying individual humans. This isn’t a morality issue. This isn’t an identity issue. This is our greatest existential human crisis.” And it is also, she adds, an opportunity to tell her students that while humans are the cause of many of the things that are happening on our planet, they can also be the solution.

It’s a message that resonates with Jeff Grant, who is planning another teaching conference for next year called H.O.P.E (How Our Planet is Evolving). He is already expecting an even higher turnout than last year.

“I think a majority of teachers are in the same boat,” he said. “We’re all trying to help kids better navigate the world.” -nw

‘Motivated’ Alcaraz opens with confident victory at ATP Finals

The Spaniard defeated Alex de Minaur to move closer to year-end world No.1 ranking

TURIN: Carlos Alcaraz made a confident start to his ATP Finals campaign on Sunday, defeating Australia's Alex de Minaur 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 to boost his chances of finishing the season as world No.1.

The Spaniard, who described himself as "motivated" and "fresh," looked focused from the start as he began his quest for a first title at the prestigious year-ending event.

The 22-year-old arrived in Turin determined to end his season on a high after an impressive year that yielded six titles and 68 wins in 76 matches.

"I've been struggling in the past three years to come to the end of

the year with energy and motivation," Alcaraz said.

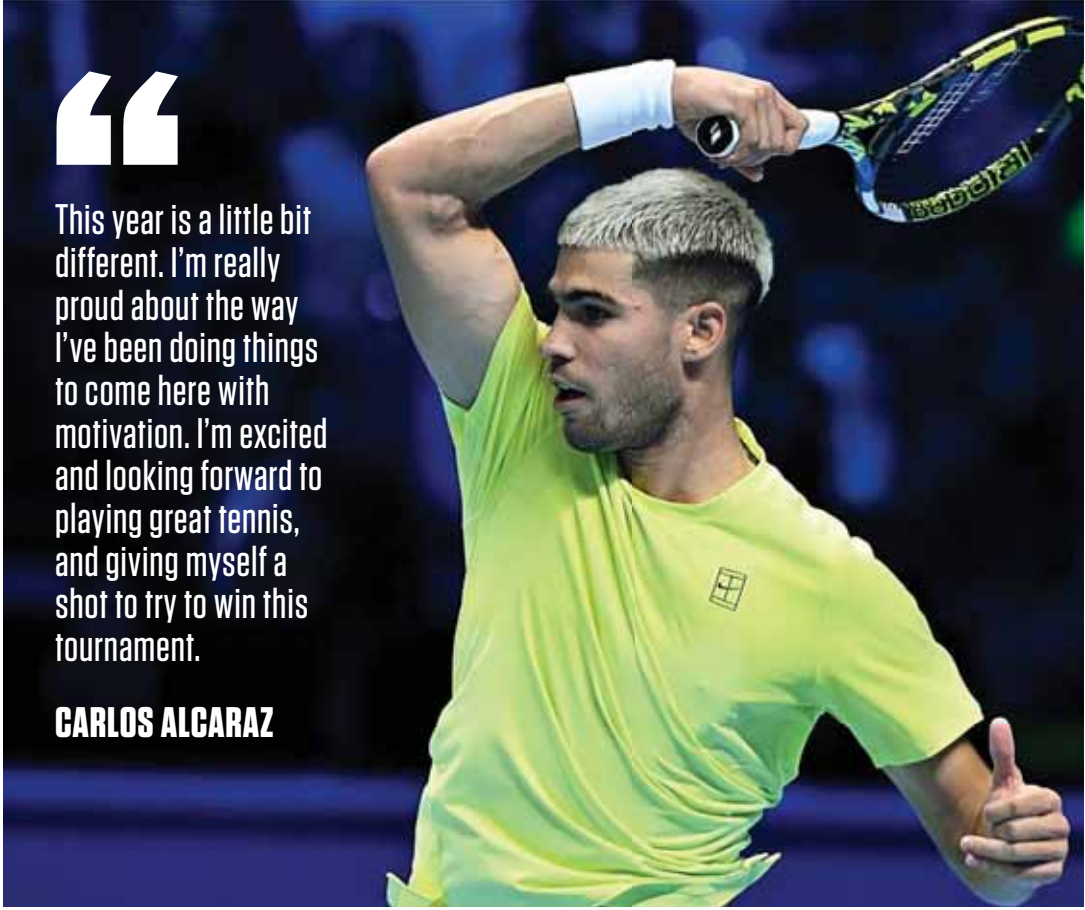
"This year is a little bit different. I'm really proud about the way I've been doing things to come here with motivation. I'm excited and looking forward to playing great tennis, and giving myself a shot to try to win this tournament."

Alcaraz, playing in the Jimmy Connors Group, showed flashes of his trademark flair but also had to fight through early inconsistency. He raced to a 5-1 lead in the opening set, missed three break points for 5-0, and was forced into a tiebreak after De Minaur clawed back. The Australian led 5-3 in the breaker but faltered as Alcaraz reeled off four straight points to take control.

The second set began with three consecutive breaks of serve, two in Alcaraz's favour, before the Spaniard's shot-making brilliance — highlighted by three winners in a row — sealed the contest in just over an hour and a half.

The result extended Alcaraz's perfect 5-0 record against De Minaur.

"I thought I played a really good first set," said De Minaur. "But against Carlos, you have to take



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CARLOS ALCARAZ

every small chance, and I didn't do that today. Once he gets his rhythm, he's tough to stop."

The victory lifted Alcaraz a step closer to reclaiming the world No.1 ranking from Jannik Sinner, who begins his title defence in the Björn Borg Group on Monday.

Alcaraz will secure the top spot by reaching the final or by winning all three of his group matches, while Sinner must defend his crown and hope the Spaniard falters.

Earlier, two-time Finals champion Alexander Zverev opened his campaign with a commanding 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) win over American debutant Ben Shelton. The German was dominant on serve, winning 81% of first-serve points and not facing a single breakpoint.

"I knew against Ben I had to keep a very high first-serve percentage because he's so aggressive on returns," Zverev said. "That was one of the key factors today, and I'm super pleased with this win."

Lorenzo Musetti, a late replacement for Novak Djokovic after the Serb's withdrawal, joins Alcaraz and Taylor Fritz in the Connors Group as round-robin play continues in Turin. - Agencies

PREMIER LEAGUE

Man City crush Liverpool to celebrate Guardiola's 1,000th game as manager

LONDON: Manchester City underlined its status as Arsenal's main title rival with a 3-0 home win over Liverpool on Sunday.

Erling Haaland opened the scoring in the 29th minute. Nico Gonzalez doubled the lead on the stroke of halftime, and Jeremy Doku finished from Nico O'Reilly's assist in the 63rd minute to seal the win.

The game was City boss Pep Guardiola's 1,000th as a manager and his team marked the milestone with a statement victory that saw them climb to second in the table on 22 points after 11 games, four adrift of leaders Arsenal. Holders Liverpool tumbled to eighth on 18 points.

City were sharp from the outset and Haaland rose high over Ibrahima Konate to head home Matheus Nunes' whipped cross in the 29th minute for his 99th league goal for the club.

The goal made amends for the Norwegian missing a penalty early in the game, and Haaland karate-kicked the corner flag in celebration.

Gonzalez doubled their lead seconds before halftime - when with fans screaming "shoot!" he did - his effort from distance taking a deflection off Virgil van Dijk's leg to leave goalkeeper Giorgi Mamardashvili wrong-footed.

Doku put the game out of reach with his first league goal since January when Nico O'Reilly



found him on the edge of the box. He shifted the ball onto his other foot and then whipped a blistering shot from just outside the box into the far corner in the 63rd minute.

"My players gave me a good present with this performance against the champions. We had to perform good and many good

things happened, they all performed to the highest level," Guardiola said.

City's win was their first over Liverpool since April 1, 2023, ending a run of four games without a victory.

Haaland had an early penalty saved by Mamardashvili who guessed the right way, the fourth penalty City have missed in their last five against Liverpool in the Premier League.

The penalty was awarded after Doku appeared to get caught by the Liverpool keeper.

Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk briefly celebrated what he thought was a goal in the first half but it was ruled out for offside. On review, the VAR deemed that Andy Robertson, who ducked as the ball was going in the net, made "an obvious action directly in front of the goalkeeper," and was therefore offside, the Premier League Match Centre said.

"In football the officials are deciding the key decisions and we have to deal with it on the pitch. There is no point discussing this from my point of view," Van Dijk told Sky Sports. "The reality is that we lost 3-0 and that is a big blow."

Brentford beat Newcastle United 3-1 after coming from behind. Harvey Barnes gave Newcastle the lead, but Kevin Schade equalised and Igor Thiago scored twice late to secure the points for Keith Andrews' side. Newcastle was reduced to 10 men in the 73rd minute when Dan Burn was sent off, and Thiago converted the resulting penalty.

Other results: Aston Villa 4 Bournemouth 0, Crystal Palace 0 Brighton & Hove Albion 0, Nottingham Forest 3 Leeds United 1.

SPANISH LA LIGA



Lewandowski's hat-trick in Barca win, Real held

BARCELONA: Robert Lewandowski scored a brilliant hat-trick to help Barcelona move within three points of La Liga leaders Real Madrid with a 4-2 victory at Celta Vigo on Sunday.

Earlier on Sunday, Real Madrid was held to a 0-0 draw away to Rayo Vallecano to drop points in La Liga for just the second time this season.

Against Celta Vigo, the Polish striker gave the Spanish champions a ninth-minute lead from the penalty spot after Marcos Alonso had handled Fermin Lopez's shot in the area.

Celta Vigo immediately responded as Sergio Carreira finished off a counter-attack 22 seconds after Barcelona's Marcus Rashford had a one-on-one chance saved. Rashford made up for his

miss in the 36th minute when his cross found Lewandowski who restored the visitors' lead with a volleyed finish. Celta Vigo hit back again through Borja Iglesias' curling effort into the top corner.

Teenager Lamine Yamal then gave his side the lead for a third time in first-half stoppage time. And in the 73rd minute Lewandowski completed his hat-trick by heading in Rashford's corner.

Barcelona had to play the final four minutes of stoppage time with 10 men after midfielder Frenkie de Jong received a second yellow card.

Elsewhere, fifth-placed Betis drew 1-1 away to Valencia and Mallorca claimed a 1-0 win at Getafe thanks to Vedat Muriqi's 14th-minute goal. Nico Williams scored a spectacular winner as Athletic Club Bilbao beat Oviedo 1-0. - Agencies

FRENCH LIGUE 1

Neves' header sends PSG back on top

LYON: Joao Neves' stoppage-time header sent Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) back to the top of Ligue 1 with an enthralling 3-2 win at Lyon on Sunday.

Luis Enrique's defending champions were moments away from entering the international break second in the table, but the Portugal midfielder provided a late twist in the fifth added minute.

Lee Kang-in's corner from the left was met powerfully by the head of Neves to spark wild PSG celebrations. It came two minutes after Lyon defender Nicolas Tagliafico was sent off for a second bookable offence.

In a brilliantly entertaining first half, PSG took the lead through a sharp Warren Zaire-Emery finish in a spell where three goals were scored in eight minutes.

Lyon responded when Moussa Niakhate's long ball over the top was met by Afonso Moreira and he finished beyond PSG goalkeeper Lucas Chevalier.

Then Khvicha Kvaratskhelia capitalised on loose Lyon play and was played through on goal before slotting past Dominik Greif for



his first domestic league goal this season. In the 56th minute, Lyon's Ainsley Maitland-Niles latched on to another ball over the top - this time by former Liverpool midfielder Tyler Morton - and produced a fine lob finish over Chevalier.

But Neves would have the final say with his terrific header from just inside the six-yard box as PSG took the spoils.

PSG, with 27 points from 12 games, sit two points clear of second-placed Marseille and third-placed Lens at the top of the table.

Other results: Lorient 1 Toulouse 1, Angers 2 Auxerre 0, Metz 2 Nice 1, Strasbourg 2 Lille 0.

DOMESTIC CRICKET



Aryan Joshi of ISWK U19 team



Jeason George and Rasik Palli of Musalih CT

Aryan Joshi's seven-wicket haul guides ISWK U19 to 61-run win

MUSCAT: Aryan Alkesh Joshi produced a spellbinding performance to lead ISWK U19 to a 61-run victory over OCA Red in the U19 50-overs league of the OC League 2025-26 recently. The off-spinner ran through the opposition line-up, claiming 7 wickets for just 33 runs in his full 10 overs.

Chasing 199, OCA Red never recovered from Aryan's relentless spin, finishing at 137 all out. Earlier,

ISWK U19 had posted 198 in 41 overs, with Ayush Shetty top-scoring with 57, while Haseeb Ahmed grabbed a five-wicket haul.

Elsewhere, Musalih CT beat TECS by 38 runs in the B Division, powered by Rasik Palli's 73 off 38 balls. Musalih posted 190/7 in 20 overs with skipper Jeason George scoring 29. Musalih then restricted TECS to 152 all out, with Jijo Jose, Manish Bhatia,

and Syed Arfan sharing the wickets with two wickets each.

Brief scores: ISWK U19 198/10 in 41 overs (Ayush Shetty 57; Haseeb Ahmed 5/19) beat OCA U19 Red 137/10 in 33 overs (Gaurav Dinesh 33; Aryan Joshi 7/33).

B Division: Musalih CT 190/7 in 20 overs (Rasik Palli 73, Jeason George 29; Shamzan Siraj 2/22) beat TECS 152/10 in 18.5 overs (Iqran Khan 42; Jijo Jose 2/14).

ITALIAN SERIE A

Inter ease past Lazio, climb to the summit

MILAN: Inter Milan moved to the top of Serie A after a comfortable 2-0 victory over Lazio on Sunday, thanks to goals from Lautaro Martinez and Angelo Bonny.

The Nerazzurri took an early lead when Alessandro Bastoni picked the pocket of Gustav Isaksen and teed up Martinez, who fired into the top-right corner. Bonny added a second just after the hour.

Inter's victory at San Siro put them on 24 points after 11 matches - level with Roma but with superior goal difference. Other results: Atalanta 0 Sassuolo 3, Bologna 2 Napoli 0, Genoa 2 Fiorentina 2, Roma 2 Udinese 0. - Agencies



IN PICTURES



AZERBAIJAN'S ANNUAL NAR BAYRAMI POMEGRANATE FESTIVAL HELD IN GOYCHAY: Women dressed in local ethnic festive costumes are pictured during the Nar Bayrami pomegranate festival in Goychay, Azerbaijan. The festival was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2020. — Xinhua



GIANT PANDA YILAN AT ADELAIDE ZOO IN AUSTRALIA: Giant panda Yilan eats bamboos at Adelaide Zoo in Adelaide, Australia. — Xinhua



ARTISTS PERFORM AT CIIIE CULTURE NIGHT EVENT: Actresses perform at the China International Import Expo (CIIIE) Culture Night event held on the sidelines of the eighth CIIIE at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai) in east China's Shanghai. — Xinhua



SKATEBOARDING MATCHES AT NATIONAL GAMES: Cao Shiqi of Beijing competes during the women's park semifinals of skateboarding at China's 15th National Games in Huizhou, south China's Guangdong Province. — Xinhua



HIGH STAKES, HIGH HOPES - IRAQIS ON EDGE BEFORE PIVOTAL ELECTION: This photo shows campaign posters for upcoming parliamentary elections in Baghdad, Iraq. — Xinhua

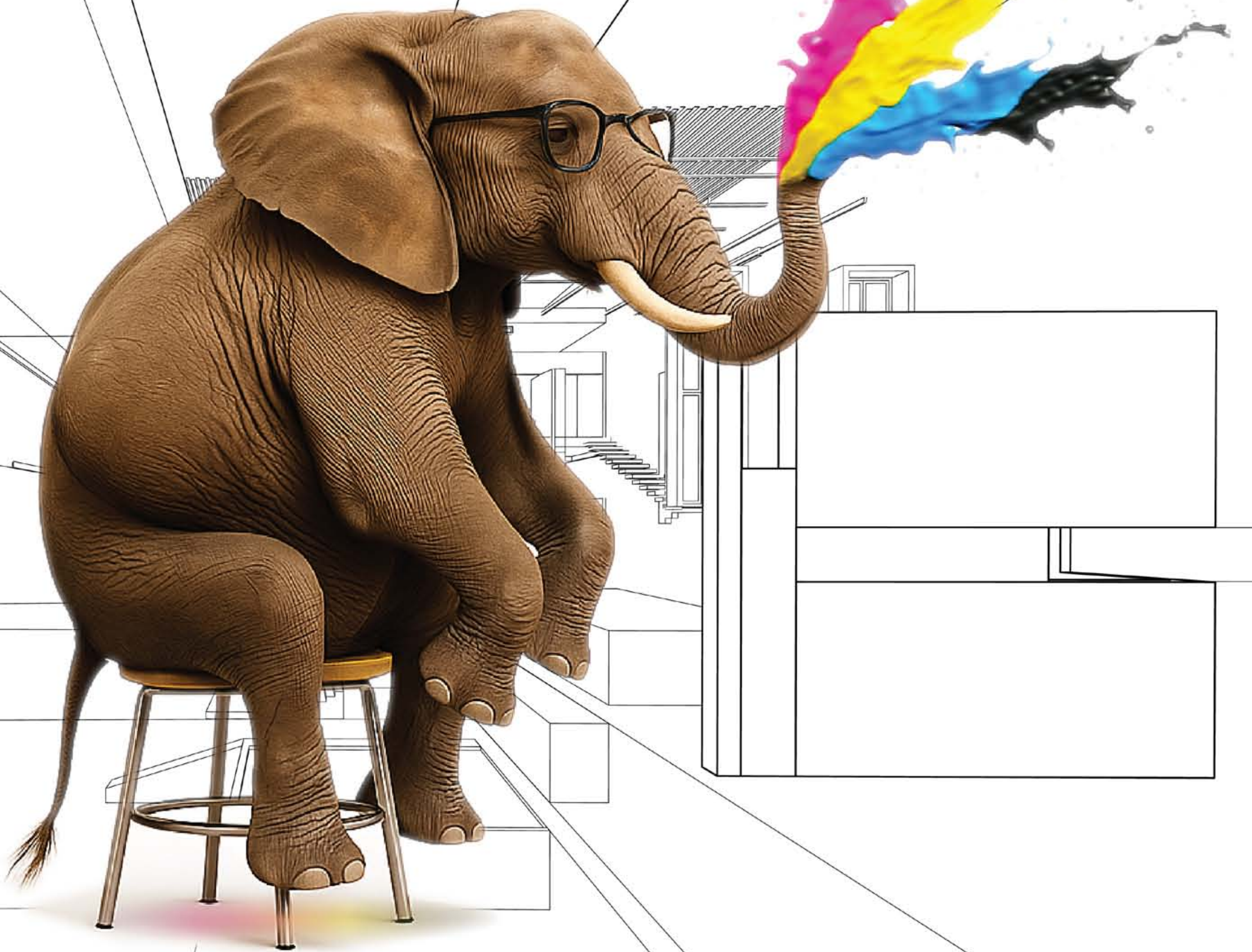


NBA REGULAR SEASON MATCHES: Jonathan Kuminga (L) of Golden State Warriors competes during the 2025-2026 NBA regular season match between Golden State Warriors and Indiana Pacers in San Francisco, the United States. — Xinhua



AMERICAN SINGER AKON PERFORMS AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM AS PART OF HIS 'AKON INDIA TOUR 2025': American singer Akon performs during his concert as part of 'Akon India Tour 2025' at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, in New Delhi. — ANI Photo

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