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RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENTS

HM the Sultan issues two Royal decrees

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik yesterday issued two Royal decrees, reading as follows:

Royal Decree No. (87/2026) on the ratification of the Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Article (1) ratifies the amendment to the first paragraph of Article (8) of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, promulgated by Royal decree No. (44/2015) on ratifying the Amended Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in accordance with the formula set forth in the attached Council of Foreign Ministers' decision No. 3/44-AT on the Frequency of Convening the Islamic Summit.

Article (2) instructs the competent authorities to deposit the document of ratification of amendment to the aforementioned Charter in accordance with its provisions.

Article (3) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue.

Royal Decree No. (88/2026) on the ratification of the agreement between the Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda on mutual visa waiver for holders of diplomatic, private and service passports, signed in Salalah on 8 September 2026.

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

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

ASTANA GEARS UP TO WELCOME HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN TODAY

Kazakh media outlets have extensively covered the Royal visit and the agreements and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to be signed between the two friendly countries



ASTANA: Preparations are underway in the Kazakh capital, Astana, ahead of the state visit to be undertaken by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to the Republic of Kazakhstan tomorrow Monday. The national flags of the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Kazakhstan have been raised along the main roads and at several locations near the Independence Palace.

Meanwhile, a number of Kazakh media institutions covered the state visit that His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik will undertake to Kazakhstan and his meeting with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

Kazakh media addressed this new milestone in a bilateral relationship spanning more than three decades, as well as the mutual engagement and interest between the two friendly countries in leveraging their potential and translating it into partnerships across multiple fields, particularly economic and commercial.

In an article published under the title "Sultan of Oman to Visit Kazakhstan on a State Visit on 5 and 6 October," the Kazakh News Agency "Qazinform" focused on the talks that will address prospects for strengthening political dialogue and expanding commercial, economic, investment, and cultural cooperation, as well as the participation of the two countries' leaders in the proceedings of the Kazakh-Omani Economic Forum.

It highlighted areas of economic cooperation between the two countries and the signing of an investment cooperation agreement last April. It noted the existence of a joint investment portfolio comprising five major projects valued at approximately USD 3 billion. It emphasised the strategic location of Omani ports, explaining that Kazakhstan views these ports as one of the routes to access the markets of the Gulf region and the Indian Ocean, reflecting the importance of the logistical dimension in bilateral relations.

On another note, "Kazakhstan Today" reported under the headline "Sultan of Oman to Make First State Visit to Kazakhstan" that His Majesty's visit is his first to Kazakhstan and Central Asia. The talks His Majesty will hold with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and the signing of several agreements and memoranda of understanding in multiple fields will open new horizons for partnership between the two friendly countries. -A2

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Drive launched for detection of breast cancer

1 The Ministry of Health, represented by the National Centre for Women and Children's Health, launched yesterday the national awareness campaign for the early detection of breast cancer. -A5

OMAN

Space meet focuses on Oman Vision 2040

2 Oman Space Conference 2026 was held on Sunday in Muscat in the presence of 70 representatives. -A3

MARKET

Oman's GDP records 5.1% growth

3 The GDP of Oman at constant prices recorded a growth of 5.1% during the second quarter of 2026. -B1

ROP WARNS

Online gaming exposes children to electronic blackmail

MUSCAT: Children using online games and multiplayer platforms are increasingly vulnerable to electronic blackmail, grooming, fraud and other cyber threats, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) has warned.

Brigadier Jamal bin Habib Al Quraishi, Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigation at the Royal Oman Police, said electronic games have evolved into digital communities where children can communicate with strangers through voice, video and messaging services.

Criminals may first build a relationship of trust with children before making inappropriate requests, he said.



In some cases, children have been persuaded to take photographs or videos of family members and send them to offenders, who subsequently use the material

to threaten and blackmail them. The risks also include bullying, exposure to inappropriate content, psychological exploitation and attempts to influence children to en-

gage in illegal or violent activities.

Al Quraishi urged parents to remain alert to sudden changes in their children's behaviour, including anxiety, withdrawal, secrecy around mobile phones, changes in sleep or studies and unusual fear or tension when messages arrive.

He stressed that parents should not blame, threaten or punish children who disclose blackmail. Instead, they should reassure them, preserve all messages, images, videos and account details and report the incident promptly to the competent authorities.

Cybersecurity specialist Mohammed bin Said Al Ruba'ee warned of other risks associated

with gaming platforms, including phishing, malware, identity exposure, account theft, denial-of-service attacks, online grooming and financial fraud.

He advised users to activate two-factor authentication, preferably through authentication applications, use strong privacy settings and avoid sharing personal information. Players should also avoid suspicious links, external files and unverified gaming programmes.

In cases of blackmail, victims should document the incident, stop communicating with the offender, and use the platform's blocking and reporting tools.

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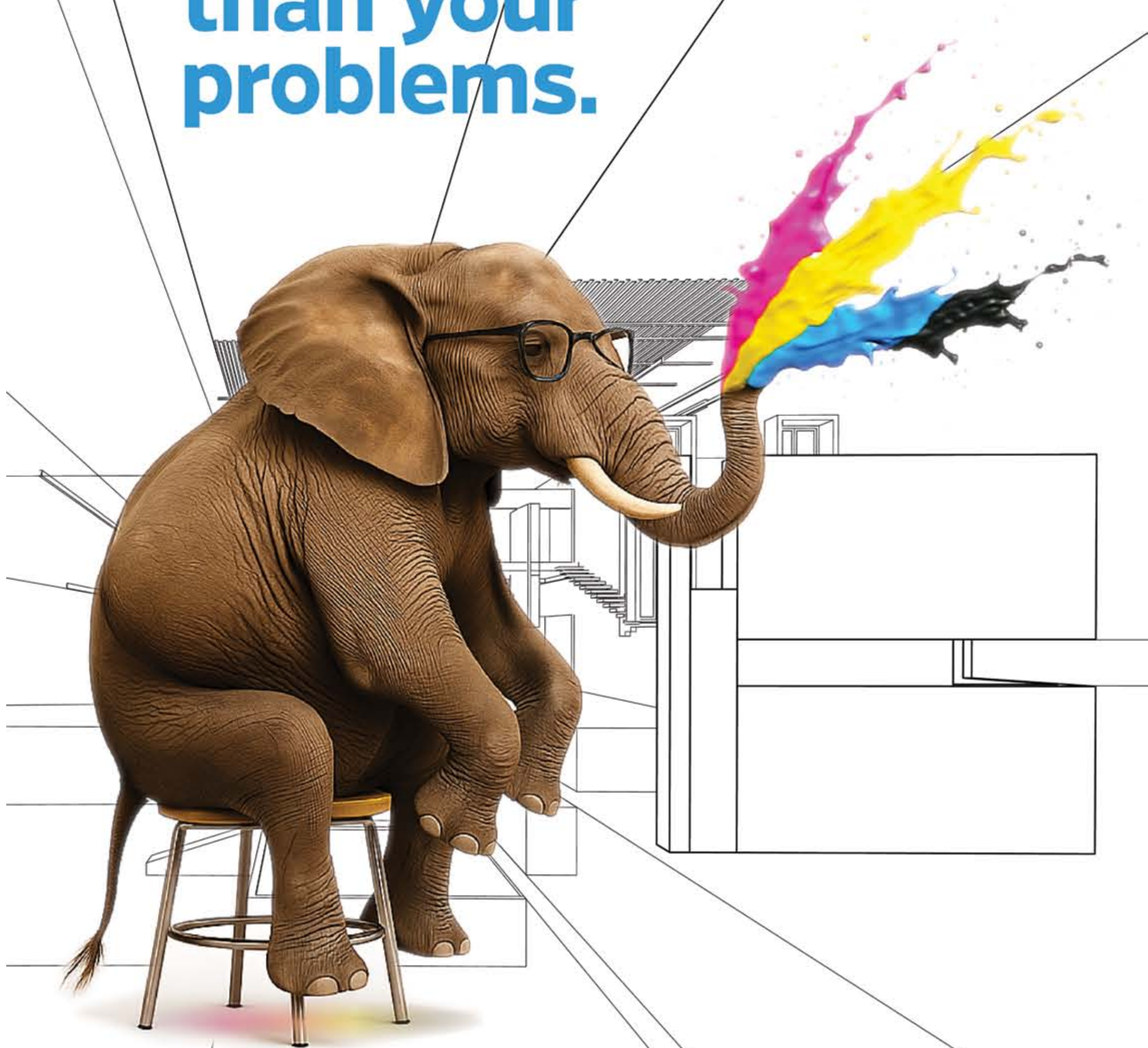
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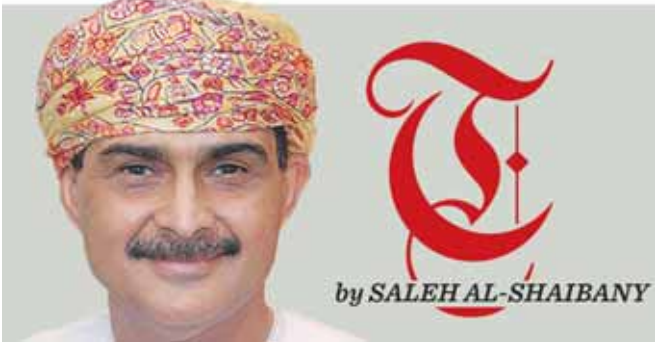
Why writers now use AI for their newspaper articles?

It does not cease to amaze me that some writers plagiarise online by tweaking a few words on articles written by someone else and plug in their bylines to try to make it look original.

This without question is plagiarism and many readers know that but editors should run a check online before accepting the articles and publish them. Some newspapers try to be clever. They prevent articles from plagiarism checks by disabling copy and paste. In that case, just type the words on Google and search and you can find the similarities online.

Plagiarism is stealing someone's work. It is downright cheating and such writers should be ashamed of themselves. Yes, writers like them use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to scan, copy and paste and send it to the newspapers. Newspapers which allow that lose credibility. Editors need to do their work to make sure of the originality of the articles instead of just pushing them out.

It is not difficult at all to find a topic to write. I would urge these plagiarizing writers to look around them. People walking in the street corners, mad drivers, mischievous children or the turmoil they see around them. There are topics everywhere. But again, if they are not interested in their surroundings, they can write about their feelings. Topics are in



by SALEH AL-SHAIBANY

abundance. They only need to have roaming eyes or wandering minds.

The daily life is full of joys when you look at the right places. Even if your eyes get caught in a confusion, you can skirt around the issue and find something positive about it. The mind is limitless and you can let your thoughts loose wandering in the abysses of the daily life. I guess plagiarizing writers look for a quick 'write up' and too lazy to delve into their minds. Let me rephrase it. Perhaps they are too incompetent to put a sentence together that makes a good read.

But plagiarisers lose credibility and so are the newspapers which printed their AI work. Let me explain the obvious, AI picks up sentences from different articles around the world based on a topic of interest, and put them together in one piece. It shows that the writer did not write it.

How do we know? Each

sentence does not correlate to the topic because it is the work of many writers. Such articles lose smoothness. It is like flying in an aircraft in a turbulent weather. The opening paragraph points a finger to plagiarism and the second takes you deep into a copyright infringement. It is like wearing a second hand shirt that is already worn out. The freshness has gone.

This raises another question. Has literature originality lost its shine on readers? What is the future of these invading AI writers? Will they continue to plagiarise? The answer is with the editors of the newspapers. They need to clamp them down or no one will bother to read anything but the war and news of the disasters happening around the world.

Original literal pieces to calm yourself is on the track of disappearance and I am not exaggerating unless AI writers are stopped now.

MoU to provide training for 160 jobseekers inked

The programme is being conducted in pursuance of national efforts to enhance sustainable employment opportunities



employment opportunities and empower national talents.

It offers an example of public-private sector cooperation in shaping a qualified national workforce that meets labour market needs, besides boosting the readiness of Omani youth to join the supply chain and logistics sector—which is a vital arm in supporting economic diversification in the Sultanate of Oman.

The MoU was signed by Khalid bin Salim Al Ghammari, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour for Labour Affairs, and Mazin bin Rashid Al Lamki, CEO of Energy Oman. The agreement was signed by Dr. Ali bin Saud Al

Bimani, Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Science and Technology.

The training programme focuses on assessing the needs of the sector, identify available employment opportunities and defining the required technical skills.

This initiative reflects the commitment of Energy Oman company to support national development and consolidate In-Country Value (ICV) by optimising the potential of Omani human resources and providing them with the skills and experience needed to establish a more competitive and sustainable economy. -ONA

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Labour recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with "OneSupply Oman", a subsidiary of OQ's Energy Oman company, to provide training for 160 Omani jobseekers under "Isnad" programme.

The company also signed an agreement with the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) to develop and implement the training programme.

The programme is being conducted in pursuance of national efforts to enhance sustainable

STATE VISIT

'Kazakhstan possesses products of interest to the Sultanate'

< FROM A1 "Kazakhstan Today" addressed areas of this partnership such as transport, logistics services, and the possibility of transporting Kazakh exports, including wheat, through the Sultanate of Oman.

The 24KZ channel broadcast a report highlighting His Majesty the Sultan's visit to Kazakhstan and the opportunities for enhancing cooperation between the two countries in political, commercial, economic, investment, and cultural fields.

Kazakh media outlets, including

print, visual, audio, and electronic platforms such as Kursiv, Informburo, Tengrinews, and Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, also covered the Royal visit, the official talks, and the agreements and memoranda of understanding between the two friendly countries.

Dmitry Popazov, a Kazakh strategic expert, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Kazakhstan are moving toward transforming some of the ideas discussed by the two governments into real actions and projects, noting that



Asytrans Company represents an example of this.

He explained that "Asyad" acquired a stake in May 2025 in the company, which operates in the

rail transport of grain and other agricultural products. He indicated that the Omani investor did not merely purchase a stake in a company but became part of a trans-

port chain directly linked to Kazakh agricultural exports, which yields benefits for both sides.

He added that Kazakhstan possesses products of interest to the Sultanate of Oman, such as agricultural and industrial products, including regular supplies such as grain and flour, alongside industrial products such as metals and pipes.

He noted that the Sultanate of Oman's geographical location constitutes a further factor underpinning its importance to Kazakhstan. He explained that Kazakhstan is a landlocked country in Central Asia

with no direct access to the sea, whereas the Sultanate of Oman possesses major ports strategically positioned along key trade routes between the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.

He added that logistics has accordingly become part of the discussion between the two countries, noting that both sides are examining how to benefit from Oman's ports and transport infrastructure to help Kazakh goods reach farther markets, and that Kazakhstan views the Sultanate of Oman as a potential transit and transshipment hub. -ONA

IN NORTH AL BATINAH

Over 44,000 benefit from summer centre programmes



SOHAR: The 2026 summer centre programmes in North Al Batinah Governorate concluded on Sunday.

Organised by the Governor's Office with the participation and implementation of 49 government, private, and civil society institutions, the diverse programmes and activities benefited over 44,000 participants from various wilayats across the governorate.

The closing ceremony was held under the auspices of Sheikh Rashid Ahmed Al Shamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Development for Family Affairs and Community Development, in the presence of a number of officials. Mohammed Sulaiman Al Kindi, Governor of North Al Batinah, affirmed that the summer centers represent a successful model of integration and partnership among the various participating institutions, contributing to achieving the goals of the programmes offered to various age groups of youth and adolescents, and making optimal use of their time during the summer vacation.

He pointed out that the programmes were keen to develop participants' talents, hone their skills, and stimulate their potential and creativity through a diverse package of cultural, scientific, literary, religious, and sports activities, as well as fine arts, scientific innovations, and educational and recreational trips, clarifying that the number of beneficiaries this year exceeded 44,000 participants from among the residents of the wilayats of North Al Batinah Governorate, reflecting the expanding scope of the programme and the diversity of their fields.

For his part, Dr. Abdullah Said Al Busaidi, Chairman of the Executive Committee for Summer Centres in North Al Batinah Governorate, explained that in their fourth edition, the summer centers proved to be a qualitative experience that transcended the traditional concept of leisure time programmes, becoming an integrated platform for discovering talent, developing skills, fostering a spirit of initiative and innovation, and opening new horizons for young boys and girls.

He added that more than 450 male and female students participated in educational and recreational visits to a number of landmarks and institutions inside and outside the governorate, providing participants with opportuni-

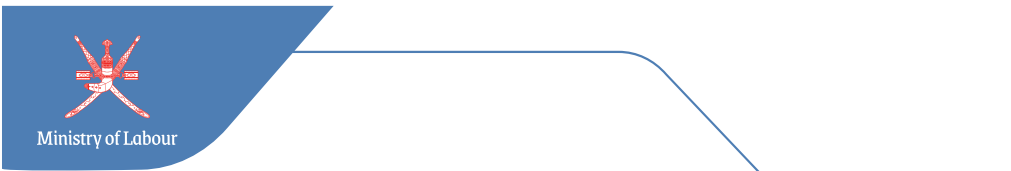
ties for direct learning and exposure to various cultural, scientific, and economic experiences.

The closing ceremony featured an accompanying exhibition with more than 15 corners showcasing samples of products and works created by participants in the summer centers. Its contents ranged from posters, scientific research, innovations, scientific applications, and robotics to fine arts, handicrafts, and other works that reflected the skills and knowledge acquired by participants during the implementation of the programmes.

The ceremony also included a visual presentation reviewing the evolutionary journey of summer centres in North Al Batinah Governorate since their launch in 2023.

Starting with 1,200 beneficiaries and 2 participating entities, the figures rose in 2024 to 31,221 participants across 34 entities, then to 41,366 participants and 46 entities in 2025, reaching 44,122 participants with the participation of 49 entities in 2026—an indicator reflecting the continuous expansion in programme scale, partnerships, and beneficiary numbers over four years.

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Auction Announcement

The Internal Tender Committee at the Ministry of Labour announces the following auction:

Auction No.	Auction Name	Last date for bid submission	Document's Fee
08/2026	Management and operation of a restaurant at the Vocational College in Al-Seeb.	Sunday 11/10/2026 At 10 a.m.	RO 25/-
Bidding companies must possess a valid Omanization certificate issued by the Ministry of Labour.			

- Specialized establishments may obtain the documents of the auction No. (08/2026) from the Treasury Section at the 3rd floor of the Ministry's building at the Airport Heights, as of Sunday 04/10/2026.
- Bidding companies must possess the Omanization certificate.
- Bids shall be submitted in closed envelopes sealed with red wax, addressed to the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee, bearing the auction number and subject with no indication to the name of the bidder.
- Bids shall be deposited in the Tender Box located at the Secretariat of the Internal Tender Committee at the 3rd floor of the Ministry's building at the Airport Heights, not later than the date and time mentioned against the auction. Bids shall be opened at 11 am on the same day.

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MEETINGS

Foreign Minister receives copies of credentials of WHO Representative, ambassadors of Jordan and Türkiye



MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, received on Sunday the copy of credentials of Dr. Asmus Hammerich, Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) to the Sultanate of Oman.

During the meeting, Sayyid Badr wished the Representative suc-

cess in performing his duties, affirming the Sultanate of Oman's keenness to continue cooperation with the World Health Organization in a manner that contributes to supporting health efforts and achieving common goals.

For his part, Dr. Hammerich expressed his appreciation for the

existing cooperation between the Sultanate of Oman and the organization, and the support provided for its efforts, emphasizing his aspiration to strengthen the partnership and develop fields of joint cooperation during the coming period.

On another front, the Foreign

Minister received copies of credentials, separately, from Zaid Abdel Karim Abu Hassan, Ambassador-designate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Sultanate of Oman and Huseyin Ergani, Ambassador-designate of the Republic of Türkiye to Oman.

During the meeting, the Foreign

Minister welcomed the two ambassadors, wishing them success in performing their duties, and for the bilateral relations between the Sultanate of Oman and their respective countries further progress, growth and prosperity.

The meetings were attended by Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah Al

Qatabi, Head of the International Organizations Department at the Foreign Ministry, Najib Yahya Al Balushi, Head of the Protocol Department at the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Saleh Amir Al Kharusi, Head of the Arab Department at the Foreign Ministry, and a number of officials from both sides. -**ONA**

125 graduate from 'Imkan 3' programme

The programme witnessed the participation of 15 government entities for the first time



MUSCAT: The Projects, Tenders, and Local Content Authority celebrated on Sunday the graduation of 125 engineers and specialists representing 38 government entities, after their completion of the "Imkan 3" programme, which lasted for more than six months.

The programme aims to raise the efficiency of national cadres working in the management of government projects and contracts.

The closing ceremony of the programme was held under the auspices of Eng. Badr Salim Al Maamari, Chairman of the Projects, Tenders, and Local Content Authority.

The programme witnessed the participation of 15 government entities for the first time, reflecting its expanding scope and the growing interest from various government entities.

This comes within the framework of efforts aimed at developing national capabilities and enhancing the efficiency of managing government projects and contracts.

Abdullah Saif Al Hosni, Acting Advisor for Talent and Project Development at the Authority, said that the "Imkan 3" programme comes as a continuation of the path achieved by the two previous editions, "Imkan 1" and "Imkan 2." He noted that it aims to establish an integrated platform for developing national competencies in the field of government project and contract management, study the development of the project management offices system, and facilitate the rotation of employees among government entities. It also aims to build a comprehensive system for the competencies of workers, classify jobs related to project and

contract management, and adopt a unified strategy for project quality in accordance with accredited international standards.

He added that the programme targets developing the technical and administrative skills of workers in government project and contract management through an integrated methodology that combines theoretical training and practical application, keeping pace with the best global practices, alongside organizing field visits to existing projects in various governorates.

He clarified that the programme adopted a training methodology based on blended learning, which combines in-person training, distance education, field visits to government projects under implementation, research, case studies, vocational guidance, and follow-up.

This is in addition to training on employing artificial intelligence technologies in project management.

The programme includes accredited professional tracks, including the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, and practical applications on existing projects. This enhances the participants' ability to transform theoretical knowledge into practical applications and links training to the actual needs of the work environment.

For his part, Eng. Abdullah Mohammed Al Amri, Director of the Project Planning Department at the Project Follow-up Office in the Authority, said that the programme adopted a precise mechanism for selecting participants based on a number of criteria.

Most notable among these are years of experience, engineering qualifications, the assessment of skills and capabilities, and the nature of current work in implementing and following up on

projects. It also considered the importance, size, and cost of the strategic projects supervised by the participating entities, the sector to which they belong, and the expected impact of the entity's participation in the programme.

He added that the programme attaches importance to measuring the impact of training and maximising the return on investment in competency development through an assessment center, an integrated competency matrix, and a database that contributes to the optimal use of human resources. This is in addition to preparing smart development plans aimed at bridging competency gaps.

The programme includes graduation projects aiming to provide applicable practical solutions, while the participants undergo a comprehensive assessment combining knowledge tests, practical applications, and skills measurement, leading to the awarding of certificates of achievement and excellence according to the realised performance levels.

The programme reflects the Authority's direction toward building more ready and efficient national cadres in the management of government projects and contracts, and raising the level of professionalism across the various stages of the project. This contributes to improving execution quality, enhancing governance, raising spending efficiency, and achieving higher levels of efficiency and effectiveness in the management of government projects and tenders.

The "Imkan" programmes, across their various phases, seek to develop workers in the projects and contracts sector and hone their skills with the knowledge and tools necessary to keep pace with the growing requirements in managing major projects. -**ONA**

SPACE TECHNOLOGIES

Space Conference focuses on goals of Oman Vision 2040

MUSCAT: Oman Space Conference 2026 was held on Sunday in Muscat in the presence of 70 representatives of government departments and establishments operating in the sector of space, industry and academia.

The conference was organised by "Space Tech in Gulf" in partnership with the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

It covered various topics related to the development of the space sector in the Sultanate of Oman. Discussions covered sector priorities, practical applications of space technologies, and opportunities for collaboration and partnership among relevant stakeholders.

The event focused on the national policy, schedule and execu-

tive programme for Oman's space sector and their role in supporting the goals of Oman Vision 2040.

It also examined mechanisms for utilising Earth observation applications and space data to enhance government services and improve efficiency across various sectors, including agriculture, the environment and the marine environment.

Developing capabilities

The conference highlighted opportunities for developing national capabilities, empowering local space-sector companies and fostering partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and the academia, with the prime objective of establishing an integrated national space system.

Discussions during the conference also elaborated on ways to localize space technologies and services, consolidate national capabilities in this field, supporting strategic interests and national security and reviewing space policies, international cooperation and promising investment opportunities within the space sector.

The conference assumed significance due to the growing global interest in the space sector and its role in supporting economic and knowledge-based development, making optimum use of space technologies and data to devise innovative solutions for development challenges and boosting the Sultanate of Oman's readiness to leverage the opportunities offered by the space economy. -**ONA**

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ROP urges parents to save children from gaming-related blackmail

With the spread of multiplayer games and integrated chat services, improper behaviours and associated risks are on the rise

Muscat: Electronic games have become interactive platforms that allow players to communicate directly by voice and image, posing a new challenge amid technological advancement and cybersecurity concerns.

With the spread of multiplayer games and integrated chat services, improper behaviours and associated risks are on the rise, necessitating societal awareness and proper handling when they occur. Brigadier Jamal bin Habib Al Quraishi, Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigation at the Royal Oman Police, told Oman News Agency (ONA), that electronic games have evolved into digital communities that encourage communication with unknown individuals, thereby providing an environment exploited by those with criminal intentions to lure children. This begins with building a relationship of trust and then moves to inappropriate conversations or requests.

He explained that some cases ended with the child being persuaded to photograph family members, and then sending these images or clips to the blackmailers, who later use them for threats and extortion. The danger may go beyond bullying, threats, abuse and exposure to inappropriate content to include influencing children to exploit them in behaviour contrary to values or recruiting them to carry out violent or illegal acts.

He added that a child or adolescent may not directly inform their family that they have been blackmailed, and therefore it is important for the family to pay attention to any sudden changes in behaviour and psychological state, such as sadness, tension, fear of losing the phone, refusing to let family members browse it, and engaging in actions or behaviours unusual for the child, such as repeated lying, taking money from home, stealing, or behaving contrary to what they are accustomed to.

The ROP Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigation, warned of the necessity for families to avoid reactions based on reprimand and threats, because the child may fear telling their parents and continue responding to the blackmailer. Anger should not be shown nor blame directed, because the primary goal is to protect and embrace the child and encourage them to fully disclose what happened.

He directed that conversations, images, video clips or accounts related to the incident be preserved and not deleted, and that the competent authorities be notified promptly. Families should not attempt to handle the matter themselves or search for the blackmailer and confront him, leaving the task of dealing with the incident and tracking the blackmailer to the competent authorities.

He affirmed that the Royal Oman Police deals with electronic blackmail reports with seriousness and complete confidentiality, especially when the victim is a child or minor. The primary goal is to protect the victim, preserve digital evidence, stop the blackmail operation and identify the blackmailer, even if he uses a fake account or false data, and take legal action against him.

He also emphasised the importance of the family being close to their children, fully aware of the games and platforms they use and the people they communicate with, activating appropriate privacy settings and parental controls, and most importantly, teaching their children that blackmail is not their fault and that if they are subjected to any threat or unusual request, they should not be afraid or hide the matter but must inform their parents immediately.



Among the most prominent of these risks are social engineering and phishing, as malicious links may be posted through text chat rooms convincing the player that they will receive free virtual currencies

He added that the Royal Oman Police has called on electronic game enthusiasts of various age groups to use the communication and contact features of these games consciously and responsibly, and not to send images or information that could be used as a means to carry out the demands of blackmailers.

In this context, Mohammed bin Said Al Ruba'iee, a cybersecurity specialist, told ONA that cybersecurity risks associated with multiplayer gaming environments and chat applications such as Discord, Steam and Roblox vary as a result of the overlap between technical aspects and social engineering methods. He pointed to a number of the most prominent threats that may face children, adolescents and players in general.

He explained that among the most prominent of these risks are social engineering and phishing, as malicious links may be posted through text chat rooms convincing the player that they will receive free virtual currencies such as V-Bucks or Robux, or rare in-game items such as skins and virtual characters, before leading them to fake login pages aimed at stealing login credentials and session tokens for accounts.

He added that malware and Trojans represent another danger, as users may be tempted to download cheating or hacking programmes, game modifications, or untrusted files and attachments, while these files may contain information-stealing software that can target browsers, game accounts, chat platforms and cryptocurrencies.

He pointed out that identity exposure and personal data leakage, known as doxing, occurs through collecting scattered information about the player through voice chats or usernames, which may allow access to their real name, home address, school or social media accounts, and exploiting that information for defamation or threats.

He explained that distributed denial-of-service attacks may pose a danger to players in some environments that rely on direct peer-to-peer connections, as in some cases the player's real IP address can be obtained and their home network targeted by flooding it with large amounts of data, leading to disruption of connectivity, especially during competitions.

He also warned of online grooming and psychological exploitation, which may target minors through voice and video chats, where the perpetrator seeks to build a false relationship and trust with the child or adolescent before attempting to push them to share private images or sensitive family information or move to other communication platforms.

He pointed to direct financial fraud in in-game trading operations, as fraudsters may exploit digital item trading mechanisms to steal accounts or items of monetary value through fake intermediaries or unreal deals.

He emphasised the importance of strengthening the protection of accounts and personal data,

explaining that among the most prominent measures is activating two-factor authentication, preferably using dedicated authentication applications rather than relying on SMS text messages whenever possible, to reduce the risks of account takeover associated with SIM swapping.

He also recommended separating the digital identity dedicated to gaming from personal identity, by using email addresses dedicated to gaming that are not linked to the real name, school, bank accounts or personal accounts, and choosing usernames that do not reveal age, year of birth or geographic region.

He stressed the necessity of adjusting privacy settings in gaming and chat platforms by making accounts private, restricting friend requests, direct messages and calls to known individuals, and disabling the ability for unknown persons to join public voice rooms.

Regarding connections, he pointed to the importance of protecting the IP address when using games that rely on direct peer-to-peer connections, and trusted virtual private networks can be used in cases that require it to reduce the possibility of exposing the actual connection address and exposure to denial-of-service attacks.

He called for not saving bank card data within gaming platforms as much as possible, and relying on gift cards or prepaid cards with limited balances, which reduces the risks of unauthorised purchases in the event of account compromise.

He also stressed the necessity of being cautious of external files and links, not clicking on links sent through chat rooms or running helper tools and programmes not approved by official game developers.

Regarding the procedures that should be followed when exposed to blackmail, bullying or fraud, he explained the importance of immediate digital documentation by taking clear screenshots and saving texts and conversations that include the offending account name, digital identifier or profile link, and the timing of messages, along with retaining the full context of the conversation before deleting or modifying content.

He emphasised the necessity of cutting off communication and avoiding responding to the blackmailer, not paying any sums of money or continuing to engage with him, because responding to demands may lead to continued pressure and the emergence of further demands.

He also recommended using official blocking and reporting tools available within the game or chat platform while attaching evidence and relevant data, then blocking the offending account to prevent continued communication. In the event of suspicion that a password has been leaked or loss of control over the account, he stressed the importance of securing linked accounts immediately by logging out of all devices and sessions, changing passwords for related ac-



at children and youth through characters and topics that carry national identity and reflect the values and culture of society. He explained that the goal is not limited to providing safe and attractive content but extends to supporting the production of content specifically for this group and enhancing the presence of content that addresses children and youth in a style close to them, combining identity, positive content and entertainment.

He explained that the children's interface on the platform thus provides a digital space that keeps pace with the development in the use of these platforms and offers safe and appropriate content, along with supporting the production of content dedicated to children and youth that carries our identity and values within an attractive digital experience for this group.

Regarding the standards adopted by the ministry to ensure the safety of digital content and interactive games provided to children, he explained that all content published on the children's interface, and on the "Ayn" platform in general, is subject to review and oversight before publication to ensure its safety and suitability for the target audience and its freedom from inappropriate ideas and content.

He added that the matter is not limited to excluding inappropriate content, but "Ayn" is also keen when selecting or producing content to ensure that it includes positive values and content that align with national and social directions and contributes to instilling values and developing knowledge and skills among children and youth.

He pointed out that the quality and attractiveness of content are of great importance, because content directed at children is not enough to be safe and purposeful only; it is also important to be able to attract the child and provide an enjoyable experience. Therefore, the "Ayn" platform is keen on a good level of artistic and technical production, providing an interactive and entertaining experience that suits the nature and interests of this group.

He emphasised that the goal is to provide content that combines safety, positive content and attractiveness, and balances benefit and entertainment, so that the platform does not merely protect the child from inappropriate content but offers positive and enjoyable content that suits their needs.

Regarding parents' benefit from the children's interface on the "Ayn" platform as a safe and appropriate alternative to some open gaming platforms, he explained that the children's interface on the "Ayn" platform provides a digital space dedicated to the child, through which a guardian can create a special account, so that when the child enters it, they find content entirely dedicated to this group, allowing them to navigate freely and easily between different types of content, while the guardian is reassured that everything available within this space is suitable for the child.

He added that the "Ayn" platform is available across various devices, whether smartphones, tablets or smart TV screens, giving families flexibility in making the children's interface available through the device that suits them, at different times and places.

He pointed out that the children's interface on the platform was designed to be suitable and attractive for this group, not only in

terms of content but also in terms of design, icons, method of use and navigation, so that the child can explore and access content easily.

He explained that the interface provides great diversity in content, between programmes, cartoon works, songs and content that encourages talents and develops skills, and diversity between visual and audio content, which gives the child multiple options and makes their experience within the platform more diverse and enjoyable.

He explained that audio content constitutes an important aspect of this experience through stories presented in an engaging narrative style and audiobooks dedicated to children that aim to enhance the child's connection to books and reading through a listening experience that suits their use of digital content.

He added that this content can also be used at times when screen viewing is not appropriate, such as while travelling by car or on long trips, where the child can listen to stories and audiobooks available through the platform.

He emphasised that the children's interface, with these advantages, provides the guardian with a space they can confidently make available to their child across various devices, and gives the child freedom to navigate between diverse and attractive content, all dedicated to them, combining safety, entertainment, benefit and ease of use.

Amid the expanding presence of children in the digital world, the need to enhance their awareness of the risks associated with interacting with others through electronic platforms emerges. In this regard, Ghunaima Sulaiman Al Shukaili, a social guidance supervisor, told ONA that the need for acceptance and belonging may push the child to search for friends or a digital community, which may lead to accepting requests from untrusted individuals and excessive trust in others in the digital world, as some children may not realise that the person behind the account may not be as they present themselves.

She explained that among the factors are also weak awareness of digital privacy, sharing images or personal information or family data without appreciating the consequences, the desire to experiment and explore, especially in games and platforms that allow communication with unknown individuals, and weak family dialogue; when a child feels that talking about a mistake will lead to punishment or blame, they may hide the problem instead of seeking help.

She added that peer pressure and the desire to prove oneself or keep up with others, and social isolation or a feeling of lack of appreciation, may make alternative digital relationships more influential on the child. She pointed to the importance of balanced digital monitoring; what is required is not spying but building awareness, skills and continuous dialogue.

Regarding the signs that may appear on a child when exposed to electronic blackmail, she said that this may lead to changes in behaviour, relationships, social participation and academic performance. She noted that the response varies from one child to another, so no single sign should be considered conclusive evidence.

She explained that among the behavioural signs that deserve attention are a sudden change in phone use or unusually hiding the screen, anxiety or tension when a message or notification arrives, withdrawal from activities the child used to enjoy, sudden changes in sleep, concentration or academic performance, in addition to nervousness, excessive sensitivity or unusual silence.

She added that among the family signs are the child distancing from parents or avoiding talking with them, exaggerated fear of punishment or discovery of what is happening, refusing to let family members participate in usual activities, and the emergence of a clear feeling of guilt or shame.

She explained that among the signs affecting the child socially are distancing from friends, losing interest in social communication, disturbed relationships with colleagues or siblings, and increased reliance on the digital world with clear tension. **-ONA**

Awareness drive launched for early detection of breast cancer

This coincides with the global breast cancer awareness month, Pink October, and will continue for a year across the various governorates



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health, represented by the National Centre for Women and Children's Health, launched on Sunday the national awareness campaign for the early detection of breast cancer under the slogan "Rest Assured."

This coincides with the global breast cancer awareness month, Pink October, and will continue for a year across the various governorates of the Sultanate of Oman.

The campaign aims to build sustainable health awareness, correct misconceptions about breast cancer,

and enhance women's knowledge of the signs and changes that require medical evaluation.

It also seeks to encourage women to take the initiative for early detection and to enhance the role of the family and society in supporting women's health.

The campaign will implement various awareness and educational programs, initiatives, and events over the course of a year, in partnership with various sectors.

This contributes to transforming awareness into sustainable health behaviour and enhancing the culture of proactive early detection under the slogan: "Rest Assured and Keep an Appointment

with Your Health."

Dr. Faiza Abdul Hussain Al Fadhil, Director of the Women's Health Department at the National Centre for Women and Children's Health at the Ministry of Health, delivered a presentation titled "A Glimpse into the Stages of Development of the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program in the Sultanate of Oman."

The programme included a review of the stages of development of the breast cancer early detection program in the Sultanate of Oman, a humane dialogue on the recovery experience and messages of hope, and the official launch of the campaign. The programme

also addressed the details of the campaign, its objectives, themes, target groups, and implementation mechanisms during the year.

Furthermore, it reviewed the awareness materials prepared for the campaign and the mechanism for documenting and evaluating the events that will be implemented in the governorates.

Dr. Badriya Al Qassabi, Head of the Early Detection of Diseases Related to Women's Health Section at the National Centre for Women and Children's Health, provided an overview of the details of the national awareness campaign for the early detection of breast cancer. Meanwhile, Muna

Al Shukaili, a Health Education Technician at the National Centre for Women and Children's Health at the Ministry, gave a presentation on the campaign's awareness materials.

Dr. Nabila Al Wuhaibi, Senior Consultant in Family and Community Medicine, presented an overview of the evaluation form for the national campaign's events in the governorates.

Discussions also addressed the experience of breast cancer from a medical perspective, featuring the voice of a woman who lived through the experience herself and now carries a message she wishes to share with every woman. Hafidha Al Amiri participated in a dialogue titled: "When Hope Triumphs."

The campaign comes within the framework of national efforts aimed at enhancing women's health, consolidating the culture of prevention and early detection, raising community awareness of breast health, and encouraging women to benefit from early detection services in accordance with the age groups and standards approved in the national programme.

The campaign also integrates with the national directives to develop early detection services for

breast cancer, aligning with the objectives of "Oman Vision 2040" and the Eleventh Five-Year Plan (2026-2030).

Stemming from this, women's health has received the Royal attention of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik.

Embodying this attention, the Council of Ministers directed in January 2025 the launch of a national program for the early screening of the most common cancer among women.

This involves the establishment of seven early detection units covering the various governorates of the Sultanate of Oman, marking a strategic step that reflects the national commitment to enhancing early detection services, expanding access to them, and providing them in a more comprehensive and sustainable manner.

It is noteworthy that breast cancer represents one of the most prominent health challenges facing women's health. However, early detection can make a significant difference in the course of the disease; the earlier changes are detected, the better the chances of treatment and health outcomes, increasing the possibility of accessing more effective care in a timely manner. -ONA

SCIENTIFIC STUDY

'Reclaimed water' vital for farm activity in saline areas

BARKA: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources affirmed that "tertiary-treated" wastewater, also referred to as "reclaimed water," represents part of a broader vision for the sustainability of agricultural activity in salinity-affected areas and for contributing in the future to restoring part of the green agricultural strip of the Al Batinah plain.

The ministry clarified that a long-term Omani scientific study was conducted in cooperation with Nama Water Services at the Non-Conventional Water Research Farm in Al Rumais in the Wilayat of Barka, South Al Batinah Governorate, affiliated with the Directorate General of Agricultural and Livestock Research, to study the use of reclaimed water in irrigating Omani lime trees (*Citrus aurantiifolia*).

The selection of Omani lime holds special importance, as it is one of the traditional citrus crops of economic and cultural significance in the Sultanate of Oman, and the experiment site is situated within the agricultural environment of the Al Batinah plain.

Eng. Alya Al Hinai, Soil and Water Researcher at the Soil and Water Research Center under the Directorate General of Agricultural and Livestock Research, pointed out that the selection of Omani lime holds special impor-



tance, being one of the traditional citrus crops of economic and cultural significance in the Sultanate of Oman, and that the experiment location falls within the agricultural environment of the Al Batinah plain.

She said that the study compared a field irrigated with reclaimed water with another irrigated with desalinated groundwater, under similar agricultural management conditions. The history of irrigation with reclaimed water spanned eight years, with the monitoring of several water, soil, plant, and fruit indicators.

She added that the results showed that lime trees maintained their growth and production when irrigated with reclaimed water, achieving a production level comparable to trees irrigated with desalinated groundwater, which supports the possibility of utilising this water resource in sustaining lime cultivation under the

study's conditions.

She pointed out that the study also showed that reclaimed water does not only provide water to plants, but also contains measurable quantities of certain nutrients, including forms of nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus. This may represent an added value for this water resource, although the study did not quantitatively determine the amount of fertilizer this could provide.

Regarding soil, she explained that measurements showed an increase in salinity during some periods of the study; however, this increase was neither cumulative nor continuous, as values dropped in the following season.

Furthermore, certain sodium indicators recorded an increase in soil irrigated with reclaimed water, underscoring the importance of long-term monitoring and proper irrigation and drainage management, while the study did not demonstrate an actual deterioration in soil structure. -ONA

OSAS

World Space Week to create awareness on science, tech

MUSCAT: Oman Society of Astronomy and Space (OSAS) is organising a programme to mark the World Space Week, being observed this year from 4 to 10 October.

The event, which aims to highlight the contributions of space science and technology to the amelioration of human life, showcases scientific and technical achievements in this field and encourages students and young people to take an interest in science and innovation. The event, which takes the theme "Rocket Revolution", highlights the rapid advancements in space launch technologies and their role in expanding access to space.

Speaking on the occasion, Shahad bint Rashid Al Hosni, Deputy Chairperson of the Space Sciences Committee at Oman Society of Astronomy and Space, said that the World Space Week provides an opportunity to consolidate public awareness about the importance of space science and its applications. The event also serves to highlight



the transformations within the sector and encourage students and youth to explore related scholarly and technical fields, she added.

Shahad underlined the efforts made by OSAS to enhance educational activities and programmes targeting different segments of society, with special emphasis on students and youth.

The programmes organised by

OSAS include astronomical observation events and educational workshops covering topics in astronomy, space science and related technologies, said Shahad Al Hosni, noting that the theme "Rocket Revolution" highlights a key factor in the evolution of space activities, the development of spacecrafts and the launch of scientific missions into orbit and beyond. -ONA



Royal Oman Police

ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Online Auction to Sell Used ROP Vehicles

The Royal Oman Police - Directorate of Public Relations and Security Information – announces a public online auction through the ROP Auctions Platform to sell used ROP vehicles at Dhofar Governorate Police Headquarters via the website (www.rop.mzadcom.om), starting from Sunday, 11 October 2026.

The vehicles displayed for sale may be inspected during the period from 06 to 08 October 2026 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Vehicle Detention Yard in Owqad at the Wilayat of Salalah, Dhofar Governorate.

Bidders must abide by the following terms and conditions:

- To register on the website www.rop.mzadcom.om
- To pay an insurance amount of RO 500/- (five hundred Omani Riyals) via the website, which is non-refundable in case of failure to pay the value of the purchased vehicle or carry out the procedures for its registration and transfer within the specified period.
- To pay the auctioneer fees at 2% of the value of the vehicle plus 5% VAT.
- To pay the value of the vehicle by electronic transfer within 48 working hours.
- To register and transfer the vehicle within 3 days after paying its value to avoid a fine of RO 5/- (five Omani Riyals) for each day of delay after the end of the specified period, without the Royal Oman Police bearing any responsibility in the event of its loss or damage.
- The Royal Oman Police and the Auction Website shall not bear any responsibility if the image or description of any vehicle displayed does not match the reality and do not guarantee its validity or technical integrity. Buyers must verify the same themselves through visual inspection during the days designated for inspection.
- **For more details, please visit the website (www.rop.mzadcom.om) or call 98886154.**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dr. Raid Al Rubaie appointed CEO of SOHAR Port and Freezone

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Effective from 11 October 2026, Dr. Raid Al Rubaie will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer of SOHAR Port and Freezone, leading the organisation and advancing its strategic priorities to drive growth, devel-

opment and competitiveness. Dr. Raid brings more than two decades of leadership and executive experience across industrial and other key sectors, with extensive expertise in business development, investment, organisational transformation and strategic partnerships.



ROYAL OMAN POLICE

One arrested

Muscat: The Royal Oman Police (ROP), has arrested a person with a criminal record for stopping a person and stealing the money he had in his possession by force. "The General Department of Inquiries and Criminal Investigations apprehended a person with a criminal record for stopping an Asian and stealing the money he had in his possession by force."

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Winners of Child Culture Award announced

The number of participants in this edition reached 300, of whom 50 contestants qualified for the second stage, after which five qualifiers were chosen to compete in the final stage before the jury and the public during the closing ceremony



You," Malak Fahd Al Wahaibi won first place, while Al Ghaliya Talal Al Abri came second, Iyad Khalil Al Wa'ili secured third place, Safiya Ali Al Shehhi placed fourth, and Fawwaz Anwar Al Hatmi took fifth place, during the final qualifications for the qualifiers held at the Ministry of Information Theatre. The qualified students presented their performances in the "Talk So That I May See You" competition, which targets talented children skilled in speaking aged 7 to 12 years, including both Omanis and Arab students residing in the Sultanate of Oman, by preparing visual content in standard Arabic or the local dialect not exceeding three minutes, addressing specific topics. The number of participants in this edition reached 300, of whom 50 contestants qualified for the second stage, after which five qualifiers were chosen to compete in the final stage before the jury and the public during the closing ceremony. The qualifiers competed on three main topics: energy, sustain-

ability, and innovation, addressing the importance of energy and ways to rationalise its consumption, the role of children in protecting the environment and achieving sustainability, alongside proposing innovative ideas and solutions for daily life issues, particularly in the fields of water and energy. Four judges participated in the jury of the "Talk So That I May See You" competition, including a judge from outside the Sultanate of Oman for the first time in the competition's history, with the goal of benefiting from international technical expertise and exchanging knowledge with Omani judges, as well as enhancing the award's presence as a window to introduce Omani culture and the creative capabilities of talented children. The closing ceremony was held under the auspices of Basil Ahmed Al Rowas, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth for Sports and Youth. Ahmed Saud Al Rawahi, Assistant Director General of the Directorate of Knowledge and Cultural

Development and Director of the Muscat International Book Fair, stated in the speech of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth that since the launch of the award in 2021, it has continued to consolidate its presence as a platform for discovering children's talents and inspiring writers and authors to innovate in child culture through its two branches: "Talk So That I May See You," directed at children, and "Oman Tells," directed at writers and authors specialising in child culture. He added that the horizons of the award have expanded beyond geographical boundaries, welcoming Arab children and writers residing in the Sultanate of Oman, as the 2025 and 2026 editions witnessed broad participation from six Arab countries: Palestine, Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon, Yemen, and Sudan. He explained that this turnout embodies the role of culture as a bridge bringing peoples together, reaffirming that the Sultanate of Oman remains a welcoming space

hosting the creative dreams of every Arab child. The ceremony also witnessed the honoring of the winners of the "Oman Tells" competition, dedicated to writers and authors to compose story texts for children and young adults linked to cultural heritage and enhancing Omani identity. The number of participants in the competition this year reached 96 writers, from among whom five winning texts were selected without ranking, addressing influential figures in Omani culture, with a focus on figures from the oil and gas sector supported by OQ Company. Tuful Zahran Al Sarmi won for the story "My Father's Blue Shadow," which touched upon the biography of Dr. Al Mu'tasim bin Mohammed Al Bahlani and his success in registering an international patent in the field of heavy oil extraction. Khadija Ali Al Mufarriji won for the story "The Mountain Lantern," which touched upon the biography of the teacher Zahra Salim Al Aufi as an inspiring model in voluntary and social work. Sarah Ahmed Al Farsi won for the story "Who Opened the Door of Oman's Land?", which introduced children to the biography of Sheikh Said Ahmed Al Shanfari and his contributions to the oil and minerals sector and the development of energy strategies in the Sultanate of Oman. Aisha Juma Al Farsi won for the story "Tale of a Voice from Oman," which reviewed the biography of media personality Muna

Mahfoudh Al Manthari and her contributions to the Omani media journey as one of the first female faces in radio and television in the Sultanate of Oman. Wafa Juma Al Rashdi won for the story "Salim and the Oud Instrument Coming from the Sea," which touched upon the biography of artist Salim bin Rashid Al Suri, one of the pioneers of traditional singing and music in the Sultanate of Oman and the Arabian Gulf region. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Basil Ahmed Al Rowas, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth for Sports and Youth, the chief guest, honoured the winners of the Child Culture Award 2026 competitions, in addition to honoring members of the two jury committees and supporting entities contributing to the award's success. It is noteworthy that the Child Culture Award 2026, supervised by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, includes a number of competitions targeting talented children, writers, and authors working in the field of child culture. It aims to establish and enhance awareness of identity and belonging, develop linguistic and educational experiences in children, and promote human values consistent with national values, alongside elevating the quality of production directed at children and enriching their human culture. This year's edition came with support and cooperation from OQ Company. — ONA

Maryam Issa Al Zadjali Wins Public Service Leader of the Year – Community Support



Maryam Issa Al Zadjali, Founder and Chairperson of Dar Al Atta'a, was felicitated with the 'The Origin Public Service Leader of the Year – Community Support Award' at The Origin – Women Forum & Awards 2026, held at JW Marriott Hotel Muscat. A prominent figure in Oman's social and voluntary sector, Maryam has dedicated her journey to supporting families, empowering communities and creating sustainable social impact. Through Dar Al Atta'a, she has helped build an organisation that reaches individuals and families across Oman through programmes focused on family welfare, education, empowerment, housing and humanitarian assistance. Her leadership has helped strengthen Dar Al Atta'a's role in addressing community needs while moving beyond immediate assistance towards long-term



empowerment and self-reliance. From supporting education and families in need to housing initiatives and livelihood programmes, her work reflects a deep commitment to improving lives and strengthening communities. Her recognition as Public Service Leader of the Year – Community Support celebrates her longstanding contribution to social development and her commitment to turning compassion into meaningful action. Maryam's journey continues to demonstrate the powerful role of community leadership in creating lasting positive change. The Origin Awards 2026 are instituted by Times of Oman, in collaboration with Muscat Media Group, Gulf Leaders Circle and TEvents, recognising exceptional women, organisations and initiatives making a meaningful impact across industries and communities.

MEETING



Ministry of Economy, World Bank team discuss means of enhancing cooperation

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Economy on Sunday held a meeting with a delegation from the World Bank Group to discuss opportunities for promoting technical cooperation and exchanging expertise in the field of the circular economy. The World Bank Group's delegation is currently on a technical visit to the Sultanate of Oman. During the meeting, the Ministry reviewed key outcomes of the

Sultanate's national circular economy project. The Ministry pointed out that the outcomes of the project included identifying the circular economy gap, setting a national baseline and devising a roadmap for priority policies—with the prime objective of realising the goals of Oman Vision 2040 and bolstering pathways for economic diversification and sustainability. The two sides also discussed fu-

ture areas of cooperation, including measuring progress envisaged to be made in implementing circular economy practices, leveraging international experiences and benchmarks, analysing the opportunities and challenges associated with the application of the relevant policy and studying the impact of the same on the competitiveness of economic sectors in the Sultanate of Oman. — ONA

MILITARY TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE

7th Science Week inaugurated

MUSCAT: The Military Technological College on Sunday inaugurated its 7th Science Week under the auspices of Dr. Ali bin Amer Al Shidhani, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology for Communications and Information Technology. The 5-day event, which is being held under the theme "Innovate, Secure and Develop", sees the participation of military institutions from Oman, GCC states and other Arab countries. The opening ceremony included a speech by Brigadier Ahmed bin Khalfan Al Hadidi, Dean of the

Military Technological College, who underlined the event's importance in fostering cooperation between military and academic institutions, discovering talents and converting ideas and research outputs into practical applications that enhance the technical capabilities in serving the nation. The ceremony also included an orientation visual display about the 7th Science Week. The display highlighted key themes and objectives of the 7th Science Week, including two lectures, the first of which was titled "Cybersecurity challenges amid the evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI)", while

the second dealt with the importance of a national system for developing cybersecurity competencies. On the sidelines of the forum, a cooperation agreement was signed with ESBAAR Artificial Intelligence and Drones company to strengthen ties in academic cooperation, scholarly research, student training and joint research projects. The ceremony also saw the opening of an exhibition featuring scientific projects, innovations and modern technologies developed by students from various academic institutions and scientific clubs affiliated with military and security units. — ONA

A literary journey without borders

From Oman to Sicily and beyond, through Palermo, Alicudi, Liguria and Milan, two Italian artists share a journey of culture, creativity, friendship and unforgettable encounters

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PALERMO (ITALY): Some journeys are measured in kilometres. Others are measured in the people we meet, the places that stay with us and the stories we carry home.

For Dr Luca Moretti and Dr Lucia Oliva, both kinds of journeys have shaped their lives.

Their latest book, *Avventurevolissimevolmente*, is an exuberant collection of stories gathered over more than 25 years of travelling, working, creating and meeting people across continents.

It is not quite an autobiography, nor is it a traditional travel book. Instead, it is a series of intimate glimpses into two lives lived at the intersection of art, culture and human curiosity.

And among all the places that have entered those stories, Oman has a particularly important place.

Moretti and Oliva have lived in the Sultanate for around a decade, making it their adopted home while continuing to build bridges with the cultural worlds of Italy and Europe. Their book reflects that unusual position — looking at Oman not as passing visitors, but through the eyes of people who have stayed long enough to form deep connections with the country and its people.

That connection is now taking the book beyond Italy

Following a successful tour this summer, the authors have begun work on an English translation, encouraged by the response the book has received both in Italy and abroad, particularly in Oman.

The task will not be simple. Even the title presents a challenge. *Avventurevolissimevolmente* is a playful Italian invention by the authors, deliberately extravagant and carrying literary echoes that reach back to baroque literature by Francesco Moneti (“precipitevolissimevolmente”) and, more distantly, to Dante Alighieri (sovrarmagnificentissimamente). Its first suggested English equivalent, *With Utmost Adventurousness*, captures something of the meaning, but perhaps not all of the mischief.

The authors are still searching for the right answer.

That search mirrors the larger challenge of translating the book, whose pages move between literary and cinematic references, Latin and dialect expressions, humour and theatrical turns of phrase.

The words may be Italian. The experiences, however, are universal.

A book that refuses to sit still. It is perhaps fitting that a book about movement should have been presented in such unusual settings.

The recent Italian tour began in Milan, at the ADI Design Museum, and continued through Liguria and Gubbio before reaching Sicily.

On Alicudi, one of the remote Aeolian Islands, the conventional rules of a book launch were abandoned altogether.

The setting was a natural volcanic amphitheatre by the sea. The audience gathered among rocks and pebbles as the sun moved towards the horizon.

And the authors? They were in the water.

Standing waist-deep in the sea, Moretti and Oliva conducted what was billed as a “seaside literary sunset”, using specially designed floating trays to hold books and stage materials.

It was an unusual spectacle, but also an appropriate one for a book whose stories seem to resist conventional boundaries.

Among those attending were renowned figures from the world of Italian cinema and theatre, including actress Mascia Musy,



Baroness Antonella Canalotti



actress Rada Rassimov and producer Andrea Andermann, whose live opera-film productions have earned seven Primetime Emmy Awards.

From the remote beauty of Alicudi, the tour moved to Palermo.

Here, the sea gave way to the grand interiors of Palazzo Branciforte.

An evening with an Omani connection

Palermo's history makes it an especially appropriate city for a book built around cultural encounters.

Greeks, Arabs, Normans, Byzantines and Spaniards have all left their mark on the Sicilian capital. Its architecture, food, language and traditions still bear the traces

greetings to Palermo's authorities and people.

The connection was particularly meaningful because Oman is not merely a subject in the book. It is part of the authors' own story.

The Palermo initiative was driven by Duchess Clara Monroy, a leading figure behind Settimana delle Culture, chaired by President Giorgio Filippone, an initiative dedicated to creating dialogue between cultures.

In her opening remarks, Duchess Monroy recalled Oman's special place in Palermo's cultural memory, including the visit of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

During that visit, the Omani Royal Guard Military Band performed in the square outside Teatro Massimo, leaving an enduring memory among those who witnessed the occasion.

Seeing Oman through different eyes

The conversation that followed was led by Pietro Massimo Busetta, senior professor at the University of Palermo's Faculty of Economics.

A traveller, photographer and author, Busetta has visited more than 60 countries and documented his experiences through books and exhibitions.

He proved a natural interlocutor for Moretti and Oliva, drawing out anecdotes from their years of travel and artistic work.

But the evening also offered something else: a different way of seeing Oman.

For years, Moretti and Oliva have used art and cultural events to bring Oman into conversation with their Italian and European heritage.

Their stories reveal a country encountered through friendships, artistic collaborations, everyday experiences and an appreciation of its people and traditions.

It is an insider's portrait without pretending to be native.

Perhaps that is what makes it compelling.

They remain Europeans looking at Oman, but they are also residents who have been shaped by the country in which they have chosen to live.

Their work occupies that space between cultures.

Critic Massimiliano Reggiani recently described the pair as “cultural bridges”, writing of the way their journeys allow them to bring a culture while also being enriched by those who welcome them. The description seems particularly fitting.

The journey continues

The English translation of *Avventurevolissimevolmente* is now taking shape.

The title is unresolved. The language will require careful adaptation. And some of the book's most distinctly Italian humour and references will inevitably test the translator.

But perhaps that is also part of the adventure.

A book born from encounters between cultures is now preparing for another encounter — this time with readers in another language.

For Moretti and Oliva, the journey has never really been about reaching a final destination.

It has been about arriving somewhere, listening, exchanging stories, forming connections and then carrying something of that place with them when they leave.

Oman has been one of those places

And after a decade, it seems the Sultanate has done more than provide a setting for their lives and work.

It has become part of their story. Their journey continues on Instagram at @theculturalweavers and @luciaolivaartist.

Their stories reveal a country encountered through friendships, artistic collaborations, everyday experiences and an appreciation of its people and traditions.

of those centuries of interaction.

At Palazzo Branciforte, Moretti and Oliva found an audience that reflected that same cultural richness.

The event in the Sala dei 99 brought together prominent figures from Palermo's cultural and social circles, including Duke Alberto and Duchess Monroy di Giampileri, Princess Stefy Tortorici di Raffadali, Princess Annie Spadafora, Baroness Antonella Canalotti and Baron Sebastiano Oddo.

Oman was present too

His Highness Nazar Al Julanda Al Said, Oman's Ambassador to Italy, had been unable to attend because of prior institutional commitments.

He nevertheless sent his congratulations to the authors and



SPORTS

Spain beat Czech Republic to continue winning start to Nations League

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente made nine changes from the team that won 4-1 at home against Croatia on Tuesday

MADRID: World champion Spain maintained its 100 percent start to the UEFA Nations League on Saturday night thanks to a 3-1 win over the Czech Republic in Oviedo.

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente made nine changes from the team that won 4-1 at home to Croatia on Tuesday, with Ivan Frenedra and Roberto Fernandez both making their debuts, while Fran Garcia, Robin le Normand and Arsenal goalkeeper David Raya also returned to the team.

A group of Spanish football players in red and blue kits are huddled together on the field during a match. The players are wearing red jerseys with blue sleeves and blue shorts. The background shows a large stadium filled with spectators.

was only in doubt for a handful of minutes from the moment Lamine Yamal opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a trademark curling shot into the corner of the Czech goal.

A flowing move minutes later almost saw Rodrigo Hernandez

double Spain's lead, but with the Spaniards dominating the ball and playing almost entirely in the Czech half a second goal never looked far away.

Visiting goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky did well to deny Pedri after another swift Spain attack in

the 32nd minute, but was helpless when the ball fell kindly for Rodrigo to net the second three minutes later.

Yamal saw another effort go across the face of goal before the break as Spain dominated and with the game seemingly under

control De la Fuente took the opportunity to replace the Barcelona winger and Alex Baena with Victor Munoz and Yeremy Pino for the second half.

The changes saw Spain lose some midfield control, perhaps because Munoz and Pino stayed tight on the wings rather than moving inside as Baena and Yamal do. Just after Pino saw a shot drift just wide of the post with Fernandez inches away from a finish, the Czechs got back into things when Jiri Slama drilled a low shot across Raya to make it 2-1.

Raya got away with a bad mistake with just over 10 minutes left when he dropped a simple ball and Ryan Naderi fired into the Spain net only for the 'goal' to be ruled out for a prior foul on Le Normand.

Ladislav Krejci was sent off in the 85th minute and Mikel Merino made Spain's win safe in the last minute when he latched onto a loose ball following a swift break.

Estonia beats Luxembourg to move into second place in Nations League group

Estonia defeated Luxembourg 1-0 at Tallinn's A. Le Coq Arena

on Saturday to claim its first victory in the 2026-27 UEFA Nations League and strengthen its position in League C Group 4.

The victory lifted Estonia to five points from three matches and moved it into second place in the group, keeping the Baltic side firmly in contention for promotion.

Estonia had entered the match unbeaten but without a victory after opening its campaign with a 1-1 draw away to Iceland and a goalless draw in Bulgaria. Luxembourg meanwhile, had three points from its opening two matches.

With three rounds remaining Estonia's prospects will largely depend on its next match against group leader Iceland in Tallinn on Tuesday. It will then travel to Luxembourg on November 13 before completing the league phase at home against Bulgaria on November 16.

The group winner earns direct promotion to League B, while the runner-up enters the promotion play-offs, giving Estonia a realistic opportunity to move up from League C if it can maintain its current form. -ANI

FOOTBALL

Lino, Pedro shine as Brazil beat India 4-0 in historic friendly at Kolkata

KOLKATA : Samuel Lino and Pedro were among the scorers as Brazil defeated India 4-0 in the first-ever friendly between the two sides at Kolkata's Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday. Brazil head coach Carlo Ancelotti named a star-studded line-up featuring the likes of Vinicius Jr., Marquinhos and Esteveo, much to the delight of the football fans who gathered at the venue.

India managed to hold their own for the first 27 minutes, with Manvir Singh and Ryan Williams asking Brazil some really tough questions with their counter-attacking ways, as per ESPN.

However, Brazil broke the deadlock in the 28th minute. Cutting inside from the right, Estevao unleashed a low strike from the edge of the box that squeezed past Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu at the near post.



Gurpreet was again unable to keep out Brazil's second goal shortly before half-time. Estevao played a clever ball from the right to Pedro, who struck from an angle towards the Indian goalkeeper. The shot went through Gurpreet's hands to make it 2-0 in the 42nd minute.

India showed more attacking intent after the break and came close to reducing the deficit. Ryan Wil-

liams saw his effort cleared off the line, while Manvir also attempted to create an opening for the hosts.

Brazil, however, extended their lead in the 58th minute after India lost possession in their defensive third. Bijoy Varghese's pass towards the defenders was intercepted, allowing Samuel Lino to pounce on the opportunity and curl a fine effort into the bottom corner. Lino completed his brace in injury time, producing another low finish past the goalkeeper to seal a 4-0 victory for Brazil.

The result came during the ongoing international break, with Brazil having recently recorded mixed results against Australia in friendlies, securing a 4-2 win in one match and drawing the other 1-1. India had also begun the break with a 1-1 draw against Panama last Friday. -ANI

UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE:

England thrash Croatia 7-0 as Kane, Saka score twice



RIJEKA: England produced a stunning attacking display to thrash Croatia 7-0 in the UEFA Nations League in Rijeka on Saturday (local time), with Harry Kane and Bukayo Saka scoring twice each as Thomas Tuchel's side strengthened their position in Group A3. Kane opened the scoring in the eighth minute after Jude Bellingham split the Croatia defence with a superb through ball. The England captain controlled the pass before firing emphatically past Dominik Livakovic, according to the website of the UEFA Nations League.

Bellingham then turned provider into goalscorer in the 21st minute. Anthony Gordon collected Saka's cross and squared the ball into the six-yard box, where Bellingham arrived to prod it home and double England's ad-

vantage. Gordon continued to torment the Croatia defence and got his own name on the scoresheet in the 39th minute, heading in Jarek Quansah's inviting cross.

England were given four goals ahead before the break as Saka capped a dominant first half in stoppage time. Bellingham created the opening with a precise delivery allowing Saka to finish from close range. Kane added his second seven minutes after the restart sliding in to convert Elliot Anderson's low cross and take his inter-

national tally to 89 goals.

Saka completed his brace in the 68th minute after intercepting a loose pass before combining with Kane and firing into the net.

Substitute Morgan Rogers completed the rout in the 87th minute, rounding Livakovic before calmly finishing to make it 7-0. The victory was England's biggest in the Nations League and equalled their largest away win in the competition. It was also Croatia's heaviest defeat in their history. **ANI**

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INDIA'S PROPERTY MARKET

NEW DELHI: India's real estate market is increasingly showing a two-speed trend, with office, flexible workspace and logistics segments recording strong demand even as residential markets see a rise in unsold inventory, report the "Real Estate Tracker - Sept 2026" report by Equirus. — **ANI**

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 7,677.90 points, up by 1.04% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.71% at 629.81 points. Asyad Shipping, up 7.18%, was the top gainer while National Aluminium, down 5.00%, was the top loser. **> B2**

Oman's GDP at constant prices grows by 5.1% in Q2

Preliminary data issued by the National Centre for Statistics (NCSI) and Information clarified that petroleum activities recorded a growth of 14.7 percent during the second quarter of 2026, reaching approximately OMR3.4 billion

MUSCAT: The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Sultanate of Oman at constant prices recorded a growth of 5.1 percent during the second quarter of 2026, reaching approximately OMR9.9 billion, compared to about OMR9.4 bil-



lion in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

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billion, compared to about OMR3 billion in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

Conversely, non-petroleum activities increased by 0.7 percent during the second quarter of 2026, reaching approximately OMR7.0 billion, compared to about OMR6.8 billion in the cor-

responding quarter of 2025.

The data indicated a 2.3 percent rise in agriculture and fishing activities, reaching OMR325 million, compared to OMR317.8 million in the second quarter of 2025.

Meanwhile, industrial activities recorded a decline of 1.5 percent, reaching approximately

OMR1.9 billion, compared to about OMR2.0 billion in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Furthermore, service activities increased by 1.5 percent, reaching approximately OMR4.6 billion, compared to about OMR4.5 billion in the second quarter of 2025.

UBI REPORT

Indian rupee seen at 95.30-96.80 in October

NEW DELHI: The Indian rupee is expected to trade sideways in October in a range of 95.30-96.80, as robust forex reserves and trade agreements provide support, while rising global yields and foreign portfolio investor outflows weigh on the currency as per a report by Union Bank of India (UBI).

The Indian rupee remained volatile with a slight depreciation bias in September. At the same time, strong inflows under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) FCNR(B) deposit scheme pushed foreign exchange reserves to an all-time high of \$785.71 billion, helping the currency strengthen to 94.26 against the dollar in the first week.

"However, subsequent strength in Dollar Index due to Fed raising rates, oil prices moving from \$90/barrel to \$110/barrel levels in the first fortnight of September worried the FX market on BoP concerns, which led to Rupees depreciation towards 96.15 levels by the September end," it noted highlighting Rupee finally closed at 95.83/USD in September month.

At the same time, foreign portfolio investor (FPI) outflows also weighed on the rupee, with net withdrawals from Indian equities and bonds at around \$5.9 billion in September.

— ANI

IN INDIA

Apple removes Bitchat from app store

NEW DELHI: Apple has removed Bitchat, the offline messaging application associated with Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, from the India App Store following a take-down demand from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Dorsey on Saturday shared a screenshot of Apple's notice on X, stating that the "government of India officially removes bitchat from the App Store."

According to Apple's notice posted by Dorsey, MeitY issued the demand under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Apple said the application would be removed because it included content that was illegal in India and did not comply with its App Review Guidelines. However, the notice does not specify what particular content was considered illegal, nor does it detail the specific grounds cited by MeitY. Apple directed the developer to contact the ministry for further information.

Bitchat is a decentralised offline messaging app designed to allow people to communicate without cellular networks, Wi-Fi, phone numbers or a central messaging server. Its defining feature is a Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) mesh network.

When two users are within Bluetooth range, their phones can communicate directly. Messages can then be relayed from one nearby device to another, effectively creating a chain—or "mesh"—that can extend communication beyond the normal range of a single Bluetooth connection. Earlier documentation described messages travelling across multiple "hops" between devices. — **ANI**

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

130 projects completed in Duqm by August

DUQM: Asyad Drydock, a subsidiary of Asyad Group, continues to strengthen its global competitiveness in the marine services and industries sector, having completed 130 projects during the first eight months of 2026 and attracted 56 new international clients, bringing its total client base to approximately 900 commercial clients from various global markets.

These results reflect the growing standing of Duqm as a hub for marine services and industries in the Sultanate of Oman, leveraging its infrastructure and specialised facilities for servicing vessels and international fleets, as well as its integration with the ecosystem of ports, services, and industries in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm.

Ahmed Ali Al Balushi, Chief Executive Officer of Asyad Drydock, stated that the total number of completed projects reached 130, comprising 119 vessel repair and maintenance projects and 11 industrial projects.

He noted that approximately 40 percent of the new clients acquired by the company since the beginning of the year are from Middle Eastern and Far Eastern markets.

In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), he added that the company recorded a new record this year in dual berthing of vessels during maintenance operations, carrying out 10 simultaneous operations for the first time by berthing two vessels side by side at the quay and conducting maintenance works on both simultaneously.

This has contributed to enhancing berth utilisation efficiency and increasing the number of projects that can be executed in parallel. This is in addition to a new operational record represented by



the execution of maintenance and repair works on 27 vessels simultaneously, reflecting the technical and operational capabilities of the workforce, the absorptive capacity of the facilities, and the company's efficiency in managing multiple concurrent operations.

He pointed out that the floating dock has added to the capabilities of the dry dock, with the company having carried out works on 13 vessels through it by the end of August 2026, compared with two vessels during the same period in 2025. He explained that the company is currently working on two new shipbuilding projects for various uses, building on its success-



es in this sector after completing and delivering three projects to clients from local and Gulf markets over the past years.

He said that the impact of this growth is not limited to the expansion of the company's operations

but extends to enhancing local content and supporting the national business ecosystem.

He noted that during the first eight months of this year, Asyad Drydock awarded contracts and purchase orders worth OMR6.5 million to small and medium enterprises and OMR12.5 million to local companies, representing 81 percent of the total value of contracts awarded.

These results reflect the direct impact of the growth of drydock operations in stimulating local supply chains, expanding business opportunities for national institutions and companies, and enhancing the participation of

the Omani private sector in the marine services and industries ecosystem, thereby consolidating Duqm's role as an integrated marine business hub and strengthening the sector's contribution to the local economy.

He said that these indicators confirm the development of the marine services and industries ecosystem in Duqm, which combines port services, vessel repair and maintenance, shipbuilding, and related services and industries, supporting the attraction of marine business from international markets to the Sultanate of Oman.

— ONA

GCC STATISTICAL CENTRE

Workers' remittances from GCC countries record highest value globally

MUSCAT: Data from the report "Workers' Remittances from the GCC to the Outside 2025," issued by the GCC Statistical Centre (GCC-Stat), showed that the GCC countries combined recorded the highest value globally in workers' remittances sent abroad. The total reached approximately USD 161 billion, registering a growth of 13.6 percent compared to 2024, representing an increase of about \$19 billion.

This rise comes in light of the continued attraction of an expatriate workforce, in parallel with the expansion of economic activities related to infrastructure projects, services, industry, and non-oil sectors.

The report clarified that the total workers' remittances from the GCC countries rose for the second consecutive year, following the decline recorded in 2023, reaching its highest level in 2025.

The ratio of workers' remittances to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the GCC countries reached about 6.6 percent in 2025, compared to about 6 percent in 2024, 5.7 percent in 2023, and 5.6 percent in 2022.

This ratio reflects the relative weight of workers' remittances compared to the size of the GCC economies, and it does not in itself indicate an improvement or decline in economic performance.

The global standing of the GCC countries is highlighted when comparing their total outward remittances with the values of remittances recorded in a number of major individual economies. According to the data contained in the report, workers' remittances sent from the United States of America reached about \$107 billion, Switzerland about \$43 billion, Germany about \$27 billion, and France about \$21 billion.

These remittances acquire an importance that goes beyond their direct financial value, as they contribute to supporting household incomes, consumption, and economic and social stability in the receiving countries.

They also reflect the regional economic weight of the GCC, its role in the movement of global financial flows, and its connection to the global economy.

— ONA



MARKET

MSX index ends higher marginally



Asyad Shipping, up 7.18%, was the top gainer while National Aluminium, down 5.00%, was the top loser in yesterday's trading session

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 7,677.90 points, up by 1.04% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.71% at 629.81 points. Asyad Shipping, up 7.18%, was the top gainer while National Aluminium, down 5.00%, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of number of shares traded while Oman Telecom were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 11,116 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of OMR75.49 million, with more than 240.44 million shares changing hands. Out of 77 traded securities, 37 advanced, 22 declined, and 18 remained unchanged.

At the session close, domestic investors were net sellers for OMR424,000 while foreign investors were net buyers for OMR315,000, followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR109,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 13,730.76 points, up 0.23%. Prices of Al Madina Investments, Oman & Emirates Investment, Sohar International Bank, Al Sharqia Investment, and Takaful Oman were up by 6.49%, 2.50%, 2.13%,

1.96%, and 1.72% respectively. Prices of Muscat Insurance, Oman United Insurance, Al Anwar Investment, Financial Services, and Global Financial Investments were down by 2.81%, 2.14%, 1.44%, 1.26%, and 0.79% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 10,164.55 points, up 0.98%. Prices of Al Anwar Ceramics, Oman Fisheries, Galfar Engineering, Gulf International Chemicals, and Voltamp Energy were up by 5.16%, 4.76%, 3.64%, 2.86%, and 1.09% respectively. Prices of Al Jazeera Services, Muscat Desalination, Majan College, Ooredoo, and OQ Exploration & Production were down by 1.18%, 1.06%, 0.74%, 0.63%, and 0.21% respectively.

— United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	7,681.10	7,597.49	7,677.90	7,598.51	79.39	1.04 %
FINANCIAL INDEX	13,775.10	13,699.87	13,730.76	13,699.87	30.89	0.23 %
Industry Index	10,195.08	10,060.19	10,164.55	10,066.06	98.49	0.98 %
Services Index	3,085.46	3,032.07	3,083.57	3,032.07	51.50	1.70 %
MSX Shariah Index	631.12	624.04	629.81	625.37	4.44	0.71 %
MSX TRIINDEX	11,903.68	11,779.06	11,903.73	11,780.64	123.08	1.04 %
FINANCIAL TR IDX	16,935.77	16,843.28	16,881.25	16,843.28	37.97	0.23 %
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	13,057.31	12,884.55	13,018.20	12,892.07	126.13	0.98 %
SERVICES TR IDX	4,142.83	4,071.15	4,140.29	4,071.15	69.15	1.70 %
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,291.27	1,291.27	1,291.27	1,291.27	0.00	0.00 %

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
240,445,939	75,492,391	11,116	39,468,663,931	37	22	18	77

MSX DAILY BULLETIN AS ON 04/10/2026

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PID VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000010120	ASYAD SHIPPING	11,454,375	2,485,975	967	0.211	0.224	0.210	0.224	0.209	0.015	7.177	0.224	0.226	0.224	0.000	1,166,758,719
OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	1,488,787	421,320	108	0.277	0.287	0.277	0.284	0.273	0.011	4.029	0.284	0.283	0.284	0.100	271,098,434
OM0000001881	OMAN EMIRATES HO	2,900	359	3	0.125	0.125	0.123	0.123	0.120	0.003	2.500	0.123	0.120	0.123	0.100	15,740,156
OM0000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	27,043,316	5,896,965	1,900	0.218	0.222	0.217	0.222	0.217	0.005	2.304	0.222	0.224	0.222	0.100	961,398,510
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	67,949,481	12,823,621	1,873	0.188	0.192	0.188	0.192	0.188	0.004	2.128	0.192	0.197	0.192	0.100	1,473,793,089
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO	158,637	16,213	16	0.102	0.105	0.101	0.104	0.102	0.002	1.961	0.104	0.097	0.104	0.100	9,960,000
OM0000004025	ALBATINAH POWER	438,437	87,636	51	0.199	0.200	0.199	0.200	0.197	0.003	1.522	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.100	134,977,486
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	653,426	130,655	77	0.198	0.201	0.197	0.200	0.197	0.003	1.523	0.200	0.200	0.201	0.100	142,881,268
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	2,007,760	833,912	446	0.411	0.418	0.411	0.417	0.411	0.006	1.460	0.417	0.416	0.417	0.100	321,173,400
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	1,869,981	514,191	29	0.272	0.276	0.272	0.276	0.273	0.003	1.089	0.276	0.274	0.276	0.100	55,248,160
OM0000003961	VOLTAMP ENERGY	1,228,842	250,423	83	0.154	0.159	0.154	0.158	0.154	0.002	1.087	0.156	0.156	0.156	0.100	186,000,000
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	114,796	12,741	21	0.111	0.112	0.110	0.111	0.110	0.001	0.909	0.111	0.110	0.111	0.100	19,425,000
OM0000009808	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	44,903,232	11,734,769	2,408	0.261	0.263	0.260	0.263	0.261	0.002	0.766	0.263	0.267	0.263	0.040	909,846,094
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	2,230	899	3	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.400	0.003	0.750	0.403	0.402	0.409	0.100	432,510,128
OM0000003963	PHOENIX POWER	2,208,842	627,213	84	0.282	0.287	0.280	0.285	0.283	0.002	0.707	0.285	0.283	0.210	0.100	416,841,416
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	46,713	7,219	16	0.155	0.156	0.154	0.156	0.155	0.001	0.645	0.156	0.155	0.156	0.100	348,964,673
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	958,315	205,586	322	0.215	0.216	0.214	0.216	0.215	0.001	0.465	0.216	0.218	0.216	0.100	656,596,483
OM0000001509	DHOFAR INT'L DEVELOPMENT & INVEST	97,066	28,072	13	0.289	0.295	0.289	0.298	0.288	0.010	0.347	0.289	0.289	0.301	0.100	143,360,225
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	20,582,544	8,670,397	1,054	0.422	0.426	0.420	0.422	0.421	0.001	0.238	0.422	0.416	0.416	0.100	3,167,699,560
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	320,000	156,805	19	0.490	0.492	0.489	0.492	0.492	0.000	0.000	0.492	0.490	0.494	0.100	799,965,607
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	1,192	4,100	3	3.440	3.440	3.440	3.440	3.440	0.000	0.000	3.440	3.440	3.440	0.100	308,568,000
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	405	198	2	0.488	0.491	0.488	0.488	0.488	0.000	0.000	0.491	0.488	0.491	0.100	24,567,080
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	186,476	16,048	11	0.088	0.088	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.086	0.082	0.100	30,626,948
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	3,330	4,662	1	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400	0.000	0.000	1.400	1.400	1.500	0.100	85,785,000
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	450	86	1	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.000	0.190	0.181	0.190	0.100	37,930,764
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	11,654,265	15,900,407	94	1.366	1.367	1.363	1.367	1.369	-0.002	-0.146	1.367	1.367	1.368	0.100	1,025,250,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	5,344	3,436	6	0.620	0.644	0.620	0.644	0.645	-0.001	-0.155	0.644	0.644	0.650	0.100	213,082,025
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	17,696,808	8,447,279	203	0.478	0.478	0.477	0.477	0.478	-0.001	-0.209	0.477	0.477	0.480	0.010	3,816,000,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	1,970	1,841	3	0.935	0.935	0.933	0.933	0.935	-0.002	-0.214	0.933	0.933	1.000	0.100	116,528,797
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	119,504	37,827	29	0.318	0.318	0.316	0.316	0.318	-0.002	-0.629	0.316	0.315	0.330	0.100	205,698,377
OM0000001253	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO	1,797,783	677,879	55	0.378	0.378	0.370	0.375	0.378	-0.003	-0.794	0.375	0.370	0.400	0.100	75,000,000
OM0000002228	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	28,000	7,059	10	0.253	0.253	0.251	0.251	0.254	0.003	1.181	0.251	0.247	0.251	0.100	10,753,591
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT'L ENGINEERING & INVEST	100,665	14,937	8	0.145	0.150	0.145	0.148	0.150	-0.002	-1.333	0.148	0.148	0.150	0.100	22,200,000
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	2,648	1,892	8	0.700	0.728	0.700	0.718	0.728	-0.010	-1.374	0.705	0.718	0.705	0.100	86,160,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	14,200	2,978	4	0.209	0.210	0.206	0.206	0.209	-0.003	-1.435	0.206	0.207	0.209	0.100	63,346,961
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	51,600	16,514	3	0.335	0.335	0.320	0.320	0.327	-0.007	-2.141	0.320	0.320	0.350	0.100	33,900,000
Total		36	215,190,300	70,022,113	9,934											

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OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	193,667	15,503	27	0.080	0.082	0.077	0.082	0.077	0.005	6.494	0.082	0.081	0.084	0.100	3,534
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	1,724,958	278,043	242	0.160	0.165	0.158	0.163	0.155	0.008	5.161	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.100	35,860
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	4,500	3,474	6	0.760	0.780	0.760	0.779	0.742	0.037	4.987	0.779	0.774	0.779	0.100	74,005
OM0000003521	GULFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	981,972	166,059	123	0.167	0.172	0.165	0.171	0.165	0.006	3.636	0.171	0.169	0.175	0.100	34,710
OM0000001151	UNIFCO	20,248,247	4,642,320	508	0.223	0.232	0.223	0.231	0.224	0.007	3.125	0.231	0.231	0.231	0.000	1,545,245
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	29,022	2,031	8	0.070	0.072	0.069	0.072	0.070	0.002	2.857	0.072	0.070	0.076	0.100	1,512
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	111,590	6,588	18	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.059	0.058	0.001	1.724	0.059	0.058	0.060	0.100	14,750
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	105,000	8,499	7	0.080	0.082	0.080	0.081	0.080	0.001	1.250	0.081	0.079	0.081	0.100	18,001
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	20,000	2,240	3	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.111	0.001	0.901	0.112	0.112	0.122	0.100	31,773
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	325,058	39,677	44	0.123	0.123	0.118	0.123	0.122	0.001	0.820	0.122	0.119	0.122	0.100	10,455
OM0000001082	OMAN GATEWAY FUND	6,200	6,503	2	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.044	0.008	0.768	1.044	1.044	1.049	0.000	28,768
OM0000008868	THE PEARL REIF	12,262	2,207	2	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.179	0.001	0.559	0.180	0.180	0.182	0.100	106,458
OM0000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	1,388	328	2	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.235	0.001	0.426	0.236	0.236	0.239	0.100	4,367
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	23,100	6,077	9	0.274	0.275	0.274	0.275	0.274	0.001	0.365	0.275	0.254	0.280	0.100	15,125
OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	255	1,175	1	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	0.000	0.000	5.000	4.500	5.000	1.000	18,150
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	30,520	2,914	4	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.100	20,885
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	1,004	618	2	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.616	0.000	0.616	0.616	0.561	0.616	0.100	38,477
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	2,200	331	3	0.165	0.169	0.165	0.169	0.169	0.000	0.000	0.169	0.165	0.168	0.100	12,084
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	7,177	1,563	2	0.218	0.218	0.216	0.216	0.216	0.000	0.216	0.217	0.220	0.220	0.100	140,550
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	630,900	215,221	71	0.341	0.342	0.340	0.341	0.341	0.000	0.000	0.341	0.340	0.341	0.100	682,935
OM0000009569	JABAL REIF	2,792	299	2	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.000	0.000	0.107	0.105	0.107	0.100	18,618
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	7,500	1,020	4	0.136	0.136	0.135	0.135	0.136	-0.001	-0.735	0.135	0.135	0.139	0.100	13,365
OM0000008447	OMAN RETF FUND	65,155	6,906	6	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.107	-0.001	-0.935	0.106	0.105	0.106	0.100	89,222
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	125,500	11,701	7	0.093	0.095	0.093	0.093	0.094	-0.001	-1.064	0.093	0.093	0.096	0.100	14,466
OM0000001088	FINANCIAL SERVICES	34,465	8,138	3	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.236	-0.003	-0.993	0.236	0.236	0.236	0.100	47,926
OM0000007910	OMAN REAL ESTATE	144,811	9,800	15	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.069	0.069	-0.001	-1.449	0.068	0.063	0.074	0.100	13,800
OM0000001806	MUSCAT INSURANCE	350	170	1	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.499	-0.014	-2.806	0.485	0.450	0.497	1.000	5,347
Total	27	24,638,351	5,438,599	1,122												



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India lays out strategic roadmap for ‘emerging and middle powers’

India’s EAM Jaishankar called on non-superpower states to pool diplomatic, economic, and technological resources to collectively reshape global decision-making on the evolving dynamics of international governance



NEW DELHI: Against the backdrop of an increasingly fractured geopolitical landscape and shifting global alliances, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has articulated a comprehensive multi-sector blueprint aimed at empowering “emerging and middle powers.” Addressing the opening session of the Munich Leaders Meeting 2026 in New Delhi, Jaishankar called on non-superpower states to pool diplomatic, economic, and technological resources to collectively reshape global decision-making on the evolving dynamics of international governance. “There is today a substantial agenda for emerging and middle powers to cooperate,” he noted. “The world is changing, its agenda is changing, the landscape is changing, the architecture is changing.”

Rather than relying solely on traditional superpowers to navigate global crises, Jaishankar advocated for middle powers to proactively coordinate across critical sectors, spanning conflict resolution, supply chain resilience, high-tech manufacturing, healthcare, global connectivity, climate action, and defence reform. He encouraged non-superpower nations to back each other’s diplomatic initiatives and pool operational resources to mitigate conflicts and global tensions. “What could be the agenda for emerging and middle powers? I would share my thoughts in terms of a few ideas,” Dr. Jaishankar said. “One would be international peace and security: if there are conflicts, frictions, tensions, other than the biggest countries, can other na-

tions pool their resources, back each other’s diplomacy up, try to do something out there.” Jaishankar called for leveraging bilateral and plurilateral economic pacts—citing the long-negotiated India–EU engagement framework as an example of sustained economic alignment. “A good example is what happened this year between India and the European Union, where we had almost 25 years of negotiation. But there are, in different domains, I would argue, enough causes for middle and emerging and middle countries to come together,” he said. While formal negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) officially began in 2007 (and were paused in 2013 before restarting in 2022), high-level trade dialogues,

strategic partnerships, and structural institutional engagements between India and the EU date back to the late 1990s and early 2000s, fitting the -25-year timeline of continuous trade framework discussions. **Strategic autonomy** Jaishankar further highlighted building strategic autonomy in critical technologies, noting that leadership in sectors like semiconductors and advanced machinery is not exclusive to global giants. Medium and smaller nations can dominate niche high-tech sectors like semiconductor chips. Key global technology bottlenecks are held by non-superpowers. For instance, Taiwan (TSMC) dominates advanced semiconductor fabrication, while the Netherlands

(ASML) holds a global monopoly on EUV lithography machines required for advanced chipmaking. “Supply chain resilience is one... You don’t have to be the biggest country in the world to dominate the world of chips or to even dominate machine production,” he said. Jaishankar also addressed global health security through diversified pharmaceutical manufacturing (such as Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and facilitating the seamless movement of skilled talent to balance demographic disparities. He added, “You can have an area like health. Today, health security warrants a much more diversified production of APIs and pharmaceuticals. The reality of the world is that where there is demand is not where there are demographics. And how do you level that out? That is best done through a flow of talent and skills. And you can see, even in the field of advanced manufacturing today.” Global health security relies on diversifying Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) production. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed severe global vulnerabilities due to over-concentration in API supply chains (primarily centralised in China). India and other middle powers have actively pushed for supply-chain diversification to ensure global health resilience. Expanding on key structural pillars, the External Affairs Minister identified global connectivity, defence reform, climate initiative, and space technology as critical functional arenas for these nations. “Connectivity is an important agenda for emerging and middle powers. So, indeed, is climate action and sustainability... the circumstances have made it even more urgent,” he observed. “In a field like defence, because the old producers and consumers, the old systems, the orthodoxies

are changing. A smarter defence comes into being... Space is again an area which has seen some dramatic transformations.” **Jaishankar says India-EU FTA will have “cascading impact” on overall relations** Welcoming a major expansion of India-EU ties, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar affirmed that a prospective Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the European Union will act as a “real game changer,” as he outlined a vast bilateral agenda spanning technology, defence, space, and climate action to address the global void left by a shifting international order. Responding to former German Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger on whether scope exists for a wider partnership with the EU, Jaishankar responded affirmatively, pinpointing strategic sectors driving deeper integration at the Munich Leaders Meeting. “Yes, absolutely. If one looks, for example, at technology, innovation, emerging domains, not just emerging players, something like advanced manufacturing, semiconductors. These are areas where a partnership can increase,” Jaishankar stated. “If you look at the AI debate, there is a considerable degree of convergence between the European thinking on AI and the Indian thinking on AI. I would argue that even in areas like life sciences, that is the case... The Global Capability Centres are also becoming a bridge today between our economies and our corporates without actually the physical mobility which is involved in this kind of knowledge-driven activity,” he added. He pointed to strategic autonomy in space and defence as key focal points for mutual collaboration between India and European partners. He commended the growth of Indian startups as they partner with foreign industries. — ANI

PRESIDENTIAL POLL



Brazil votes in tight election between Lula and Bolsonaro

SAO PAULO: Voting began in Brazil’s presidential election on Sunday, with leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva seeking a fourth non-consecutive term and Senator Flavio Bolsonaro seeking to continue the right-wing populist movement started by his father, Jair Bolsonaro. Polls have predicted a tight race between the two leading candidates, with neither likely to win more than 50% of the vote to avoid a runoff that would take place on October 25. Lula and Bolsonaro wrapped up their campaigns on Saturday in Brazil’s economic powerhouse state of Sao Paulo. The 80-year-old Lula capped off his campaign with a tour through the city of Sao Paulo, vowing to “defeat the far right.” Organisers said some 150,000 of Lula’s supporters turned up for the rally in Brazil’s largest city. Lula has campaigned on continuing his left-leaning Workers’ Party platform, comprising welfare programs, state-funded development and income redistribution. “The people will have to choose between strengthening the democratic regime and barbarism ... between progress and backwardness,” he said as he cast his ballot on Sunday. Flavio Bolsonaro, 45, has served as the Liberal Party’s senator for Rio de Janeiro since 2019. On Saturday, he led a motorcycle parade through Sao Pau-



lo’s countryside cities of Santa Barbara d’Oeste and Americana. He also held up a portrait of his father, while the crowd shouted “mito” — a Portuguese word for “legend” that Jair Bolsonaro’s supporters use to refer to him. The right-wing Bolsonaro has campaigned on hardline security policies and tax cuts, emphasising high cost of living under Lula, who he has slammed as “incompetent.” “Brazil needs change,” the son of the former president said as he cast his vote. “Brazil cannot bear any more suffering, such as high taxes, so many women killed.” The elder Bolsonaro is currently serving a 27-year sentence in prison for attempting a coup to overturn his loss to Lula in the 2022 presidential election. Flavio Bolsonaro has vowed to pardon his father if elected. — ANI

VIDEO STATEMENT

Trump reiterates pledge of \$5,000 to all adult US citizens if Republicans win the upcoming 2026 midterm elections

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has once again promised to issue a \$5,000 “dividend” to all adult citizens provided Republicans secure control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the upcoming 2026 midterm elections. In a video statement published on Truth Social, Trump framed the proposed \$5,000 payout as an exclusive benefit of Republican leadership, claiming the federal government has generated record-setting revenues. “Our country is doing so well under Republican leadership, that only I can make you this promise. If Republicans win the House of Representatives and the Senate, I’m going to give all adult citizens in the United States of America \$5,000, and Republicans can do it, and Democrats can’t, because we’re taking in massive amounts of money through tariffs and record-setting economic success,” Trump said in the video message. Warning voters of severe financial fallout if opposition parties prevail in the upcoming congressional elections, Trump cautioned that Democratic policies would wreck the economy: “But Democrat policies won’t allow this to happen. In fact, the opposite is going to take place. They’re going to raise your taxes and they’re going to destroy our country and certainly destroy our economy. It’ll be a 1929 disaster if they get in. So, if the Democrats win, you will have an economic depression, much like 1929. If the Republicans win, you will each have \$5,000 in your pocket and economic success for our country, like we have never ever seen before.” Defending the feasibility of the plan, Trump pointed to previous financial distributions granted to armed service members as proof of his ability to execute large-scale direct payments. “And remember, just recently I gave all members of the military \$1,776, just like 1776, and everyone said that was an impossible thing



to do, but I did it, everybody got their money. I did it, and I’d do it again,” Trump stated. Citing vast capital inflows and national investment, Trump estimated the total cost of the direct checks at roughly \$1 trillion. “The Trump dividend is approximately \$1 trillion. But we have a record-setting \$21 trillion that’s being invested in our country in just the last 15 months, so it’s actually a very easy thing to do for me, but the Democrats can never do it, because they never brought the goods and they never will. So, thank you, and I look forward to signing those checks.” Trump reinforced the announcement in an accompanying post caption, writing, “If Republicans win the House of Representa-

tives and the Senate in the 2026 Midterm Elections, I’m going to give all adult citizens in the United States of America, \$5,000!” In another post, Trump called for the citizens to “swamp the Radical Left Democrats” in the upcoming elections, asking them to vote in large numbers for Republicans. “Republicans must WIN the 2026 Midterm Elections, and we must use every appropriate tool — Whether you vote early, absentee, by mail, or in-person, we must “swamp” the Radical Left Democrats with massive turnout! SO IMPORTANT — PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!” he wrote. Similar assurance was given by Trump last month, as he promised

a \$5,000 “Trump Dividend” for every adult citizen, saying the payment “will happen” and linking it to the economic gains and revenue generated by the United States. In a Truth Social post, Trump said the proposed dividend was being criticised by Democrats who, according to him, were hoping that it would not be implemented. “The \$5,000 Trump Dividend, given to all Adults in the United States due to the fact that our Country is taking in Trillions of Dollars of Economic Development, Investment, and Pure Success, is being criticized by ‘Dumocrats’ who are hoping that it never happens — But it will!” Trump said. The recent announcement joins the list of payout measures that Trump 2.0 has announced. In July, the US President launched ‘Trump Accounts’, under which every American child born between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2028 will receive an initial \$1,000 deposit from the government, with the potential for parents to contribute up to an additional \$5,000 per year initially. In 2025, Trump had announced \$1,776 as ‘Warrior Dividend’ as a one-time tax free bonus which was paid to 1.45 US military service members. CNN reported that while the US President on Wednesday did not detail the plan to chart the enormous cost of a \$5,000 dividend payment to an estimated 270 million adults in the nation, he also did not offer any specific details of executing the payments. CNN said that earlier, when Trump previously had proposed a \$2,000 tariff rebate check to most Americans, his Treasury Secretary noted, “We need legislation for that.” The US President’s promise comes as Trump rapidly scales efforts to gain public support as his popularity had seen a dip in recent polls, the Iran conflict which has dragged on for over seven months now, and the impacts being felt across with high cost of living and oil prices for the country. — ANI

LIFESTYLE



CAMBODIA’S

FLOATING

SCHOOLS

HIT BY

RISING

FUEL COSTS

The Iran war has sent fuel prices higher in Cambodia, squeezing families who rely on fishing and boats for their livelihoods. For children living on Tonle Sap, rising fuel costs pose yet another barrier to education

Every morning, 12-year-old Soksan Set faces a journey most children his age never have to think about. Outside his home, there is no road, only water. Soksan lives in Prek Toal, a floating community on Tonle Sap, Southeast Asia’s largest freshwater lake where boats are the main means of transport. A Grade 4 student at the local primary school, he travels several kilometers on water to attend class and sometimes helps younger children along the way. But increasingly, the biggest obstacle between Soksan and his classroom is not distance. It is fuel. His family, like many others in the commune, depends on fishing for their livelihood. When fuel prices rise, they are forced to make difficult choices. “When gasoline prices go up, we don’t have enough money to take our children to school regularly,” said Soksan’s father, 41-year-old Set Soeum. “We don’t catch enough fish, and we need around three liters (0.8 gal-

lons) of gasoline a day to travel long distances for fishing. Because of this, Soksan often has to miss school.” For families living on the water, rising fuel costs can quickly become a barrier to education. **Why rising fuel costs hit Cambodia’s poor the hardest** Cambodia relies heavily on imported fuel, leaving households exposed to global price shocks and regional supply disruptions. The 2026 Iran war has driven up energy costs, making transport to remote communities more expensive. Around Tonle Sap, this has hit students and their families. Gasoline prices rose 45% and diesel prices more than 70% in March, the largest single-month increase since 2008, according to the World Bank. Gasoline currently costs 5,700 riel (\$1.41, €1.21) per litre, up 26.7% from 4,500 riel a year ago, according to Global Petrol Prices. Although Cambodia does not

depend directly on the Strait of Hormuz for most of its fuel imports, it is exposed to higher global oil prices and supply disruptions affecting regional suppliers. Cambodia imports all of its petroleum products and has no domestic refining capacity. For Soksan’s family, the pressure is felt both on the fishing boat and the school boat. Some days, they borrow money to buy gasoline. On other days, they cut back on food, clothing or school supplies. “Five students collect money to buy gasoline, sometimes just one liter at a time,” Soksan said. When they cannot afford even that, they row themselves. “We row the boat ourselves. It can take up to an hour, but we still try to go to school,” he noted. On the Tonle Sap, 12-year-old Siyien Ly walks more than 30 minutes to school during the dry season. When flooding makes the roads impassable, she relies on an aid-supported school boat. Some of her classmates have stopped attending, because their families cannot afford the cost of transport. “Even though fuel prices are rising, we still keep trying to come to school because education is important for our future,” Siyien said. Siyien’s family of six has four children in school. Her mother, Kunthea Chin, now sells sugarcane juice after Siyien’s father developed serious hearing problems following a water-related accident. Kunthea said that her daily income has fallen by around half from about \$20 to around \$10

while the cost of supplies has risen. The family spends around \$150 a month on fuel, which they need for both the children’s transport and her business. **Taking risks to reach the classroom** Families also try to reduce costs by traveling together and sharing fuel expenses. Some have returned to traditional rowing boats. But saving money can come at the cost of safety. When several children share a small boat, it can become crowded. During storms and heavy rain, parents worry about their children’s safety on the water. “My mother worries when too many students ride together,” Siyien said. Remote schools also depend on boats to transport teachers, textbooks, classroom materials, food and maintenance supplies. Higher fuel prices can therefore increase the cost of delivering education itself. “For children living in floating and remote communities, access to education depends not only on having a school, but also on being able to reach it,” said Samphors Vorn, country director of Action Education in Cambodia. “When fuel prices rise, the cost of that journey rises with them. For families already living with very limited incomes, this can turn transportation into a barrier to attendance and, ultimately, to a child’s right to education.” The Cambodian government has introduced measures to cushion consumers from inter-

national fuel-price increases, including fuel discounts, tax reductions and zero customs duties on fuel imports. But subsidies at the pump cannot fully shield families whose incomes remain low and unpredictable.

Climate and economic shocks deepen education woes In 2025, DW reported from the region on how climate change was disrupting children’s education. Rising and falling water levels, extreme weather and the dangers of traveling by boat were making it harder for children in floating communities to reach school.

The challenges have since deepened Today, 14-year-old Nary is no longer in the classroom. She has been unable to return because of persistent headaches following health complications linked to suspected long-term meningitis. Her younger sister, 11-year-old Naren, continues to attend Grade 2. She relies on a school boat and pays around 12 cents for the return journey. For their family, even small costs matter. Their father, Tit Sarin, earns around \$750 a day from traditional fishing. But travelling farther across the lake to find fish can require about six liters of fuel, costing roughly \$6.60. “When we cannot afford fuel, we have to find other work,” he said. The family then works as day labourers, picking chilies for as little as 25 cents per kilogram. For families like Nary’s, climate change and rising fuel costs are now a double burden. Nary hopes to return to learning. Her father is saving to buy a boat dedicated to shuttling his children to school and back home. -bw



SPORTS

Shai Hope sets multiple ODI records with magnificent 162

India captain MS Dhoni's words came to Shai Hope's mind when the West Indies batter found himself in the middle of a massive 352-run chase against India

NEW CHANDIGARH: West Indies captain Shai Hope etched his name in the record books with a magnificent 162 as he registered the highest individual score by a West Indies batter in a successful ODI run chase, powering his side to a historic five-wicket win over India in the third and final ODI here on Saturday.

Hope's unbeaten 162 off 143 balls, studded with 17 fours and



three sixes, surpassed Chris Gayle's 162 against England at St George's in 2019 to become the highest score by a West Indies batter in an ODI run chase.

The 31-year-old also became the

first West Indies batter to score 150 or more in a successful ODI chase against India, while his effort is the highest individual score by any batter in an ODI run chase against India. He went past Tilla-

karatne Dilshan's 160 in Rajkot in 2009, with Andrew Strauss' 158 in Bengaluru in 2011 and Sanath Jayasuriya's unbeaten 151 in Mumbai in 1997, completing the previous top scores.

Hope's latest landmark also took his tally to eight ODI centuries as a wicketkeeper-captain, the most by any player in the format. India's MS Dhoni follows with six, while South Africa's AB de Villiers has four.

The West Indies skipper also reached his 21st ODI hundred in his 152nd innings, making him the joint-third fastest to the milestone alongside Quinton de Kock and David Warner. Hashim Amla holds the record with 116 innings, followed by Virat Kohli with 138.

Former India captain MS Dhoni's words came to Shai Hope's mind when the West Indies batter found himself in the middle of a massive 352-run chase against India.

Recalling a conversation with the legendary wicketkeeper-batter, Hope said Dhoni's advice — "You always have more time than you think" — helped him stay patient and break the chase down as he went on to score an unbeaten 162 and guide West Indies to a stunning five-wicket win.

The Men in Maroon pulled off their highest successful ODI chase, chasing down 352 to stun India and secure a massive confi-

dence boost. Leading the charge was Shai Hope, who kept wickets for 50 overs, opened the innings, and battled cramps, yet remained unfazed as he guided his side to victory with a brilliant century.

"[On loving chasing] It's always a lot easier in India, especially with the dew. Wanted to finish the series on a strong note and glad we got over the line. Felt something around the groin area but wanted to fight through till the end. Firstly, we were a batter down and probably two, so it was always going to be a challenge. It's something I had a great chat with the great man MS Dhoni, who told me you always have more time than you think. So we tried to break the chase down. I knew India would have to bring fielders in for the over rate penalty. So stayed patient. [On the series] I think we played some really good cricket in patches. The batters did really well. We have been wanting to be consistent, and the batters were consistent. From a bowling standpoint, I hope we can get better going forward. [On the T20s] We have two days, so hopefully I'll be good to go," Hope said after the match. -ANI

MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIP



Ducati driver Marquez wins motorcycle race

MOTEGI: Ducati driver Marc Marquez won the Japanese Grand Prix in the World Motorcycle Championship for the fourth time, winning the sprint race and the main race at the Motegi circuit today, and reducing the gap with his title rival Jorge Martin of Aprilia to just two points.

After several competitors suffered from wear and tear on their soft rear tires during yesterday's

sprint race, all competitors opted to use hard rear tires, and the first few laps of the race were characterized by caution and restraint.

Martin has 333 points, just two points ahead of Marquez who has 331 points with six rounds remaining in the season.

Italian driver Martin's Aprilia teammate, Pizzi, kept his slim title hopes alive when he fended off a late attack from fellow Ital-

ian Enea Bastianini of Tech 3 to finish third.

LCR Honda's Diogo Moreira, who made his first podium finish yesterday, crashed out of the race, as did Gresini's Alex Marquez after serving a double-lap penalty for his role in a three-rider collision during the sprint.

Japan's Ai Ogura (Trackhouse) finished sixth after a thrilling battle with teammate Raul. -ONA

AICHI-NAGOYA

OCA says challenges addressed as Asian Games new model proves viable

NAGOYA: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) acknowledged that the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games had faced various operational challenges, but said Sunday that the Games had ultimately provided athletes with the necessary conditions to compete and perform at their best.

"There is no Games without challenges," said Mohammad Tayyab Ikram, chair of the OCA Coordination Committee for the 2026 Asian Games, at a press conference on the final day of the

Games. "The way we handled the challenges should be more important to highlight." Ikram said the OCA had heard concerns and complaints over certain aspects of the Games' operations, but emphasized that the focus should remain on how such challenges were addressed and whether athletes were provided with the best possible conditions in terms of logistics and other services.

He said the OCA's priority was to put athletes at the center of its work and continue improving the

assistance and facilities available to them. "This edition of Games was different. It was a different model," Ikram said, referring in particular to the decision not to build a traditional athletes' village. The Aichi-Nagoya Games adopted a distributed accommodation model, with athletes staying in containers, cruise ships and hotels rather than in a purpose-built village. "It was difficult to understand when this model was proposed, but we now have a good practice. -Xinhua

16 DAYS OF COMPETITION

Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games close marked by record-breaking performances

NAGOYA: The Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games came to a close Sunday, wrapping up 16 days of competition marked by record-breaking performances but marred by logistical snags and criticism over its organisation.

More than 17,000 athletes and officials from 45 countries and regions took part in the Games while over 50 world records have been broken. President of the Olympic Council of Asia, Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani announced the closing of the Games.

"Tonight, we close the Games that will shape the next generation of Asian Sport," he said. "From the

first competition to the very last, Asia's finest athletes captivated us with their performances. You created a legacy that reaches far beyond sport and Japan, touching every corner of our great continent."

China topped the gold medal table for the 12th consecutive edition, collecting 169 gold, 89 silver and 83 bronze medals for its best haul at an overseas Asian Games. Sailor Bi Kun carried the Chinese delegation's flag at the closing ceremony.

Japan finished second with 83 gold, 95 silver and 91 bronze medals, its most gold medal tally at an Asian Games. South Korea placed



third with 39 gold, 43 silver and 68 bronze medals.

Thai sprinter Puripol Boonson and Chinese swimmer Yu Zidi were named the men's and women's Most Valuable Players of the Games, respectively.

Boonson won the men's 100m and 200m titles and took silver in the mixed 4x100m relay. The 20-year-old clocked an Asian Games record of 9.90 seconds in the 100m, becoming the only finalist to break the 10-second barrier.

Yu, 13, claimed three gold medals, setting an Asian record in the women's 200m individual medley and Asian Games records in the

200m butterfly and 400m individual medley. Throughout the 16-day competition, the Aichi-Nagoya Games were plagued by problems, including a shortage of beds and transportation failures. Organizers encountered accusations of poor management.

Games organizing committee president Hideaki Omura apologized Sunday for a series of logistical glitches, including delays in accommodation check-ins and transportation.

Omura said organizers had faced "unforeseen challenges" and responded to them on a day-to-day basis. -Xinhua

Campaign launched to remove entangled fishing nets at Jabal Al Suwadi



A total of 26 people, including 13 divers, took part in the operation, successfully removing all nets and ropes from the site, weighing around 400 kilograms

the participation of approximately 26 individuals, including 13 divers, who succeeded in removing all nets and ropes at the site, with a total weight of approximately 400 kilograms.

Hamoud Khamis Al Nairi, Head of the Dimaniyat Islands Nature Reserve Centre, explained that the centre received a report from a citizen regarding the presence of entangled fishing nets in the marine area surrounding Jabal Al Suwadi, with a number of dead turtles. Accordingly, urgent coordination was undertaken with the participating entities to remove the nets and dispose of them as quickly as possible.

He added that the diving and inspection operations revealed the presence of a number of dead sea turtles entangled in the nets, along with the mortality of a number of fish and various other marine organisms, reflecting the damage that abandoned or lost fishing nets can cause to the marine environment and its inhabitants.

The Environment Authority calls upon fishermen and sea users to refrain from abandoning or neglecting fishing nets and equipment in the marine environment, to retrieve and dispose of them through appropriate means, and to report immediately any lost or entangled nets, given the direct threat they pose to turtles, fish, and marine life, and in the interest of protecting the marine environment and preserving its biodiversity. -ONA

BARKA: The Environment Authority in South Al Batinah Governorate, in cooperation with Oman Sea Diving Team and the Municipality Department in Barka, carried out a campaign to remove entangled fishing nets in the marine area surrounding Jabal Al Suwadi in the Wilayat of Barka, following receipt of a report from a citizen indicating the presence of sea turtles entangled in fishing nets and in a state of mortality.

Upon receiving the report, direct coordination was undertaken with the relevant authorities and preparations were made to implement the campaign urgently, with



ENHANCING MARINE HABITAT

First phase of coral reef development project implemented in North Al Batinah

SOHAR: The Environment Authority, represented by the Environment Department in North Al Batinah Governorate, has implemented the first phase of the coral reef development project in the Wilayat of Sohar by deploying 100 environmentally friendly marine modules to create new habitats for marine organisms, enhance biodiversity and support the sustainability of ecosystems and fish stocks in the region.

Eng. Nasser Hamoud Al Yaquobi, Director of the Environment Department in North Al Batinah Governorate, stated that the modules were deployed at a depth of up to 9 metres below sea level, within a marine area of approximately 20 metres by 15 metres. He noted that the project represents one of the environmental interventions aimed at creating a conducive environment for coral reef growth and the settlement of marine organisms around them.

He added that the project's significance lies in enhancing the marine environment, supporting coral growth, contributing to the development of fish stocks, and providing protection and shelter for juvenile and larval marine organisms, thereby promoting their reproduction and growth and preserving the ecological balance in the region. He affirmed that the site will be subject to regular monitoring and assessment to evaluate

results and changes occurring during the forthcoming phases.

He indicated that the work team will conduct periodic visits to the module deployment site to monitor environmental changes, track the presence of marine organisms and their adaptation and settlement around the modules, and observe coral reef growth. This will enable assessment of the project's environmental impact, measurement of its effectiveness, and utilization of the findings in subsequent phases.

He explained that the project is being implemented amid growing challenges facing coral reefs globally as a result of climate change, rising sea temperatures, and various environmental pressures. A global assessment by the International Union for Conservation of Nature published in 2024 showed that 44 percent of warm-water reef-building coral species face the risk of extinction.

The module deployment was carried out in cooperation with Sohar diving team and specialists from the Directorate General of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in North Al Batinah Governorate, with support from a number of private sector institutions, within the framework of integrated efforts and partnership among relevant entities to protect the marine environment and conserve its natural resources.

The project aims to restore and enhance marine habitats and prepare suitable sites to attract and support the reproduction of marine organisms, in addition to supporting environmental monitoring, surveying, and scientific follow-up, thereby contributing to the conservation and sustainability of marine wildlife.

Coral reefs play a vital role in supporting marine biodiversity by providing areas for shelter, feeding, and reproduction for various marine species, in addition to contributing to the support of fish stocks, the preservation of ecological balance, and the enhancement of the sustainability of marine ecosystems. -ONA

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ROUND-UP

IHE and Eicher Trucks and Buses promote interactive school bus safety awareness among students in Oman

The initiative engages students in Nizwa and Manah through interactive learning sessions that promote responsible school bus travel and safe commuting practices

MUSCAT: International Heavy Equipment (IHE), the authorised distributor of Eicher Trucks & Buses, a business division of VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd. (VECV), in Oman, organised the Eicher School Bus Safety Initiative to raise awareness among young students about responsible and safe school bus travel.

As part of the initiative, the team organised interactive awareness sessions for Class 4 students at Firq School in Nizwa and Seeh Al Barakat School in Manah. Through engaging activities and discussions, students learned essential practices that support safer, more responsible school bus journeys. The sessions encouraged positive travel behaviour, including following instructions, remaining seated while the bus is in motion, using safety equipment appropriately, and acting responsibly throughout the journey.

Colouring competition
Students also took part in a colouring competition to reinforce key learnings, with 12 students recognised for their creativity and participation. As a symbol of their commitment to responsible travel, students took a School Bus Safety Pledge, reinforcing the importance of shared responsibility in ensuring safe journeys for all.

Commenting on the initiative, Sohraab Hasnain, General Manager of IHE, said, “We believe that safety awareness begins at an early age. Through the Eicher School Bus Safety Initiative, we aim to equip students with the knowledge and habits that can help make every school journey safer. We are proud to extend this initiative beyond major cities



to regional communities across Oman, working together with schools, educators and students to build a stronger culture of road and school bus safety.”
The initiative reflects Eicher

Trucks and Buses’ ongoing commitment to supporting safe and reliable student transportation through product innovation and community engagement programmes. In Oman, Eicher’s

school bus portfolio includes the Eicher Skyline Pro 3008 H (35-seater) and Eicher Skyline 20.15 (57-65-seater), equipped with advanced safety technologies designed to meet the transporta-

tion requirements of educational institutions across the Sultanate. International Heavy Equipment extends its appreciation to Firq School and Seeh Al Barakat School, as well as the Directorate



General of Education, for their support in delivering the initiative and their continued commitment to promoting responsible school transportation practices.

International Heavy Equipment
International Heavy Equipment (IHE) is a part of The Zubair Group and the authorised distributor of Eicher Trucks & Buses in Oman, with operations across Azaiba, Sohar, Duqm and Salalah, providing commercial mobility solutions, sales, and after-sales support to customers across the Sultanate.

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