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His Majesty's visits will explore cooperation areas and opportunities to strengthen them

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MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik will go on two state visits to the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Angola, starting on Wednesday. A statement to this effect was issued today by the Diwan of Royal Court, the text of which reads as follows:

"Within the context of enhancing the shared interests binding the Sultanate of Oman and the Republics of Botswana and Angola, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik will go on two state visits to Botswana and Angola, starting this Wednesday 16 September 2026. The visits stem from the keenness to develop the relations to wider horizons.

The two visits will address areas of cooperation and the opportunities available to enhance them, as well as discussing all matters that contribute to promoting them across various fields.

His Majesty the Sultan will be accompanied by a high-level official delegation comprising HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Dr. Hamad bin Said Al Aufi, Head of the Private Office, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi, President of Oman Investment Authority, Anwar bin Hilal Al Jabri, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Abdullah bin Nasser Al Rahbi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Arab Republic of Egypt and Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Angola and Ambassador Ali bin Said Al Kathiri, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in the Republic of South Africa and Supervisor of the Sultanate of Oman's relations with the Republic of Botswana.

May Allah the Almighty safeguard His Majesty in his journeys. May He grant him success for the good of his people!" -ONA

NATIONAL SURVEY

64.7% of adults in Oman overweight or obese

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As many as 64.7 per cent of adults in Oman are overweight or obese, according to the findings of the National Survey on Non-Communicable Diseases and their associated risk factors for 2025.

The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, conducted the national survey to assess the prevalence of non-communicable diseases and associated risk factors among the population.

The survey highlights the growing burden of excess weight as a major public health concern in Oman.

The Ministry has urged the public to adopt healthier lifestyles, emphasising that small steps towards achieving a healthy weight can make a significant difference to long-term health.

"Almost 30 percent of the Omani population is overweight, but when combined with obesity the figure exceeds 60 percent," Dr Amira al Kharusi said during the 33rd European Congress on Obesity (ECO) held recently in Istanbul, Türkiye.

She attributed the rise to changing dietary habits, especially increased consumption of junk food, coupled with declining levels of physical activity. "You can easily see groups of children sitting idle with mobile phones in their hands and doing very little physical exercise. This is a cause for alarm because it increases their chances of becoming overweight," she said.

According to the WHO STEPwise survey, obesity prevalence among Omani nationals was significantly higher than among non-Omani residents. The study reported obesity rates of 35.2 percent among Omanis compared with 19 percent among non-Omanis.

The findings also revealed that Omani women are disproportionately affected, with obesity prevalence reaching 40.9 percent compared with 28.2 percent among Omani men.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Nominations close for Shabiba Jawa'iz Basma on Sept. 20

MUSCAT: Nominations for the second edition of the Shabiba Jawa'iz Basma (Social Impact) Awards 2026 will close on 20 September 2026, giving organisations, institutions, initiatives and individuals across Oman a final opportunity to showcase work that is creating meaningful and lasting impact in society.

Organised by the leading Arabic media brand Shabiba and Muscat Media Group, the awards will culminate in a prestigious ceremony on 30 September 2026 at JW Marriott, Muscat. The initiative recognises outstanding contributions that improve the social, environmental and economic well-being of communities across the Sultanate.

Following the success of the 2025 edition, Shabiba Jawa'iz Basma 2026 returns with over 20 award categories spanning a broad spectrum of social impact, sustainability, community development and responsible business.

The award categories include Biodiversity Conservation Initiative, Environment Protection Initiative, Environmental Advocacy and Action Initiative and Clean Energy Initiative, recognising efforts towards environmental stewardship and a more sustainable future.

Other categories recognise impact in community healthcare, education, support for specially-abled people, youth engagement and women empowerment, alongside initiatives focused on financial inclusion, SME development, community development and empowerment, public-private partnerships and public engagement.

The awards also place strong emphasis on the role of businesses and institutions in creating wider economic and social value through categories covering Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), In Country Value (ICV), Omanisation, skills development and social entrepreneurship. In addition, leadership categories will recognise organisations demonstrating excellence in sustainable business practices, ESG, ICV and CSR.

The awards are designed not only to recognise achievement but also to encourage greater innovation and participation in social responsibility, sustainability and community development. They aim to promote collaboration between the private, public and non-profit sectors, strengthen corporate and social accountability, and give greater visibility to organisations and individuals contributing to Oman's sustainable development.

The initiative also reflects the broader priorities of Oman Vision 2040, including sustainable environment and quality of life, inclusive growth, social development, economic diversification and stronger public-private partnerships.

This year, ahlibank, the leading bank in Oman, has joined Shabiba Jawa'iz Basma 2026 as Strategic Partner, reinforcing the event's focus on recognising initiatives that create measurable and sustainable value for communities.

The awards are expected to bring together senior government officials, business leaders, CEOs and senior professionals responsible for ESG, ICV, CSR, social investment and sustainability, making the event an important platform for celebrating achievement while encouraging new conversations around social impact in Oman.

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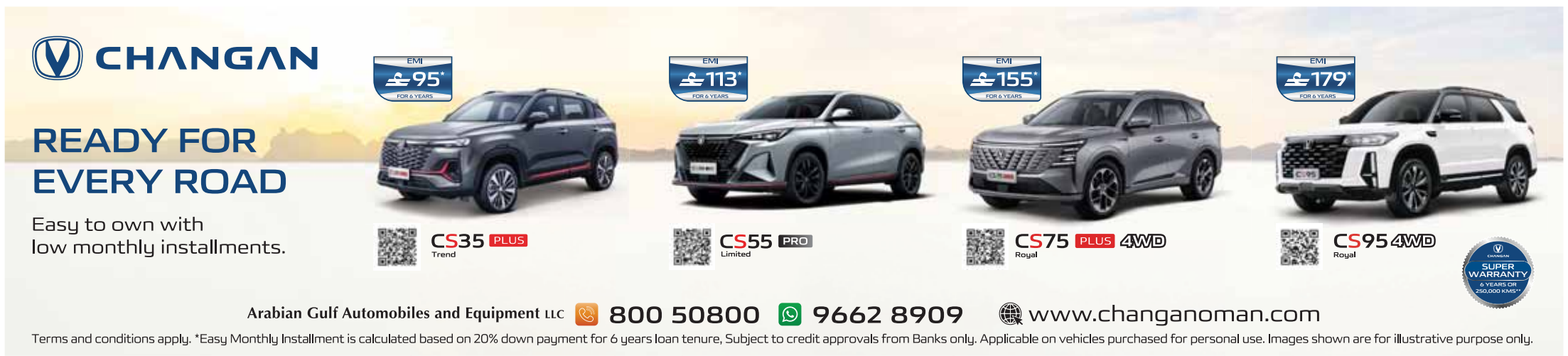

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COMMENTARY

Youth in Mind: Tame Your Stress & Reach Your Success

Stress can be either positive or detrimental, a force that inspires us to achieve more, or, when overwhelming, leaves us vulnerable to burnout, breakdown, and mental health challenges. According to the World Health Organization, approximately one in seven adolescents aged 10–19 globally experiences a mental health condition.

To shed light on these important issues, I spoke with Hanan Al Samri, a healthcare professional with extensive experience in mental health, particularly child and adolescent mental health. She is passionate about developing people centered, evidence based services, strengthening mental health systems, and promoting early intervention and prevention. Her expertise includes strategic planning, service development, capacity building, and cross-sector collaboration. Hanan is also committed to empowering young people, strengthening support systems in educational settings, and advancing mental health as an essential component of overall wellbeing.

Currently, she is among the selected professionals working with the Oman Vision 2040 Follow-up Office at the Ministry of Health. Our conversation explored how stress affects young people, what needs to be addressed, and how it can be managed effectively. During the conversation, we delved into the following key reflections:

1. How can young people distinguish normal stress from psychological distress and burnout?

Stress is a normal part of life, especially when we are studying, starting a career, or pursuing ambitious goals. The main question is not "Am I stressed?" but "Is this stress still helping me, or it has started to suffocate me and affect the way I function? This is a very important self-assessment. Normal stress usually improves when the pressure is reduced or the challenge is over. Psychological distress and burnout tend to persist. We may see emotional exhaustion, loss of motivation, difficulty concentrating, irritability, withdrawal from others, disrupted sleep, or feeling that even simple tasks have become overwhelming.

A useful message for young people is: don't wait until you completely break down to take your psychological health seriously. Early recognition is prevention. As the maxim goes: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

2. What are the deeper causes of burnout among young Omanis?

I think we need to look beyond the individual. Young people today are navigating several pressures simultaneously: academic expectations, competition for employment, financial concerns, social expectations, family responsibilities, and the constant comparison created by social media. In our Omani context, there can also be a strong desire to make the family proud and to achieve stability and success at a relatively young age. The problem arises when young people begin to believe that their worth is measured by their achievements. When success becomes the only acceptable outcome, rest can feel like failure. And that is where healthy ambition can gradually turn into exhaustion.

3. When ambition becomes exhaustion, can the pressure to achieve and succeed turn ambition into burnout?

Absolutely. Ambition itself is not the problem. The problem is when ambition becomes relentless pressure. We should realize that there is a big difference between, I want to achieve my goals and I must achieve my goals, otherwise I am not good enough. Healthy ambition allows room for rest, mistakes, learning and changing direction. Unhealthy achievement pressure leaves no room for being human. After all, to err is human; to forgive, divine. Our Holy Quran reminds us that "Allah does not burden a soul beyond what it can bear. It will have the reward of what it has earned, and it will bear the consequence of what it has earned."

Hanan Al Samri

We need to teach our young people that rest is not the opposite of productivity; it is part of sustainable performance. We learn from our failures and short comings. We should remember that life is a journey of continuous self improvement. We must encourage them to stay from being perfectionist.

4. What early warning signs of burnout should young people, families, and employers watch for?

One of the most important signs is a change from the person's usual self. We should take that as a baseline or the starting point. A young person who was normally engaged may become withdrawn. Someone who was motivated may suddenly lose interest. We may see persistent irritability, emotional exhaustion, difficulty concentrating, sleep changes, declining academic or work performance, frequent physical complaints, or losing pleasure in things they previously used to enjoy. Families and employers should pay attention not only to performance, but to functioning and wellbeing. And I would emphasize: one difficult week does not necessarily mean burnout. We become more concerned when changes are persistent, worsening, and affecting different areas of life.

5- Is burnout mainly an individual issue, or must workplaces and society share the responsibility?

Burnout should never be framed simply as an individual's failure to cope. There is an individual responsibility, but there is also an environmental responsibility. Young people need psychological skills such as emotional regulation, healthy boundaries, problem-solving and knowing when to ask for help. But organizations and institutions also have a responsibility to create reasonable workloads, supportive leadership, psychological safety, and cultures where asking for support is acceptable. We cannot teach a young person to manage stress while continuously placing them in an environment that generates unhealthy levels of stress. Wellbeing is a shared responsibility.

6- How can we encourage young Omanis to seek psychological support without seeing it as weakness?

We need to change the language around psychological support. Seeking help should not mean "There is something wrong with me." It can simply mean "I recognize that I am going through something and I am choosing to deal with it early. We also need to normalize psychological support as part of maintaining health, not something reserved only for people experiencing severe mental health problems. Families, schools, universities, workplaces and healthcare professionals all have a role in creating safe spaces where young people can talk without immediately being judged or labelled. Sometimes the strongest sentence a young person can say is: I am not doing well, and I need some support.

7. What three pieces of advice would you give young Omanis to protect their psychological wellbeing while pursuing their ambitions?

First: Don't confuse your achievements with your identity. You are more than your grades, your job, your position or your accomplishments.

Second: Build a sustainable definition of success. Success should include your health, relationships, values and sense of meaning, not only what appears on your CV.

Third: Ask for help early. You don't have to wait until a problem becomes a crisis. Speaking to someone you trust or seeking professional support is a sign of self awareness and responsibility.

On a parting note, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to you and the editorial team at the Times of Oman for the opportunity to share these reflections with a vital segment of our society: our precious young people. I hope these words encourage them to pay heed to these matters, embrace a healthy and balanced lifestyle, and contribute positively to their country's development while leading fulfilling lives.

An Omani writer focusing on youth development and cultural issues.

EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE

RAFO, University of Nizwa sign MoC

MUSCAT: The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) and the University of Nizwa on Monday signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) to facilitate the exchange of expertise, develop joint training and research programmes and foster participation in professional events.

The MoC also sought to establish partnerships, develop national competencies, integrate specialized expertise with academic knowledge and to support the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

The MoC was signed Air Commodore Khalid bin Mohammed Al Abri, Senior Staff Officer at RAFO Command, and Professor Dr. Ahmed Khalfan Al Rawahi, Vice-Chancellor of Nizwa University. -ONA

Winners of 'Engineer it with AI' competition announced

Twenty five teams took part in the competitions, comprising 100 participants from various governorates of Oman

MUSCAT: The winners of the second edition of the "Engineer it with AI" competition were announced on Monday.

The competition is one of the initiatives of the National Programme for Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Digital Technologies, organised by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology.

Twenty five teams took part in the competitions, comprising 100 participants from various governorates of the Sultanate of Oman.

The "OHI AI Labs" team secured first place for their project "Ma AI," while the "Faheem" team took second place for the "Rafeeq" project, and the "Nawat" team achieved third place for the "Sadeem Robotics" project.

Additionally, six encouragement awards were granted in recognition of outstanding projects and teams across a number of fields.

The "Novera AI" team received the Excellence in Innovation award, the "Itqan" team won the Outstanding Collaboration and Teamwork award, and the "Sharyk" team was granted the Best Presentation and Communication award.

The "Mawrid" team obtained the Most Scalable Product award, the "Sandeed" team earned the Outstanding Social Impact award, while "The Oqtmizers" team received the Technical Excellence award. The ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Khamis Saif Al Jabri, Minister of Economy.

The competition aims to develop national capabilities in the field of artificial intelligence, encourage youth and innovators to develop applicable technical solutions to address a number of real-world challenges across various sectors, and foster a culture of innovation and teamwork. It also seeks to support the utilisation of artificial intelligence technologies in developing digital services and products.

The closing ceremony commenced with the opening of the accompanying exhibition, during which the qualifying teams showcased their projects and technical solutions.

They provided explanations regarding the challenges their projects address, their working mechanisms, the expected value, and the potential for their development and application in a number of sectors.

The ceremony featured a keynote session titled "The Future of the Digital Economy in the Era of Smart Agents."

The session discussed the impact of smart agents on business models and digital services, the economic and investment opportunities they present, and the requirements for preparing institutions to benefit from them.

It also highlighted the importance of developing national capabilities and building a digital and legislative environment supportive of responsible innovation.

The ceremony also included honoring the institutions and individuals who made the greatest contributions to supporting the "Maeen AI" platform.

This recognition spanned four main categories, which included the Data and Linguistic Empowerment Partner, the Development and Quality Partner, and the Pioneer in Empowerment and Institutional Awareness, in addition to honoring the ten most active and interactive users on the platform. -ONA

EXCHANGED VIEWS

SAF Chief of Staff holds meeting

MUSCAT: Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Saeed Al Moghedi, Secretary-General of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, and his accompanying delegation received on Monday in his office at Al Murtafaa Camp.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views and discussed a number of matters of common interest.

The Secretary-General of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, and his accompanying delegation also visited the Maritime Security Centre (MSC) today. Upon his arrival at the centre's headquarters, he was received by Commodore Abdullah Ali Al Hajri, Head of the Maritime Security Centre (MSC).

The Secretary-General of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition and his accompanying delegation listened to a briefing on the roles of the centre and its various efforts aimed at maintaining the safety of the marine environment in regional waters.

The guest also toured the Maritime Security Centre and was briefed on its facilities as well as the modern technologies and systems it is equipped with. -ONA

OMAN CLIMATE WEEK 2026

Discussion on sustainable agriculture

MUSCAT: Dr. Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, on Monday received Mukhtar Babayev, Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate Affairs.

The meeting took place within the framework of guest's visit to the Sultanate of Oman to participate in the second edition of Oman Climate Week 2026.

During the meeting, a number of topics of mutual interest were discussed in the fields of sustainable agriculture, water resources management and adaptation to climate change. The two sides also reviewed projects that would support efforts to achieve sustainable agricultural and water development and enhance the capacity to address the impacts of climate change. The meeting was attended by a number of officials from both sides. -ONA

ROYAL DECREE NO. 80/2026

Renaming of Attorney General Office as Public Prosecution hailed

MUSCAT: The Public Prosecution has affirmed that Royal Decree No. 80/2026, changing the designation from "Attorney General Office" to "Public Prosecution," does not represent a mere formal change but rather a legal measure reflecting the true nature of this institution, the character of its competences, and one consonant with the nature of its work and actual responsibilities, in accordance with the requirements of the Basic Law of the State and translating national priorities through the vision of Oman 2040.

Nasr bin Khamis Al Sawaee, the Attorney General, said that citizens and residents in the Sultanate of Oman live under a state of law and institutions founded upon the principles of freedom, equality and equal opportunity, underpinned by justice and the dignity of individuals and their safeguarded rights and freedoms.

He affirmed that the renewed Renaissance, under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, has encompassed various domains to enhance the efficiency of state institutions and invest in Omani human capital.

In a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA), Al Sawaee noted that the legal and judicial domains have kept pace with internal, regional and international transformations as an imperative necessity to ensure integration and harmony with global judicial systems in pursuit of expeditious justice.

He explained that the designation "Attorney General Office" was associated with the Anglo-Saxon system with the authority of accusation without investigation, which no longer reflects the actual institutional structure and its competences, whereas the designation "Public Prosecution" carries in its linguistic connotation the meaning of acting on behalf of society and representing it in initiating public action, investigating it, and disposing of it by filing, settling or shelving it, and executing penal judgments with independence and objectivity in accordance with the Latin model and international standards. He touched upon the institution's historical journey and its developmental progression since the 1970s as a department assuming the authority of accusation in crimes before Sharia judges — the walis at the time — then elevating its status to the "Office of Criminal Public Prosecution," culminating in the stage of institutional establishment in 1999 with the issuance of the Public Prosecution Law by virtue of Royal Decree No. 92/99, the completion of its structure, the integrity of its pillars, and its exercise of the duties of its function and the competences entrusted to it with full impartiality.

Al Sawaee added: With the issuance of the Basic Law of the State by virtue of Royal Decree No. 6/2021, this institution was accorded constitutional standing, as Article 86 stipulated that it is part of the judicial authority, assuming public action in the name of society, overseeing the affairs of judicial control, and safeguarding the application of penal laws and the execution of judgments.

The Attorney General said the amendment of the designation came in response to international requirements and global classifications. It also aligns with the judicial systems in most countries of the world.

This supports international confidence in the institution and enhances the effectiveness of judicial and legal cooperation. It further reduces problematic issues related to characterizing its nature and avoids ambiguity in the translation of texts and agreements.

All of this entrenches the Sultanate of Oman's standing internationally in the field of criminal justice and its role in laying the foundations of justice and security.

This legal measure thus reflects the true nature of the institution and the character of its competences, after it has been granted empowerment and generous support by His Majesty the Sultan, Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council. -ONA

Green AI vital for digital economy

Adopting low-emission AI technologies and energy-efficient, environmentally friendly high-performance computing helps improve energy efficiency

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology on Monday held the inaugural founding meeting of the Green Artificial Intelligence Alliance.

The meeting was held in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and the Authority for Public Services Regulation, and was attended by Their Excellencies the Undersecretaries and a number of representatives from government and private sector entities. The meeting discussed the Alliance's directions and work streams. These focus on deploying artificial intelligence and high-performance computing technologies in a sustainable manner. They also aim to enhance the use of renewable and green energy in developing and operating these technologies.

The meeting approved the founding document of the Green Artificial Intelligence Alliance in the Sultanate of Oman and formed the Alliance's Technical Committee, in addition to reviewing the 2026 work plan.

This establishes clear pathways for implementing the Alliance's objectives in the coming phase.

The establishment of the Alliance is a national initiative that brings together government entities, the private sector, and academic, research and investment institutions.

It aims to build a national ecosystem supporting green artificial intelligence. It also seeks to provide a knowledge platform that attracts local and international partnerships. Furthermore, it supports the development and implementation of green initiatives and projects with sustainable economic impact.

Green artificial intelligence is gaining growing importance in Oman's journey towards a sustainable digital economy. It is a key enabler for achieving the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 by balancing economic development with environmental protection.

Adopting low-emission artificial intelligence technologies and energy-efficient, environmentally friendly high-performance computing also helps improve energy efficiency. It supports the transition towards a green digital economy capable of enhancing Oman's regional and international competitiveness.

The meeting addressed several objectives. These include promoting the use of renewable and green energy sources in artificial intelligence and high-performance computing technologies. They also include supporting research and development in net-zero and low-emission computing. Another objective is developing national capacities and competencies in sustainable artificial intelligence.

The Alliance also aims to encourage the private sector to adopt green solutions and technologies in its operations. It seeks to explore and launch incentives supporting green innovation. This helps accelerate the adoption of clean technologies and link them to the national sustainable digital economy ecosystem.

The Alliance works to attract and build local and international partnerships. It supports the development and implementation of green initiatives and projects that serve national projects and deliver sustainable economic returns. It also promotes cooperation in green innovation and benefits from global expertise and experiences in deploying artificial intelligence and high-performance computing powered by renewable energy.

The Alliance focuses on enhancing international cooperation in green innovation. It facilitates the exchange of expertise, knowledge and standards related to sustainable artificial intelligence. It also builds partnerships with international organizations and institutions active in this field.

This supports the development of technologies and applications related to green artificial intelligence. -ONA

HORECA Oman Opens Its **Fifth Edition**, Bringing the Hospitality Industry Together

HORECA Oman officially opened today at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre under the patronage of H.H. Sayyid Hamoud bin Qais bin Tariq Al Said, marking the start of its fifth edition and reinforcing its role as a key meeting place for the hospitality and foodservice industries in the Sultanate of Oman.

Co-organized by Hospitality Services and Al Nimr Expo, and held with the support of the **Ministry of Heritage and Tourism** and the **Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources**, the three-day exhibition runs until 16 September 2026. It brings together more than **200 exhibitors showcasing over 1,500 local and international brands** across more than **5,500 sqm of exhibition space**, and is expected to welcome over **8,000 buyers and trade visitors**.

"HORECA Oman reflects the continued growth and dynamism of Oman's hospitality sector," said **Joumana Dammous-Salamé, managing director of Hospitality Services**. "It has become an important annual meeting place where professionals come together to discover what's new, exchange ideas and expertise, meet the right partners and create new business opportunities. We are proud to see the event continue to grow alongside the industry it serves."

Salim Al Hashmi, CEO of Al Nimr Expo, said: "HORECA Oman continues to support the advancement of the hospitality sector by bringing together professionals, innovators and emerging talents. This collaboration contributes to strengthening industry capabilities and positioning Oman as an evolving destination for hospitality investment and growth."

Across the exhibition, visitors can discover the latest products, services, technologies and solutions spanning food and beverage, hotel and kitchen equipment, hospitality design and operations, providing a broad view of the innovations and trends shaping the industry.

Knowledge and industry exchange are also central to this year's program. **HORECA Talks** brings together leading industry voices to address key topics, opportunities and challenges facing the hospitality and foodservice sectors in Oman and the wider region, with a focus on practical insights and shared expertise.

Talent and professional excellence take center stage through more than **30 competitions and masterclasses involving over 250 competitors**. The program includes the Hospitality Salon Culinaire, Junior Chef Competition, Art of Service Competition, HORECA Barista Competition Oman and Latte Art Competition — both by the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) — as well as the Mocktail and Bed Making competitions.

More than **40 speakers, experts and guest chefs** complete the program through masterclasses, live cooking demonstrations and knowledge-sharing sessions, while dedicated networking and B2B meetings create further opportunities for exchange, partnerships and business development.

Running until **16 September 2026,** HORECA Oman brings three days of business, knowledge, innovation and talent together under one roof, strengthening connections across the hospitality and foodservice community in Oman and the region.

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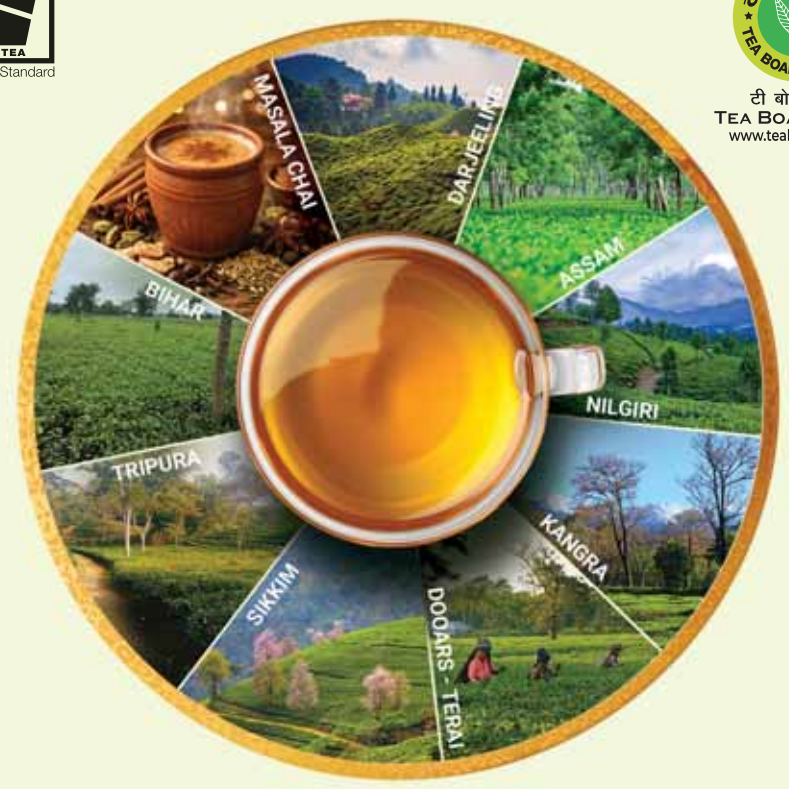

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Oman-Botswana relations: Towards economic partnerships and promising investments

The visit constitutes an important milestone in Oman-Botswana relations

MUSCAT: With firm steps and a steadfast vision, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik continues to strengthen partnership with various world countries and to broaden the horizons of cooperation in a manner that boosts the path of economic diversification in the Sultanate of Oman.

His Majesty's state-visit to the Republic of Botswana this Wednesday represents a translation of the Royal vision to enhance investment opportunities in promising markets, including those in the African continent, in a manner that serves Oman and its people as well as the peoples of these countries.

The visit constitutes an important milestone in the course of Oman-Botswana relations, and an opportunity to exchange views on a number of issues of common interest and to explore ways to develop cooperation in the economic and investment fields. This enhances communication between the business communities of the two countries and opens wider horizons for the private sector.

The two countries have worked to strengthen this cooperation and drive it towards broader horizons.

The two visits made by President Duma Gideon Boko of the Republic of Botswana to the Sultanate of Oman constituted an important impetus in the course of relations between the two countries. The first was a private visit from 18 to 20 October 2025, and the second was an official visit from 12 to 15 April 2026. A number of agreements and memoranda of understanding were signed in the fields of mining, energy, petroleum product storage, solar energy, and medical cooperation, in coordination with Botswana's needs.

Botswana's announcement on 28 July 2026 exempting holders of Omani passports from entry visas for stays of up to 90 days reflects a shared keenness to strengthen ties between the two peoples, facilitate commercial and economic exchange, and accelerate joint work between the two sides. It comes amid growing interest in reinforcing economic and commercial cooperation and exploring new opportunities in areas of common interest. Such efforts help activate channels of communication between the relevant authorities and the private sector in both countries, expand the base of commercial exchange, and open new horizons for partnerships and investments.

In November 2025, the two countries signed strategic agreements in Gaborone to implement renewable energy projects with a total capacity of up to 3,000 megawatts and to cooperate in mineral exploration across roughly 70 percent of Botswana's unexplored territory. The agreements also cover the development of petroleum product storage facilities, strengthening both energy security and regional trade.

In Muscat on 13 April 2026, executive agreements and a power purchase agreement were signed for the Maun solar energy project, with a capacity of 500 megawatts. The foundation stone was then laid on 16 April 2026, making Maun the first project under the joint renewable energy cooperation programme — which has a total planned capacity of 3,000 megawatts — to advance from agreement to implementation. Further agreements covered the exploration and geological assessment of mineral resources in Botswana, the evaluation of prospects for strategic cooperation to strengthen fuel security, and a partnership to explore minerals including gold and diamonds.

Abdulsalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, President of Oman Investment Authority pointed out to Oman News Agency (ONA) that the visit aims to build on the cooperation already achieved between the two countries. "We stand on solid ground of joint investments and renewed prospects for cooperation — ground that fulfils the visions and aspirations of the leaderships of both countries and serves the interests of the two peoples," he said.

He explained that the relationship between the Sultanate of Oman and Botswana represents a model of mutual trust. It has advanced at an accelerating pace from preliminary meetings to reciprocal visits, translating into investment agreements and projects, some of which have already had their foundation stones laid.

On his turn, Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas, Chairman of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) told ONA that the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Botswana possess the economic fundamentals needed to expand their partnership. This partnership, he said, is built on a shared commitment to sustainable development, openness to markets, and a greater role for the private sector, serving the interests of both countries and their peoples.

He added that mining, agriculture, livestock, food security, tourism, and logistics offer important avenues for investment and the exchange of expertise. He noted that raising awareness of both countries' potential and providing information on the business environment would encourage investors to establish high-quality projects with added value.

He affirmed that strengthening economic relations requires intensifying reciprocal visits, organizing specialized meetings and forums, and building direct links between private sector institutions. He noted OCCI's keenness to support these efforts and to bring Omani businesspeople closer to their counterparts in Botswana, thereby helping to stimulate trade and investment and to tap into regional and African markets.

The Republic of Botswana is known for its political stability and democratic traditions, holding general elections every five years. Its economy relies on the diamond sector, which accounts for more than 90 percent of export revenues. The country has sustained steady growth over several decades, and its foreign policy is founded on strengthening friendly relations with the international community.

The Sultanate of Oman, under the leadership of His Majesty the Sultan, continues to harness economic diplomacy to enhance trade and investment, diversify the economy and expand international partnerships. -ONA

BILATERAL RELATIONS

Oman-Angola ties: A flourishing partnership and promising investment horizons

MUSCAT: The upcoming state visit of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to the Republic of Angola marks a pivotal milestone in the trajectory of bilateral relations between the two friendly nations and in the Sultanate of Oman's relations with the countries and peoples of the world.

This visit, with its multifaceted dimensions, carries profound significance for the strengthening of partnerships across various domains, particularly in the economic and investment spheres, as the volume of trade exchange during the first half of 2025 reached approximately OMR 972,900 compared with some OMR1.31 million during the corresponding period of 2024. The trade balance during the first half of 2025 likewise recorded a surplus in favour of the Sultanate of Oman amounting to approximately OMR969,700 compared with some OMR1.17 million during the first half of 2024.

Omani exports to Angola during the first half of 2025 reached approximately OMR971,300 compared with some OMR1.24 million during the same period of 2024. Prominent among Omani exports to the Angolan market were parts for machines and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, powdered milk not prepared for industrial use, electrical cables, propylene copolymers and polyethylene, while the foremost products imported from Angola to the Sultanate of Oman included electrical machines and apparatus with self-contained functions, rubber rings and gaskets and textiles with technical applications.

Registered investments with Angolan contributions in the Sultanate of Oman have witnessed growth in recent years, as the number of companies comprising contributions from the Republic of Angola rose from one company in 2023 and 2024 to four companies in 2025. The number of shareholders likewise increased from a single shareholder to six shareholders during the same period, and the total registered capital of these investments climbed from OMR24,000 in 2023 and 2024 to OMR74,000 in 2025, with full Angolan contribution to the capital recorded, according to data issued by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion.

Companies with registered Angolan contributions in the Sultanate of Oman were distributed across the construction sector, professional, scientific and technical activities and wholesale and retail trade and the repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles. The energy and mining sectors stand out among the principal domains that could contribute to broadening the economic and investment partnership between the Sultanate of Oman and Angola, as the signing of the memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the fields of energy, alongside the memorandum of understanding concerning the exploration of cooperation opportunities in financial and strategic initiatives, came within the endeavours aimed at developing the frameworks of economic cooperation between the two countries.

The private sector in both countries likewise has opportunities to increase the volume of trade exchange and diversify the base of goods and services exchanged, thereby enhancing the ability of companies to benefit from the promising markets in both nations.

In pursuit of strengthening financial cooperation between the two countries, the establishment of the African Bank of Oman was announced in the Angolan capital, Luanda, in April 2026, a step that contributes to supporting the movement of trade and investment between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Angola, facilitating the access of Omani companies to African markets, enhancing the economic presence of the Sultanate of Oman in Angola and opening new horizons for partnership between the private sectors of both countries.

The official visit of President João Lourenço of the Republic of Angola, to the Sultanate of Oman in December 2024 constituted a pivotal milestone in the trajectory of relations between the two countries, culminating in the signing of an agreement to acquire a stake in the Catoca and Luele mines in the Republic of Angola, alongside two memoranda of understanding; the first pertaining to cooperation in the fields of energy, and the second to the exploration of cooperation opportunities in financial and strategic initiatives.

Since the Angolan President's visit to the Sultanate of Oman, bilateral relations have witnessed sustained momentum through reciprocal visits by a number of officials, government entities, representatives of the private sector and state-owned companies in both countries, addressing various files of bilateral cooperation, reflecting the shared interest in following up on what was agreed upon and strengthening avenues of cooperation and investment.

In continuation of this momentum, and at the behest of His Majesty the Sultan, the Foreign Minister participated in the celebrations marking the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Angola, held in the capital, Luanda. These developments reflected a direction towards building a more diversified Oman-Angola partnership, one not confined to

trade exchange but extending to investment, energy, mining, logistics and the productive and service sectors, thereby reinforcing common interests and bolstering opportunities for economic cooperation between the two countries.

Abdullah bin Nasser Al Rahbi, non-resident Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Republic of Angola, told Oman News Agency (ONA) that the state visit of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to the Republic of Angola comes as the crowning achievement of a flourishing trajectory of bilateral relations between the two friendly nations, and within the framework of the endeavours exerted by His Majesty to broaden the horizons of relations with the various countries of the world, particularly with the friendly African states, stemming from His Majesty's conviction of the importance of openness to the world and of building bridges of communication and cooperation with the various nations and peoples.

The ambassador explained that the Sultanate of Oman is bound to the African continent by deeply rooted historical relations, linked over the course of centuries by trade and civilizational and cultural exchange, which lends Oman's relations with the African states a historical and humanitarian dimension, alongside shared political and economic interests.

He indicated that the Sultanate of Oman and Angola share a wide array of instruments and objectives, all aimed at reinforcing peace and stability and achieving development, welfare and prosperity for the peoples of the two friendly countries, noting that the Sultanate of Oman has succeeded, through Oman Vision 2040 and the activity of the Oman Investment Authority, in diversifying its economy. The ambassador added that the same applies to Angola, which has become the third-largest diamond producer in the world and possesses vast expanses of agricultural land amounting in total area to some 1.250 million square kilometres, with a population of 39 million.

He affirmed that both the Sultanate of Oman and Angola believe in diplomacy, mediation and positive neutrality that reinforces peace and stability and affords an opportunity for development and prosperity. The two countries likewise embrace a foreign policy founded upon balance and political wisdom, which has bolstered Omani and Angolan credibility in mediation and diplomacy.

On the economic front, the ambassador said that this dimension receives considerable attention within the orientations of the Sultanate of Oman, within the framework of His Majesty's keenness to strengthen economic diversification and raise the capacity of the national economy for sustainable growth, an orientation that was and remains among the fundamental priorities of the renewed Omani Renaissance, and within the framework of the targets of Oman Vision 2040.

He added that Angola, in turn, possesses substantial economic potential and natural resources, alongside a promising market and a strategic location on the Atlantic coast of the African continent, which renders it an important partner in multiple economic and investment domains.

The ambassador noted that the Sultanate of Oman enjoys a strategic location on international maritime trade routes and possesses advanced infrastructure in ports and logistics services, alongside growing expertise in the energy sectors and the industries associated with them.

He added that Angola constitutes an indispensable corridor for access to Europe and the Americas, and possesses strategic ports such as Luanda and Lobito, which are connected to landlocked states in West and Central Africa through lengthy corridors and roads, such as the Lobito Corridor, which links the heart of Africa to its west via a railway being implemented with huge American and European investments, offering excellent opportunities for cooperation with Omani ports such as Duqm, Sohar and Salalah.

The ambassador added that in the ports and logistics services sector, partnerships linking Omani ports with Angolan ports could be explored, thereby enhancing the movement of trade and investment and opening new routes between the Gulf region and the African continent. He explained that in the domain of food security and agriculture there exist substantial opportunities for investment in agricultural production, food processing, storage and supply chains, alongside benefiting from modern expertise and technologies in this field.

He noted that the tourism sector could constitute a promising domain for cooperation, through the exchange of expertise, the encouragement of tourism investments, and the harnessing of the natural, cultural and historical endowments that both countries possess, adding that the mining sector represents an important domain for cooperation, particularly in light of the practical strides this sector has witnessed in relations between the two countries.

The ambassador explained that there is a new space for successful investment in Angola, manifest in the Angolan government's commencement of selling stakes in national companies to foreign investors, with this proportion potentially reaching 30 percent. He noted that these projects have become attractive to investments owing to the ambitious infrastructure plan, support for farmers to move towards modern agriculture in the agricultural domain, and the expenditure of some $8.5 billion on building tourism institutions and infrastructure to serve tourism, alongside the privatization of successful companies operating in the mining, energy, services and telecommunications sectors.

With regard to enhancing trade and investment exchange and the role of the private sector, the ambassador said there is a considerable opportunity to raise the level of trade exchange between the two countries, particularly as the current volume of trade remains below the level of available potential and opportunities. He explained that trade indicators point to growth in Omani exports to Angola over recent years, reflecting the existence of demand and opportunities that can be built upon and developed.

He noted that the launch of the African Bank of Oman in Luanda represents a qualitative and significant development in the march of economic relations between the two countries, as it provides an institutional and financial instrument that can contribute to facilitating the movement of trade and investment, furnishing financing channels for companies and investors, and enhancing communication between African and Omani markets.

The ambassador stressed the importance of the private sector keeping pace with these efforts through serious initiatives, and of viewing these movements as genuine opportunities for expansion and the diversification of markets and investments. The private sector must not wait for opportunity to come to it, but rather must take the initiative to seek it out, study it and enter into it, and must move from exploring markets to building investments, and from trade exchange to establishing long-term partnerships.

He affirmed that the government opens doors, prepares frameworks and provides bridges of communication, while it is the private sector that is able to enter through these doors with capital, expertise, initiative and the capacity for execution.

He said that this complementarity between the governmental role and the private role is what can transform political and diplomatic relations into sustainable economic interests and reinforce the economic and investment presence of the Sultanate of Oman in Africa and global markets.

On the future of Oman-Angola relations, the ambassador said he expects the state visit of His Majesty constitutes a significant turning point in the trajectory of relations between the two countries. -ONA

EMPLOYING SMART TECHNOLOGIES

Consistency of jurisprudence and speedy trial discussed

SALALAH: The 30th meeting of the Heads of Judicial Inspection Bodies and Authorities in Arab States was held on Monday in Dhofar Governorate with the participation of 14 countries. The meeting will continue for two days.

The Supreme Judicial Council of the Sultanate of Oman presented a working paper entitled "Artificial Intelligence and Judicial Inspection: Towards an Arab Index for the Quality of Judicial Rulings".

It addressed the application of modern technologies in analysing rulings and deriving quantitative and qualitative indicators that measure legal reasoning, the consistency of judicial jurisprudence and the speed of adjudicating cases.

It affirmed that artificial intelligence is a supporting tool for the judge and the inspector, not a substitute for human discretion.

The participating Arab states, including Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Algeria and Kuwait, presented working papers addressing the transition from traditional oversight to preventive oversight, the evaluation of court performance, and the prospects for employing smart technologies in legal research and data processing. They also discussed challenges related to algorithmic bias and the protection and confidentiality of judicial files.

The meeting also discussed a proposal to prepare a unified Arab model for assessing the quality of rulings, and to develop a guiding manual that considers the nature of Arab judicial systems.

It also approved the criteria and controls for granting the Arab Award for Judicial Inspection Works. The 30th meeting of the Heads of Judicial Inspection Bodies and Authorities in Arab States concluded with a number of recommendations.

The most prominent include adopting the draft Arab Award for Judicial Inspection Works, unifying procedural inspection standards among Arab states, and developing judicial inspection methodologies by moving from traditional oversight to oversight based on performance and quality indicators.

They also include enhancing the independence of judicial inspection bodies and developing oversight and evaluation tools and mechanisms to strengthen transparency, raise performance efficiency and entrench the principles of integrity and justice.

The meeting further recommended adopting a balanced system for evaluating judges' performance, developing objective and measurable criteria, and linking evaluation results to continuous training and qualification plans. It also recommended adopting artificial intelligence as an assisting tool in analyzing the quality of judicial rulings and inspection work, while establishing legislative and ethical frameworks regulating its use.

The participants adopted a number of scientific themes for the thirty-first meeting in 2027.

These include total quality management in judicial facilities, balancing judicial independence with judicial performance evaluation, smart justice, and preparing a unified Arab framework for indicators of the quality of rulings and judicial inspection. -ONA

Oman aims for net-zero emissions by 2050: EA

The event features over 15 main events, 20 training workshops, more than 80 exhibitors, 400 speakers, 150 participants in the "Eco-thon" challenge, and over 5,000 attendees

MUSCAT: The activities of the second edition of Oman Climate Week 2026 commenced on Monday at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC).

This event comes within the framework of the Sultanate of Oman's efforts to enhance national and international partnerships in climate action, support innovation and practical solutions, and exchange knowledge and expertise, in alignment with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 and the national drive towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The week's activities, held under the auspices of Sheikh Al Fadhal bin Mohammed Al Harthy, Secretary-General of the Council of Ministers, include wide international and regional participation. The event brings together decision-makers, experts, specialists, and representatives from government institutions, the private sector, international organisations, academia, research circles, and civil society.

More than 50 countries are participating in the events, which continue until 16 September. The week features over 15 main events, 20 training workshops, more than 80 exhibitors, 400 speakers, 150 participants in the "Eco-thon" challenge, and over 5,000 attendees.

This is in addition to various programmes, panel and specialised discussions, meetings, and interactive platforms that explore issues surrounding climate, energy, the circular economy, finance, innovation, resilience, and nature-based solutions.

Dr. Abdullah Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, stated in his speech during the opening ceremony that the climate challenge is no longer an environmental issue isolated from development paths.

Rather, it has become a fundamental component of decisions related to energy, water, food, investment, and the competitiveness of economies.

He added that the Sultanate of Oman views environmental sustainability as a pivotal element in its developmental trajectory. It is moving towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 through an organised and realistic transition that considers national priorities, maintains economic competitiveness and energy security, and enhances investment in low-carbon technologies and solutions.

He pointed out that the Sultanate of Oman has already begun transforming climate opportunities into practical pathways. This is being achieved through carbon projects, nature-based solutions, mangrove cultivation, enhancing investments in nature reserves and eco-tourism, supporting the circular economy, and developing the waste management system to benefit from its economic and environmental value.

On his part, Jasim Mohammed Al Budaiwi, Secretary-General of the GCC, affirmed in a recorded video address that climate change has transcended the environmental dimension to become an economic and developmental challenge requiring a collective response and effective regional and international cooperation. He emphasized the importance of achieving a balance between environmental protection, sustainable economic growth, increasing resource utilization efficiency, and enhancing adaptive capacity.

The Secretary General noted the GCC countries' aspiration to benefit from the proceedings of the current edition of Oman Climate Week hosted by the Sultanate of Oman, to enhance Gulf and regional cooperation, exchange knowledge and expertise, and support solutions that consider the developmental and environmental needs of the countries in the region.

In a related context, Mukhtar Babayev, President of COP29, indicated in his speech the importance of transforming climate agreements and commitments into tangible results on the ground.

He noted that the world no longer treats climate change as a single, isolated environmental issue, emphasizing that the current phase is witnessing an interaction among a wide range of risks. These include climate change, natural disasters, water scarcity, land degradation, wildfires, threats to public health, technological and industrial risks, conflicts, and geopolitical instability.

He called for the necessity of ensuring a just, orderly, and equitable transition that takes into account differing national circumstances and varying starting points.

He clarified that energy security, affordability, industrial development, and job opportunities represent real considerations in the transition pathway.

In conclusion, the COP29 President praised the role the Sultanate of Oman can play in the international climate dialogue, drawing on its strategic location, its economic importance in the energy sector, and its diplomatic legacy, alongside its pursuit of economic diversification. This grants the country the ability to bridge diverse viewpoints and manage the transition while preserving stability and development.

In the same context, Chris Bowen, Australia's Minister for Climate Change and Energy, affirmed that the world stands at a decisive moment for climate action.

He pointed out that exceeding the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit does not mean abandoning the goal, but rather changes the path, not the destination. The upcoming phase requires reducing emissions at a faster pace, enhancing adaptive capacity, expanding access to climate finance, and accelerating the implementation of commitments on the ground.

He stated that the transition toward clean energy has become a rapidly accelerating economic reality, and that the Paris Agreement has contributed to changing the global trajectory. The current phase requires accelerating implementation and transforming commitments into tangible results.

In a related context, Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, focused on the close interlinkage between climate change and biodiversity loss, explaining that ecosystems represent one of the most important natural defense lines against the impacts of climate change.

She pointed to the significance of nature-based solutions, foremost among them the restoration of mangroves and coastal ecosystems, as they serve as solutions that combine community protection, enhanced adaptive capacity, carbon storage, and the support of local economic systems.

Sir Jim Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), reviewed via video call the findings of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, explaining that human activities have led to the warming of the atmosphere, oceans, and land.

He noted that the region faces increasing challenges, especially with the anticipated rise in extreme temperatures in the Middle East. He affirmed that there are practical solutions for adaptation and emission reduction, including improving irrigation technologies, planting drought- and salinity-resistant crops, expanding solar energy, wind energy, and electric vehicles, in addition to reducing natural gas and methane leaks.

The week's events include convening a high-level ministerial session titled "The Road to COP31," gathering officials, experts, and international figures to discuss climate action priorities and prepare for upcoming international milestones. It seeks to enhance cooperation, exchange expertise, and transform climate trends into implementable policies and projects.

The ceremony witnessed the announcement of a cooperation program to establish the Environmental Innovation Center, involving the Environment Authority, Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), the SMEs Development Authority "Riyada", and the Research and Innovation Authority. The center aims to serve as a supportive ecosystem for environmental innovation and entrepreneurship, providing an integrated pathway for incubating and accelerating environmental ideas and projects in the fields of biodiversity, environmental quality, environmental economy, and climate change.

The announcement was accompanied by the signing of a joint cooperation program with a number of entities to build an integrated environmental innovation ecosystem that brings together government institutions, the private sector, academic bodies, incubators, accelerators, expertise houses, and supporting entities.

The center aims to support incubation, acceleration, the exchange of knowledge and expertise, capacity building, and technical and consulting support. It also aims to connect innovators and entrepreneurs with opportunities, partners, funding, and investment, thereby helping to transition solutions from the idea stage to application and expansion.

The ceremony included the announcement of the launch of the "Green Branch Award" in a partnership between the Environment Authority and Muscat Stock Exchange. The award aims to encourage companies to enhance sustainability practices and environmental responsibility, and to support the transition toward a green economy.

The first day's events feature a number of sessions addressing climate change, adaptive capacity, and resilience, in addition to the circular economy, waste management, resource use efficiency, environmental governance, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and the use of satellite data in supporting climate decision-making.

The activities also include a session on the transition in the energy and green hydrogen sector, addressing the integration of renewable energy, wave energy, energy storage, hydrogen production, and improving the efficiency of energy systems, alongside solutions for producing hydrogen from treated water and utilizing brine resulting from desalination processes. -ONA

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Workshop reviews plan to control desert locust

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is hosting a 4-day regional workshop to review and approve a plan for the implementation of a project to control the spread of desert locusts.

The workshop seeks to review and approve the documents and implementation plan for a project titled "Strengthening Desert Locust Preventive Control in the Central Region (East Africa and Arabian Peninsula) and the Horn of Africa."

The event is held under the auspices of Dr. Ahmed bin Nasser Al Bakri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources for Agriculture.

The workshop, which runs until 17 September 2026, aims to enhance regional cooperation in combating the spread of desert locusts, develop related early warning and response systems and boost national and regional capacities to address this transboundary pest.

The project, funded by the French Development Agency or Agence Française de Développement (AFD), aims to enhance preventive control measures against the spread of desert locusts, notably by supporting regional governance and strengthening national locust control units.

The project seeks to build sustainable technical capacities and develop more efficient coordination and management mechanisms with the prime objective of mitigating the risks posed by desert locust swarms and safeguarding food security and ecosystems.

The event includes discussions about means of supporting regional governance, building desert locust combating capacities and enhancing regional coordination in this respect.

The programme includes a workshop on devising action plans and defining responsibilities and timelines, in addition to reviewing and adopting a unified implementation framework for coordination, monitoring, reporting and communication.

The event underscores the Sultanate of Oman's role as an active partner in supporting preventive control and consolidating early warning efforts in the region. -ONA

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2.	1720000251-26	Supply and Erection of Shed for Lubrication Storage	Free	24th September 2026 2359 Hours	29th September 2026 2359 Hours
3	1700000276-26	SUPPLY, FABRICATION AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURE, PLATFORMS & EQUIPMENT ERECTION AT RAW MILL 1, 2 & 3	Free	24th September 2026 2359 Hours	29th September 2026 2359 Hours

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Dr. Samar Hassan Wins Dermatologist & Aesthetic Specialist of the Year Award

Dr. Samar Hassan was felicitated with the 'The Origin Dermatologist & Aesthetic Specialist of the Year Award' at The Origin – Women Forum & Awards 2026. The awards presentation was held at JW Marriott Hotel Muscat, bringing together women leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs and changemakers from across Oman and the region.

A specialist in aesthetic and laser dermatology, Dr. Samar Hassan has built her professional journey around combining dermatological expertise with contemporary approaches to aesthetic care. Her work reflects the continued evolution of the field, where medical knowledge, advanced aesthetic techniques and an understanding of individual patient needs come together to deliver personalised care.

With a focus on skin health, aesthetic dermatology and laser-based treatments, Dr. Samar represents a new generation of specialists contributing to the advancement of the aesthetics sector. Her approach places emphasis on professional expertise and patient-centred care while keeping pace with developments and innovations shaping modern aesthetic dermatology.

Her recognition as Dermatologist & Aesthetic Specialist of the Year celebrates her contribution to the field and her commitment to excellence within the growing medical aesthetics landscape. It also highlights the important role women medical professionals are playing in advancing specialised healthcare and aesthetic medicine in the region.

Dr. Samar's journey reflects the combination of expertise, innovation and dedication required in a rapidly evolving field. Her recognition at The Origin 2026 celebrates her professional impact and contribution to raising standards within dermatology and aesthetic care.

The Origin Awards 2026 are instituted by Times of Oman, in collaboration with Muscat Media Group, Gulf Leaders Circle and TEvents. The awards recognise exceptional women, organisations and initiatives making a meaningful impact across industries and communities, while advancing leadership, empowerment, inclusion and progress.

For more information, contact: 78471944/97221630

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

CBO raises OMR27.1mn through treasury bills

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR27.1 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Monday. The value of the allotted treasury bills include OMR25.6 million for a maturity period of 91 days.

The average accepted price reached OMR99.031 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99.030 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.88784% and 3.92589%, respectively.

Additionally, treasury bills amounting to OMR1.5 million for a maturity period of 182 days was also allotted.

The average accepted price reached OMR98.150 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR98.150 per OMR100.

The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.71016% and 3.78010%, respectively.

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

The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 4.25% while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 4.75%.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates.

Additionally, the Government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. – ONA

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HORECA OMAN

Exhibition in Oman shows latest products, services, technologies

MUSCAT: The 5th edition of the food and hospitality exhibition (HORECA Oman) kicked off on Monday at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The three-day event features over 200 exhibitors representing more than 1,500 local and international brands.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of HH Sayyid Hamoud bin Qais Al Said.

The exhibition seeks to to showcase the latest products, services, technologies and solutions related to food and beverages, hotel and kitchen equipment, in addition to the design and operation of hospitality outlets.

The event offers a comprehensive overview of the innovations and trends shaping the sector.

Salim bin Omar Al Hashmi, CEO of Al Nimr Expo, said in a statement that the exhibition supports the development of the hospitality sector, as it brings together professionals, innovators and emerging talents.

He pointed out that this collaboration helps enhance the sector's capabilities and consolidates the Sultanate of Oman's position as a progressive destination for investment and growth in hospitality activities.

Al Hashmi added that the exhibition serves as a platform for exchanging knowledge and expertise in food and hospitality fields and attracts leading industry figures to discuss key issues, opportunities and challenges relevant to Oman and the region, with emphasis on developing practical insights and the sharing of experience. -ONA

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BILATERAL RELATIONS

Oman's ambassador to Angola presents copy of credentials

LUANDA: Abdullah Nasser Al Rahbi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Arab Republic of Egypt and its Permanent Representative to the Arab League, presented on Monday a copy of his credentials as Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Angola to João Baptista da Costa, Secretary-General of the Angolan Ministry of External Relations.

This took part when the Angolan official received the ambassador in Luanda, the Republic of Angola.

Friendship and cooperation

The Secretary-General of the Angolan Ministry of External Relations wished the ambassador success in carrying out his duties, and affirmed his country's keenness to enhance and develop the existing relations of friendship and cooperation between Angola and Oman across various fields.

For his part, the Ambassador expressed his pride in representing the Sultanate of Oman to the Republic of Angola, emphasising his commitment to strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries and expanding areas of cooperation in a manner that serves mutual interests and aligns with the aspirations of the leaderships of both nations. – ONA

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

National Team for Economic Complexity Index holds meeting

MUSCAT: During its first meeting in 2026, the National Team for the Project to Improve the Sultanate of Oman's Performance in the Economic Complexity Index discussed the concept of economic complexity and its importance in measuring the diversity and sophistication of the economy's productive and knowledge capabilities, as well as its role in supporting the transition toward high-value-added economic activities and sectors.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Nasser Rashid Al Maawali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy and Head of the Team, in the presence of representatives of government entities,

The meeting reviewed the team's annual plan and operational plan, along with the proposed priorities and initiatives to improve the Sultanate of Oman's performance in the index during the coming phase, within the framework of national efforts aimed at enhancing economic diversification, developing the competitive ecosystem of the national economy, and improving the Sultanate of Oman's performance in relevant international indices.

It addressed a number of pillars related to developing the productive and export base of the national economy, enhancing exports with knowledge and technological content, and leveraging national potential and capabilities to expand into more diverse and complex products, thereby contributing to raising the added value of Omani exports and enhancing their competitiveness in regional and international markets. The meeting emphasised the importance of integrating roles among member government entities, as well as strengthening coordination in implementing initiatives and following up on data and indicators associated with economic complexity, to ensure the unification of national efforts and directing them toward priorities with a direct impact on the Sultanate of Oman's performance in the index. – ONA

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IN JORDAN

Omani play focuses on questions of man, memory and forgetting

AMMAN: The Omani theatrical production "On the Edge of Forgetting," directed by Sami Al Busaidi, offered an artistic vision that conjures the questions of man, memory and forgetting, and the succession of generations. It was held as part of the 24th edition of the Zarqa Arab Theatre Summer Festival in Jordan.

The play explores the theatre's relationship with its successive generations through a heated conflict between an old generation and a new one, placing the spectator from the very first moments before a fundamental question concerning the continuity of the theatrical experience and how it is transmitted from one generation to another.

The performance, with Rawan Al Ghilani, Madim Al Gharbi and Khattab Al Shamakhi in the roles, also tackled the dramatic conflict between the characters, with a focus on the actor's performance and body language as two essential elements in constructing the dramatic event and embodying the work's central idea.

The director employed the theatrical space as an expressive element parallel to the text, as the stage was transformed into a space that evokes the workings of time and a memory threatened with erasure, while the movement of the actors and their swapping of positions and roles contributed to expressing the idea of replacement and the succession of generations.

The set was economical in its elements, leaving a wider space for the movement of the actors and the creation of meanings on the stage, while lighting played a prominent role in shaping the production's visual imagery through the contrast between light and darkness, reflecting the duality of presence and absence bound to the idea of forgetting.

Lighting was also used to isolate the characters and highlight the moments of confrontation between them, so that the areas of light and darkness became part of the dramatic and semantic structure of the work, integrating with the movement of the actors, the space and the set.

Six performances from six Arab countries are taking part in the current edition of the festival: "On the Edge of Forgetting" from the Sultanate of Oman, "Jaras" from Tunisia, "Children of the Earth" from Iraq, "Until Hope Departs" from Saudi Arabia, "Goods" from Palestine, and "Mirage" from Jordan. – ONA

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India women lift Asia Cup

Harmanpreet-led side defeated Sri Lanka in the final but there was no trophy presentation in Dubai

DUBAI: India's unprecedented eighth women's Asia Cup title victory ended in scenes similar to those at the men's Asia Cup last year, with the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side neither presented medals nor the trophy on Sunday night in Dubai.

The presentation ceremony after India's 72-run win over Sri Lanka in Dubai was delayed by nearly 50 minutes.

Asian Cricket Council (ACC) chairman Mohsin Naqvi, who is also the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief and the interior minister of Pakistan, was in attendance as medals were presented to the runners-up, Sri Lanka side. The ceremony ended abruptly after that. As the wait for the post-tournament presentation began, the India team conducted their own medal presentation for the best fielder, handed out by fielding coach Munish Bali.

The medal was presented to Nandani Sharma by BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia, with vice-president Rajeev Shukla in attendance.

Official trophy presentation

On Monday morning, Saikia said it had been a "firm institutional decision" from India not to take part in the official trophy presentation.

"Given the circumstances and the sentiments prevailing in the country, the BCCI felt that it would not be appropriate for the team to receive the trophy in the proposed manner. This was a firm institutional decision, reflective of the position we have maintained, and was not directed at the players, the tournament or the sport."

Naqvi's presence at the presentation ceremony on Sunday was expected to be a flashpoint. The men didn't do it last year. The women didn't do it this year.

"That stand has been taken by BCCI and we stand by it," India coach Amol Muzumdar said at the press conference afterwards.

"For us, this tournament is over, we are the champions. That's good enough. It was on the big board that India are the champions of Asia Cup 2026. This tournament is officially over for us. We're happy that we're the champions and we look forward to the Asian Games."

India skipper Harmanpreet said: "I think we played to our standards because that's what we discussed when we came here. We have certain standards, and we have to keep matching them every day. We are very happy with the way we all performed. And I think the girls have done fabulously well throughout the entire tournament, setting [a target of] 184 in a final. That's a big thing."

Harmanpreet reserved special praise for Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma, who put on 129 for the opening wicket to set the tone, with both batters hitting aggressive half-centuries.

"We all knew it's not that easy to bat [on Dubai's slow pitches], but I think our openers did an absolutely great job for us, the way they both batted, Smriti and Shafali," Harmanpreet said.

"It's all about playing good cricket, and at the end of the day, I'm very happy overall." - Agencies

FIRST T20I

India prove too good for Afghanistan

DELHI: A full-strength India proved to be too good for Afghanistan in their first "home" T20I against India on Sunday.

Jasprit Bumrah and Varun Chakravarthy made successful returns from injury; Arshdeep Singh and Axar Patel chipped in with wickets, and then Abhishek Sharma led the chase of 157 in just 13.4 overs.

Ever since Bumrah dismissed Rahmanullah Gurbaz with the second ball of the match, India did all the front-running except when Shivam Dube bowled the 20th over, and half-centurion Azmatullah Omarzai took 21 off it to take Afghanistan past 150.

A lean looking Bumrah started with five wides, but made amends almost immediately with a ball that nipped in and kicked at Gurbaz, who guided it to slip for some catching practice.

Sediqullah Atal and new captain Ibrahim Zadran got off to a bit of a start. Atal hit Bumrah for an incredibly flat six and a four in the third over, but Zadran ran himself out at the end of the fourth over to set off a collapse.

In Arshdeep's second over, Atal guided a full ball straight to short third. Under pressure to capitalise in the last over of the powerplay, Gulbadin Naib ended up slicing Axar for a lovely catch from Nitish Kumar Reddy, running back from cover and taking it over his shoulder. Varun was quick and accurate in his first over back, taking out the leg stump of Darwish Rasooli to make it 43 for 5 in seven overs.

At his IPL home ground, Axar delivered his four overs for just 27, that too thanks to a dropped catch in his final over. Reddy went for 30 in his two overs, while Shreyas Iyer squeezed in an over from Abhishek as Afghanistan had to dial down intent after losing five wickets so early.

In the death overs, Iyer attacked first with Arshdeep and Bumrah, conceding just 15 in overs 17 to 19. However, that did leave Dube with a difficult over to bowl, which a set Omarzai took toll of.

Abhishek seals the chase off

India's biggest headache in recent times has been selecting two out of three sensationally good T20 openers. Back in the squad after missing the Zimbabwe tour and replacing the player of that series, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Sanju Samson picked out deep square leg when he looked to hit his first six after two early fours.

However, Abhishek, having endured a run of low scores in his last six matches, made sure there were no hiccups in the small chase. His six-hitting began with one over cover off Fazalhaq Farooqi, then progressed straighter to long-off off Omarzai, moved to midwicket off Farooqi and finished its first cycle at square leg off Rashid Khan. Back he went over long-on, over cover, over square leg, and ended up with 82 runs off just 32 balls.

Himself in good form, Ishan Kishan was at times reduced to being just a spectator, scoring just 35 in a 121-run second-wicket partnership. Kishan fell for 42 off 33, trying to hit his second six, as the wicketless Rashid slowed India's victory march with two excellent boundary catches.

Afghanistan will play their remaining two matches against India in Delhi too, on September 15 and 17.

Brief scores: India 157/3 in 13.4 overs (Abhishek 82, Kishan 42, Nabi 2-28) beat Afghanistan 156/8 (Omarzai 64, Nabi 33, Arshdeep 3-19) by seven wickets. - Agencies

Pakistan docked 11 WTC points for a slow over-rate

DUBAI: After being swept 3-0 in the Test series in England, which pushed them further down at the bottom of the World Test Championship (WTC) points table, Pakistan have been hit with an over-rate penalty for going slow in the third and final Test at Edgbaston.

Pakistan were ruled to be 11 overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration during the match, an ICC statement on Monday said, which meant a whopping 11-point deduction. The team was also fined 50% of their match fee.

All they have at the end of the series, as a result, is a total of 5 points (4.63 points percentage), which puts them well below West Indies, who are at No. 8 with 30 points (20.83 points percentage). After they lost the opening Test of the England tour, at Headingley, Pakistan slipped from No.8 to No.9.

Pakistan have two more series to play in the WTC 2025-cycle, against Sri Lanka in November this year, and against New Zealand in March 2027. West Indies, meanwhile, have a series lined up against Bangladesh in October this year.

It has been a horror phase for Pakistan in Test cricket. They have won just two of their nine Tests in the cycle so far, and there was a massive overhaul to the squad after they lost the second Test in England, at Lord's, by 194 runs. Seven players were sent home after the second Test, along with Sarfaraz Ahmed, the head coach of the Test side, and Umar Gul, the bowling coach. - Agencies

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GOLD PRICES DECLINE

Gold prices edged lower yesterday, as soaring oil prices intensified concerns over inflation and reinforced expectations that the US Federal Reserve may raise interest rates at its monetary policy meeting this week. — ONA

MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 7,630.09 points, down by -0.22% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by -0.18% at 621.44 points. Al Hassan Engineering, up 20.00%, was the top gainer while, Oman Fisheries, down 4.35%, was the top loser. > B2

END OF JULY 2026

Real estate transactions in Oman rise 7.7% to OMR1.71bn

MUSCAT: The traded value of real estate transcations in the Sultanate of Oman increased by 7.7% to reach OMR1.71 billion by the end of July 2026, compared with OMR1.59 billion during the corresponding period of 2025, according to statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The statistics showed that the traded value of sales contracts increased by 15.7% to reach OMR843.2 million, compared with OMR728.5 million during the corresponding period of 2025.

The number of sales contracts also increased by 3.9% to 39,719 contracts, compared with 38,226 contracts. The traded value of mortgage contracts also increased by 0.7% to reach OMR864.4 million, compared with OMR858.4 million during the corresponding period of 2025, while the number of mortgage contracts rose by 22.3% to 15,441 contracts, compared with 12,621 contracts.

The statistics also showed that the traded value of swap contracts increased by 33.6% to reach OMR8.2 million by the end of July 2026, compared with OMR6.1 million during the corresponding period of 2025. Meanwhile, the number of swap contracts declined by 41.6% to 411 contracts, compared with 704 contracts.

In terms of real estate ownership, the number of title deeds issued declined by 10.7% to 119,832 by the end of July 2026, compared with 134,206 during the corresponding period of 2025.

The number of title deeds issued to citizens of GCC countries also declined by 11.2% to 643, compared with 724. — ONA

Oman oil price exceeds $127 per barrel on supply concerns

Global oil prices rose by more than $3 per barrel following attacks by the Houthis on Saudi Arabia on Sunday and reports of unidentified projectiles striking vessels in the Arabian Gulf

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The official price of Oman oil, for delivery in next November, jumped by $5.73 per barrel to settle at $127.62 on Monday.

The monthly average price of Oman crude oil for delivery in September 2026 amounted to 76.36, marking a decline of $2.73 compared to the delivery price for August, according to Gulf Mercantile Exchange (GME), formerly known as the Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME).

According to media reports both main crude contracts, already sitting above $100 a barrel, jumped more than three percent at one point on Monday after Riyadh shut its East-West pipeline following drone attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels, while a merchant vessel was struck in the Strait of Hormuz.

Global oil prices rose by $3.62 per barrel following attacks by the Houthis on Saudi Arabia on Sunday and reports of unidentified projectiles striking vessels in the Arabian Gulf.

According to the report, Brent crude futures rose by $3.62, or 3.46 percent, to $108.23 per barrel. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures also increased by $3.15, or 3.15 percent, to $103.20 per barrel.

Vijay Valecha, Chief Investment Officer, Century Financial said that crude oil prices have yet again rallied over the weekend, with WTI trading 2.70% higher, crossing the $103 mark again after a 3.69% fall on Friday. Brent also trades similarly, up 2.80% on Monday after a 4.25% fall on Friday.

"Oil prices have been on an upward spiral after Saudi Arabia said late on Friday that it had halted the East-West pipeline, which is responsible for about 7 million barrels per day of production and played a key role in easing the oil supply disruption triggered by the Iran war," he said.

This was done as a precaution after drones damaged the pipeline the previous day, with no indication of how severe the damage is or how long it will remain closed.

"Also a crucial meeting between Iran and several Gulf nations scheduled for Monday on creating a temporary shipping lane through Hormuz was postponed, amid a rapid military advance by Iranian-backed Houthi militants in Yemen," Valecha said.

"As per some experts, if the pipeline closure is prolonged, it could lead to output cuts by the Kingdom, suggesting a short-term bullish market structure," he further added.

The Houthis have been cementing their hold on the Bab Al-Mandab strait, a vital shipping corridor linking Europe and Asia that has been used as an alternative to Hormuz.

"The attack and closure of the Saudi East-West pipeline rattled the oil market and keep prices well supported. The pipeline is a pivotal part of compensating the reduced flows via Hormuz," said Norbert Rücker, Head of Economics & Next Generation Research, Julius Baer.

"The event lifts the uncertainty on supply trends and price path going forward. That said, there are few signposts for orientation. Egypt offers a reliable outlet for Red Sea oil compensating the Houthi threats, Hormuz transits seem unharmed so far from the recent hostilities, and oil storage around the world is sufficiently full to absorb any short-term supply dent," he further added.

The world in not running out of oil just yet, and from an even greater perspective, there is no chronic undersupply, he pointed out.

INDIA

CPI inflation in August hits 4.82%

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2026 was 4.82 per cent, according to official data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

The data presents the national consumer price shifts on a year-on-year basis, tracking price changes over the corresponding period of the previous year.

"Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) with base year 2024 for the month of August, 2026 over August, 2025 is 4.82 per cent (Provisional)," a release stated.

The overall figures show that the price rise in rural areas runs higher than that in urban areas during the month.

"Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban areas are 5.23 per cent and 4.31 per cent, respectively," the release noted.

Alongside the general retail basket, the ministry provided details on the movement of food prices through the Consumer Food Price Index.

"Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for the month of August, 2026 over August, 2025 is 5.95 per cent (Provisional)," the Ministry highlighted.

Food inflation figures reflect higher percentage levels than the headline index across both rural and urban areas.

"Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 6.13 per cent and 5.64 per cent, respectively," the Ministry pointed out.

Within these groups, personal care, social protection and related goods and services recorded the highest inflation rate at 15.17 per cent.

Restaurants and accommodation services registered the second highest price increase on the list, standing at an inflation rate of 8.38 per cent.

The food and beverages division marked an inflation rate of 5.66 per cent, which sits above the headline retail inflation benchmark.

Paan, tobacco and intoxicants noted an inflation rate of 4.71 per cent, closely matching the broader consumer index.

CENTRE FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY POLICY RESEARCH

India needs to collaborate with other govts on cyber threats: C-DEP President

NEW DELHI: India needs to collaborate with other governments to share information about cyber threats, with the British government stepping forward to have such collaboration, Jaijit Bhattacharya, President, Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research, said on Monday.

"There was a requirement to join hands with everybody, not just the British... If the British come to know that there is a threat, they need to let us know and everybody else know that there is a threat and that's really why we need to collaborate with other governments and the British government has stepped forward to have that collaboration," Bhattacharya told ANI.

Speaking on the sidelines of the CO.AI 2026 event organised by the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) in association with the British High Commission, Bhattacharya said the increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) was creating both opportunities and threats for telecom networks.

He said AI could help protect telecom networks from spam and make the "healing" of networks more efficient, but the same technology was also being used to identify deficiencies in networks and attack them at an extremely large scale.

"We have seen that happening during Operation Sindoor and therefore how do we prevent AI-based attacks? What are the steps to be taken from a regulatory and technological perspective, from a standards perspective and from the perspective of collaboration between industry, academia and the governments," he said.

Bhattacharya said the growing complexity of cyber threats meant that cybersecurity could not be addressed through a single policy, particularly with AI becoming an increasingly important factor.

On the government's approach to cybersecurity regulation, he said it was important to maintain a balance between protecting systems, critical infrastructure and people and ensuring that regulation did not become a barrier for industry.

He said excessive government intervention could become a "deadening hand" on industry and also risk stifling innovation, which the government did not want.

"The government is carefully thinking on what is the right level of regulation which protects our systems, our critical infrastructure, our people while not stifling innovation and industry," Bhattacharya told ANI.

He said India was providing leadership in the Global South by bringing countries together to discuss critical issues, including AI, rather than claiming that it was ahead of every other country in technology.

Bhattacharya said AI was being discussed repeatedly because the technology had become "very, very critical" and was moving extremely fast. He noted that even those who were leaders in AI were calling for a slower pace of development.

On measures required to strengthen India's AI capabilities, he said regulation itself was not the tool for becoming a leader in technology. Instead, the focus should be on creating the conditions needed for the development and adoption of AI.

"What we need to do, and the government is doing is actually pushing for more data to be available to train models, to promote those who are capable of coming out with world-class models and to provide a market for those who are able to provide the solutions," he said.

Bhattacharya said these steps were aimed at strengthening the ecosystem for AI models and solutions while ensuring that the technology was used for the right purposes and did not harm people or critical systems. — ANI

MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Al Hassan Engineering, up 20.00%, was the top gainer while, Oman Fisheries, down 4.35%, was the top loser On Monday's trading session

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 7,630.09 points, down by -0.22% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by -0.18% at 621.44 points. Al Hassan Engineering, up 20.00%, was the top gainer while, Oman Fisheries, down 4.35%, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 8,767 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of OMR40.63 million, with more than 156.77 million shares changing hands. Out of 75 traded securities, 18 advanced, 28 declined, and 29 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net buyers for OMR1,130,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR661,000, followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR469,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 13,612.59 points, up 0.02%. Prices of Al Madina Investments, Bank Muscat, Bank Nizwa, Oman Arab Bank were up by 1.24%, 1.18%, 0.68%, 0.36% respectively. Prices of Taageer Finance, Al Sharqia Investment, Muscat Finance, Al Anwar Investment, National Finance were down by 4.27%, 1.96%, 1.49%, 0.95%, 0.93% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 9,915.04 points, down -0.29%. Prices of Al Hassan Engineering, Construction Materials, Gulf Mushroom Products, Oman Cement, Oman Cables Industry were up by 20.00%, 9.46%, 0.68%, 0.65%, 0.29% respectively. Prices of Oman Fisheries, National Detergent, Oman Chlorine, Oman Packaging, Al Maha Ceramics were down by 4.35%, 2.38%, 2.37%, 2.17%, 1.85% respectively.

Services Index was down by -0.47% before closing at 3,047.99 points. Prices of Sohar Power, Sharqiyah Desalination, Phoenix Power, Phoenix Power, Renaissance Services were up by 4.50%, 3.13%, 0.35%, 0.35%, 0.35% respectively. Prices of National Gas, Ooredoo, Musandam Power, Oman Telecom, Abraj Energy were down by 2.59%, 1.54%, 0.88%, 0.88%, 0.49% respectively. – United Securities

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	7,662.70	7,622.15	7,630.09	7,646.64	-16.55	-0.22 %
FINANCIAL INDEX	13,640.89	13,570.22	13,612.59	13,610.38	2.21	0.02 %
Industry Index	9,988.05	9,915.04	9,915.04	9,944.05	-29.01	-0.29 %
Services Index	3,067.54	3,047.51	3,047.99	3,062.26	-14.27	-0.47 %
MSX Shariah Index	625.04	621.44	621.44	622.57	-1.13	-0.18 %
MSX TR INDEX	11,880.17	11,817.29	11,829.60	11,855.26	-25.66	-0.22 %
FINANCIAL TR IDX	16,770.76	16,683.88	16,735.97	16,733.26	2.72	0.02 %
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	12,792.16	12,698.64	12,698.64	12,735.80	-37.16	-0.29 %
SERVICES TR IDX	4,118.77	4,091.88	4,092.52	4,111.68	-19.16	-0.47 %
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
156,776,503	40,634,599	8,767	39,458,385,024	18	28	29	75

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REGULAR MARKET

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RO)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	7,025,278	2,974,738	1,035	0.423	0.428	0.421	0.428	0.423	0.005	1.182	0.428	0.465	0.428	0.100	3,212,737,943
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	1,935,605	284,960	75	0.147	0.149	0.146	0.148	0.147	0.001	0.680	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.100	331,069,049
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	4,000	1,780	2	0.445	0.445	0.445	0.445	0.442	0.003	0.679	0.445	0.445	0.450	0.100	22,402,358
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	27,124	16,713	5	0.616	0.620	0.616	0.620	0.616	0.004	0.649	0.620	0.600	0.619	0.100	205,141,080
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	57,129	16,283	11	0.285	0.286	0.285	0.286	0.285	0.001	0.351	0.286	0.283	0.290	0.100	418,304,018
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	647,458	184,667	28	0.285	0.287	0.284	0.287	0.286	0.001	0.350	0.287	0.287	0.286	0.100	67,849,670
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	65,967	226,447	15	3.435	3.445	3.410	3.445	3.435	0.010	0.291	3.445	3.092	3.445	0.100	309,016,500
OM0000001509	DHOFAR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	410,539	121,816	38	0.296	0.298	0.296	0.298	0.298	0.000	0.000	0.298	0.298	0.304	0.100	147,824,730
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	16,177	2,024	4	0.128	0.128	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.125	0.130	0.100	15,996,094
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	26,651	2,342	4	0.088	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.088	0.087	0.096	0.100	31,339,202
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	569,061	416,553	25	0.733	0.733	0.732	0.732	0.732	0.000	0.000	0.732	0.725	0.750	0.100	87,840,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	27,000	9,717	3	0.359	0.360	0.359	0.360	0.360	0.000	0.000	0.360	0.330	0.365	0.100	72,000,000
OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	2,000	316	1	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.000	0.000	0.158	0.153	0.158	0.100	25,280,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	60,739,422	11,668,472	1,245	0.193	0.193	0.191	0.193	0.193	0.000	0.000	0.193	0.193	0.193	0.100	1,481,469,095
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	876,118	166,279	54	0.189	0.191	0.189	0.189	0.189	0.000	0.000	0.189	0.189	0.200	0.010	189,000,000
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	2,875	537	2	0.187	0.187	0.186	0.186	0.186	0.000	0.000	0.186	0.186	0.190	0.100	37,132,222
OM0000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	110,714	28,591	8	0.258	0.261	0.258	0.258	0.258	0.000	0.000	0.258	0.258	0.261	0.100	246,279,563
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	292,824	32,268	18	0.111	0.111	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.110	0.112	0.100	19,250,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	47,349	9,298	9	0.197	0.199	0.196	0.199	0.199	0.000	0.000	0.199	0.197	0.216	0.100	134,302,599
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	82,404	16,208	17	0.197	0.198	0.196	0.197	0.197	0.000	0.000	0.197	0.196	0.216	0.100	140,738,049
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	35,233	5,640	6	0.161	0.161	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.000	0.000	0.160	0.160	0.176	0.100	12,083,520
OM0000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	10,022,120	2,212,195	1,162	0.222	0.222	0.219	0.221	0.221	0.000	0.000	0.221	0.221	0.221	0.100	957,067,886
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	5,789,479	2,809,383	273	0.484	0.488	0.483	0.484	0.484	0.000	0.000	0.484	0.484	0.484	0.010	3,872,000,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	42,377	17,407	5	0.410	0.411	0.410	0.411	0.412	-0.001	-0.243	0.411	0.405	0.410	0.100	461,492,959
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	2,547,714	528,549	246	0.209	0.210	0.206	0.208	0.209	-0.001	-0.478	0.208	0.206	0.208	0.100	632,278,095
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	634,013	257,468	224	0.407	0.408	0.405	0.405	0.407	-0.002	-0.491	0.405	0.405	0.405	0.100	311,931,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	2,939,873	4,018,869	155	1.372	1.372	1.360	1.360	1.372	-0.012	-0.875	1.366	1.360	1.366	0.100	1,020,000,000
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	39,575	13,318	7	0.340	0.340	0.336	0.337	0.340	-0.003	-0.882	0.337	0.330	0.337	0.100	23,721,430
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	15,150	3,166	2	0.209	0.209	0.209	0.209	0.211	-0.002	-0.948	0.209	0.209	0.220	0.100	64,269,489
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	215,836	198,171	21	0.920	0.920	0.910	0.910	0.920	-0.010	-1.087	0.910	0.909	0.910	0.100	113,657,144
OM0000009908	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	26,389,702	6,840,257	1,519	0.260	0.261	0.257	0.257	0.260	-0.003	-1.154	0.257	0.257	0.260	0.040	889,089,148
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	132,982	42,558	48	0.323	0.324	0.319	0.319	0.324	-0.005	-1.543	0.319	0.319	0.319	0.100	207,651,209
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.	31,392	3,141	9	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.100	0.102	-0.002	-1.961	0.100	0.100	0.105	0.100	9,000,000
OM0000010120	ASYAD SHIPPING	7,424,458	1,698,983	1,008	0.234	0.234	0.226	0.227	0.233	-0.006	-2.575	0.227	0.226	0.227	0.000	1,182,384,952
Total	34	129,225,599	34,829,115	7,284												

Parallel Market

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RO)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	5,000	405	1	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.074	0.007	9.459	0.081	0.074	0.081	0.100	5,062,500
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	10,062	2,102	4	0.200	0.209	0.200	0.209	0.200	0.009	4.500	0.209	0.205	0.219	0.100	4,180,000
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALINATION	100	17	1	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.160	0.005	3.125	0.165	0.165	0.175	0.100	16,137,356
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	38,400	2,688	5	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.068	0.002	2.941	0.070	0.067	0.074	0.100	14,000,000
OM0000011151	OMIFCO	24,666,003	5,444,855	1,131	0.217	0.224	0.217	0.223	0.217	0.006	2.765	0.223	0.223	0.223	0.000	1,491,730,625
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	581,056	58,070	79	0.099	0.102	0.098	0.098	0.096	0.002	2.083	0.098	0.097	0.103	0.100	15,243,939
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	194,532	15,587	19	0.079	0.082	0.079	0.082	0.081	0.001	1.235	0.082	0.079	0.082	0.100	3,534,200
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	528,462	147,143	73	0.278	0.281	0.277	0.280	0.279	0.001	0.358	0.280	0.279	0.280	0.100	560,768,133
OM0000010823	OMAN GATEWAY FUND	220	232	2	1.053	1.055	1.053	1.055	1.052	0.003	0.285	1.055	1.055	1.100	0.000	28,933,208
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	17,454	2,381	4	0.136	0.140	0.136	0.136	0.136	0.000	0.000	0.136	0.136	0.140	0.100	4,080,000
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	1,000	598	1	0.598	0.598	0.598	0.598	0.598	0.000	0.000	0.598	0.000	0.598	0.100	37,352,912
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	45,246	3,162	9	0.070	0.071	0.069	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.100	1,470,000
OM0000002580	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INVESTMENTS	186	372	3	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	2.000	2.000	2.200	0.100 140,000,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	21,428	3,317	9	0.151	0.156	0.151	0.152	0.152	0.000	0.000	0.152	0.151	0.157	0.100	30,853,940
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	22,813	1,369	4	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.060	0.061	0.100	15,000,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	74,801	7,928	6	0.107	0.107	0.105	0.106	0.106	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.105	0.106	0.100	89,222,313
OM0000008868	THE PEARL REIF	29,263	5,237	12	0.179	0.180	0.178	0.178	0.179	-0.001	-0.559	0.178	0.178	0.180	0.100	105,275,765
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	170,405	26,630	33	0.157	0.157	0.155	0.155	0.156	-0.001	-0.641	0.156	0.156	0.156	0.100	34,100,000
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	10,819	2,325	2	0.215	0.215	0.214	0.214	0.216	-0.002	-0.926	0.214	0.214	0.215	0.100	139,248,815
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	3,159	208	1	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.067	-0.001	-1.493	0.066	0.062	0.069	0.100	20,271,657
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	10,660	2,845	2	0.267	0.267	0.265	0.265	0.270	-0.005	-1.852	0.265	0.245	0.295	0.100	14,575,000
OM0000009569	JABAL REIF	7,000	742	2	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.108	-0.002	-1.852	0.106	0.106	0.108	0.100	18,444,000
OM0000001608	OMAN PACKAGING	700	158	1	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.230	-0.005	-2.174	0.225	0.225	0.251	0.100	7,298,069
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	2,095	346	1	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.169	-0.004	-2.367	0.165	0.165	0.170	0.100	11,798,959
OM0000003265	NATIONAL DETERGENT	1,000	618	2	0.620	0.620	0.615	0.615	0.630	-0.015	-2.381	0.615	0.602	0.615	0.100	12,300,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	52,135	5,916	11	0.114	0.114	0.113	0.113	0.116	-0.003	-2.586	0.113	0.113	0.115	0.100	9,605,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	1,310	983	2	0.750	0.751	0.750	0.750	0.780	-0.030	-3.846	0.751	0.751	0.751	0.100	71,250,000
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	17,843	1,986	4	0.111	0.112	0.111	0.112	0.117	-0.005	-4.274	0.112	0.112	0.118	0.100	31,773,368
Total	28	26,513,152	5,738,219	1,424												

AGRICULTURE MINISTRY

Aflaj maintenance agreements worth OMR3.4mn inked in North Al Sharqiyah

IBRA: Represented by the Directorate General of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in North Al Sharqiyah Governorate, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources on Monday signed agreements worth more than OMR3.4 million to implement the second stage of Aflaj maintenance in the governorate, which recently suffered the impacts of low pressure.

The signing ceremony was held under the auspices of Mahmood bin Yahya Al Dhuhli, Governor of North A'Sharqiyah.

The agreements provide for the restoration of 155 Aflaj. The maintenance tasks include the removal of silt, sand and debris from the damaged Aflaj, the replacement of roofing for some Aflaj and the construction of new supply channels where deemed necessary.

"Al Massarat" depression had a heavy toll on the system of Aflaj across the wilayats of the governorate. The Aflaj scheduled for restoration in the second stage constitute 36 percent of the total active number of Aflaj in the governorate. – ONA

FLAGSHIP LINEUP

Denza Oman introduces 2027 B5 and B8 with exclusive campaign offers

MUSCAT: Own the Extraordinary — that's the promise behind Denza Oman's introduction of the 2027 B5 and B8, its flagship lineup now available to customers across the Sultanate. The brand's exclusive new campaign is designed to enhance the value and convenience of owning these high-performance luxury hybrids, headlined by a complimentary 2 Months Installment benefit.

Customers who choose to finance their vehicle through Oman Arab Bank will be eligible for 2 months of complimentary installment payments, subject to the bank's sole discretion on approval.

In addition to this centerpiece offer, every qualifying purchase of the 2027 B5 or B8 includes one year of free insurance coverage through Liva Insurance, a free scheduled service package, and a complimentary charger. Both models are further supported by an 8-year, unlimited-kilometre battery warranty and a 6-year or 150,000 km vehicle warranty, whichever occurs first, reinforcing Denza's commitment to long-term ownership confidence.

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WORLD

Build resilience before the next emergency arrives: WHO chief

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at the BRICS Leaders' Summit that progress on health could advance all four themes of the summit — resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability

NEW DELHI: World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday urged health cooperation, innovation, resilience and sustainable health financing, saying the four themes of the BRICS Leaders' Summit were directly relevant to health.

In a post on X, Tedros said that progress on health could advance all four themes of the summit -- resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability. He said, "Resilience: By strengthening primary health care, surveillance, early warning and local production."

On innovation, he said that BRICS countries should harness science, digital health and artificial intelligence for public health while ensuring that their benefits remain accessible to all.

"Innovation: By harnessing science, digital health and AI for public health, while making their benefits accessible to all," the WHO chief said. Highlighting the importance of cooperation, Tedros called for action across borders and sectors, including efforts to finalise the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing annex to the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

"Cooperation: By acting across borders and sectors, including to finalise the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing annex to the @WHO Pandemic Agreement," he said.

On sustainability, Tedros called for sustainable health financing and a stronger and more coherent global health architecture.

He said, "Sustainability: By building sustainable health financing and a stronger, more coherent global health architecture."

Tedros then outlined four asks for BRICS leaders, calling on them to strengthen preparedness, direct innovation towards underserved areas, make cross-border cooperation operational and ensure long-term political commitment and accountability.

He said, "Therefore, here are my four asks to BRICS leaders:1. Build resilience before the next emergency arrives; 2. Direct innovation towards the problems and places markets miss; 3. Make cooperation operational across borders and sectors;4. Sustain what you have built through political commitment, implementation and accountability."

In the New Delhi Declaration adopted on Saturday, the BRICS nations welcomed the deepening of cooperation in global health initiatives and reaffirmed their commitment to advancing universal health coverage through resilient, inclusive, and people-centred approaches.

The nations reiterated that multilateral cooperation in health must be preserved and reinforced, emphasising the vital coordinating role of the World Health Organisation. While reaffirming sovereign rights of States over their biological resources as well as the sovereign right to legislate and implement laws, including national access and benefit-sharing legislation, the BRICS nations encouraged continued constructive engagement on the negotiations of the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) Annex to the WHO Pandemic Agreement in support of a safe, equitable, transparent and effective multilateral framework.

Following the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting held in Chandigarh, BRICS nations recognise tuberculosis as a critical global public health challenge requiring coordinated action, sustained investment in research and effective mechanisms for cross - learning and innovation. The nations also welcomed the establishment of a dedicated Sub-Working Group to advance the BRICS Integrated Early Warning System for the prevention and response to mass infectious diseases, and its terms of reference.

Meanwhile, the New Delhi Declaration also has given a significant push to international cooperation in Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM), recognising its growing relevance to strengthening health systems and contributing towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

According to an official release from AYUSH, a key outcome of the Declaration is the welcome accorded to the proposed establishment of a BRICS Expert Working Group on TCIM under the BRICS Health Track. The proposed Working Group is envisaged as a platform for dialogue, collaboration and exchange among BRICS Member States, providing a structured mechanism for advancing cooperation in traditional medicine.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, highlighted, "The recognition of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine in the New Delhi Declaration is an important step towards strengthening global cooperation in traditional medicine. The proposed BRICS Expert Working Group will provide a meaningful platform for Member States to share knowledge, strengthen research and advance evidence-based approaches."

"India remains committed to taking forward Ayurveda and other traditional systems of medicine through scientific research, quality assurance and international collaboration, so that their potential can contribute to safe, effective and affordable healthcare," he added. — ANI

A GUARDED APPROACH

'Too early' to endorse JD Vance for 2028 presidential run, says Donald Trump

SHANNON: US President Donald Trump adopted a guarded approach when pressed on whether he would endorse Vice President JD Vance for the 2028 presidential run, asserting that it was "too early".

The exchange took place as the US president spoke to reporters before boarding Air Force One in Shannon, Ireland.

When asked whether he was ready to throw his weight behind JD Vance for 2028, Trump stated, "Well, it's too early. I mean, it's too early. I think he's terrific. We've got so many terrific people. We have, as they call it, a very deep bench."

Prompted further on who might prove most competitive against Vance, Trump replied, "You know, I just think they're all very good, and JD's fantastic, and he did a very good job."

Back in August, a report by The Washington Post revealed that during a private meeting with donors at the Oval Office, Trump weighed in more directly on his vice president's potential candidacy, telling attendees, "At the end of the day, we need to elect JD."

Citing sources familiar with the exchange, the report highlighted that while those private remarks signalled an openness to eventually backing Vance, advisers cautioned at the time that the president had yet to firmly settle on a successor as he continued weighing Vance against Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Internal discussions from that period showed Trump frequently peppering aides with questions comparing the two, even informally polling staff during a Marine One transit.

While a key adviser noted in August that Trump had privately concluded Vance will inherit the MAGA movement, multiple party insiders stressed that any assumptions remain premature, noting that the president often entertains various perspectives and that much will ultimately hinge on the outcome of upcoming congressional midterms.

These evolving dynamics have already begun to shape intraparty lines, with donors and activists aligning behind different factions.

Meanwhile, Vance has kept his timeline flexible, indicating that decisions regarding a formal run would be addressed following the midterms scheduled to be held in November.

At the same time, Rubio has avoided direct commentary on 2028 ambitions even though allies suggest Trump continues to hold a high opinion of both men, leaving open the possibility of a unified ticket even as the race for the future of the GOP takes shape. — ANI

PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

French President Macron pushes EU-wide social media ban for under-15s

PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday reiterated his commitment to protecting children online and called for the European Union (EU) to move quickly towards harmonising a ban on social networks for children under 15.

In a post on X, Macron said, "From the very first day, I made a commitment: to protect our children online. We will see it through to the end."

He said that following the decision handed down by France's Constitutional Council in mid-August on the ban of social networks for those under 15, he had tasked the Prime Minister with finding a path forward that complied with the Council's observations and European law.

"That has now been achieved. After rigorous technical work, the Government is today notifying the Commission of new wording, one month after the Council's decision," he added. Macron said that the protection of children online should be extended across the European Union.

"This protection must also become the standard for all European children. That is why I have shared with the President of the European Commission my determination that Europe move forward quickly and rigorously, to harmonise this ban at the Union level and regulate the features of platforms," Macron said. He also thanked the European Commission President, parliamentarians and several European countries for supporting the initiative.

"Thanks to the determination of the President of the Commission, parliamentarians, and the support of many European states that share this exigency with us, I am pleased that the protection of minors online is now a priority for our Europe, at the heart of this back-to-school agenda," he said.

"France will provide its full support, with rigor and determination. Don't let up," the French President said.

Earlier in July, France voted to ban social media for children under the age of 15.

In a post on X, President Emmanuel Macron thanked the parliamentarians for their support and said, "I had committed to it, and now it's been voted on: social media will be banned for those under 15 starting back-to-school. Thanks to the parliamentarians. It's up to the Constitutional Council to rule, then on to action to make this measure concrete and protect our children online."

According to CNN, this move made France the first country in the European Union to introduce such an age limit.

Meanwhile, in June, the United Kingdom had announced a ban on social media for children under the age of 16 years.

Then Prime Minister Keir Starmer, in a video message, had called it the need of the hour and a big decision for the country. He had said in a video message how social media can leave children trapped in a cycle of endless scrolling that displaces play, sleep, and time with the family and can harm their mental health.

Also in June, a government panel in Japan called for strengthening the responsibilities of social media operators by requiring them to have stricter age verification and restricting some features, in a list of proposed measures to protect underage social media users, Kyodo News reported.

Australia already implemented a blanket ban on social media for children under 16 years of age last year. Other countries include Spain and Denmark, which are mulling over the decision. — ANI

F-15E FIGHTER JET

US Air Force officer survives '50 hours' after being shot down over Iran: CBS News

WASHINGTON DC: A US Air Force colonel survived nearly 50 hours behind Iranian lines after his F-15E fighter jet was shot down in April, before being rescued in an operation involving US military and intelligence personnel, according to CBS News' "60 Minutes" show.

The officer, identified by his mission call sign "Bravo" because of security concerns, was the weapons-systems officer aboard the two-seat fighter jet. The aircraft, operating under the mission call sign "Dude 44", was reported to be shot down by an "Iranian shoulder-fired missile" on April 2 during a mission near Isfahan.

According to CBS News, the aircraft was conducting a strike against industrial facilities linked to Iran's drone and missile programme. Bravo and the pilot, identified as "Alpha", ejected after the aircraft was hit and became separated during the descent.

Bravo's parachute was damaged, causing him to fall at an estimated 70-100 miles per hour before landing in a mountainous desert area. He suffered injuries including a broken back, arm and shoulder.

"At one point when I looked up and saw no parachute, that was the most terrifying thing I've ever seen," Bravo told '60 Minutes' in his first public account of the incident. "So I paused, right then, and I prayed, 'Lord, your will be done. But if I'm getting through this, I need help, " he said.

CBS News reported that Bravo landed around five miles from Alpha and moved away from the crash site despite his injuries. He eventually climbed towards a 7,000-foot ridgeline and remained concealed in the mountainous terrain. Alpha was rescued during a US operation several hours after the aircraft was shot down, but the rescue team was unable to locate Bravo and withdrew, according to the report.

US War Secretary Pete Hegseth said he was informed of the incident after the aircraft went down and ordered preparations to locate the crew. — ANI

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LIFESTYLE

Deadly infectious diseases vaccines protect us from

The WHO recommends vaccination against deadly diseases in childhood, but how long does protection last, and how do they work?

Vaccines completely revolutionised public health when they were first created by Edward Jenner in 1796. They have protected billions of people worldwide against harmful and fatal viral diseases, even successfully eradicating diseases like smallpox and rinderpest.

Over the last 50 years alone, vaccines have saved 101 million children's lives around the world, according to estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO). Vaccines are available to protect against more than 30 life-threatening diseases and infections. The WHO recommends that every child should get vaccinated against these diseases: tuberculosis, hepatitis B, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type B, pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, measles, rubella, and human papillomavirus.

Then there are other optional vaccines which protect against diseases like seasonal flu, COVID-19, and tick-borne Encephalitis. But which vaccines require boosting and which ones provide lifelong protection? And when should you take them to get the best protection?

In this article, we'll explain what you need to know about how vaccines can protect you against some of the world's deadliest diseases.

MMR vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella

Measles was declared eliminated in several countries, including the US in 2000. However, vaccine uptake in many regions has dipped below the 95% immunization target, which is required to achieve herd immunity in a population.

As such, measles is making a global comeback — outbreaks are happening around the world.

There are individual vaccines to protect against measles, mumps and rubella, however, these are often administered together in a single MMR vaccine.

The MMR vaccine is usually given in two doses and is recommended in children from six months of age. It's considered 96% effective against measles, 86% against mumps, and 89% against rubella.

About the vaccine

The MMR vaccine contains live attenuated viruses for each of its three targets. Live attenuated viruses train the immune system to kill a live virus if you become infected. They contain significantly weakened versions of these viruses, making them targets for the human immune system to recognize and trigger antibody responses, but not cause disease.

Depending on the type of MMR vaccine, they also contain stabilizers like sorbitol, a naturally occurring substance often used as an artificial sweetener, emulsifiers to bind ingredients together, and occasionally small traces of antibiotics.

BCG (Bacillus Calmette-Guerin) vaccine for tuberculosis

The BCG vaccine is recommended in parts of the world with high levels of tuberculosis (TB). TB is a bacterial disease that has been infecting humans for thousands of years. It is likely the single biggest killer among infectious diseases worldwide.

About the BCG vaccine

The BCG vaccine was first developed at the Pasteur Institut in France by Albert Calmette and Camille Guerin in 1900. They eventually produced a viable candidate for trial, which has been in use for more than 80 years. Some countries, such as the US and UK, have low rates of TB and now choose not to include the BCG vaccine in their routine schedule.

The BCG vaccine consists of an attenuated strain of Mycobacterium bovis, the bacterium that causes TB. It is usually administered by applying the liquid vaccination to the upper arm and pricking the skin at the site for it to be absorbed into the body.

HBV vaccine for Hepatitis B

There are several types of hepatitis, but the hepatitis B (HBV) subtype is especially dangerous, causing liver diseases and potentially cancer.

About the HBV vaccine

The Hepatitis B virus infection affects the liver and can be transmitted from mother-to-child at birth, through sexual activity and bodily fluids, and exposure to needles. A hepatitis B vaccine is available that provides potentially lifelong protection.

The hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for children around the world. It is usually administered as a multi-dose protocol as soon as possible after birth. It is also recommended as a priority vaccine for patients who require blood transfusions, dialysis and diabetes treatments, organ recipients and those with liver disease, HIV or hepatitis C.

The vaccine contains the inactivated surface antigen of the hepatitis B molecule — the molecule on the outside of the virus that is recognised by human immune cells.

The vaccine is produced by inserting the genetic code for this antigen into yeast cells and combining it with ingredients to enhance its effectiveness.

Polio vaccines

Polio was once a devastating disease capable of causing paralysis and death. Vaccine campaigns nearly eradicated the virus, but waning vaccination rates in certain parts of the world risk bringing forms of the disease back.

About the polio vaccines

There are two polio vaccines: an oral "live-attenuated" vaccine (OPV) and an inactivated virus vaccine (IPV).

The IPV, first developed by US physician Jonas Salk in the 1950s, protects against all three wild-type viruses.

This injected vaccine contains dead viral particles.

The OPV was developed by growing the three types of polio viruses on non-human cells to attenuate them. When administered orally, it enables the human immune system to mount a strong response to weak viruses that can't cause disease.

The oral vaccine does not cause polio in vaccine recipients. However, this weakened form of the virus can build strength in the environment over time if it interacts with many unvaccinated people. As a result, authorities also track "vaccine-derived polio." The most recent data from the GEI suggested around 900 of these cases were detected in 2024, primarily in Africa and Southeast Asia.

DTP-containing vaccines prevent three infections

Sometimes, vaccines against many different infections are combined into a single course. That's often the case with so-called DTP-containing vaccines, which exist in different formulations, depending on the country and target group. They protect against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

About the vaccines

Unlike other vaccines recommended from early childhood, DTP vaccines require boosters throughout life to ensure ongoing protection against the bacteria that cause these potentially deadly diseases.

Diphtheria and tetanus vaccines contain inactivated "toxoids" produced by the disease-causing bacteria. The immune system learns to target these toxic products rather than the bacteria themselves.

The pertussis vaccines will either contain a toxoid or an "acellular" vaccine, meaning they introduce specific subunits of the pertussis bacteria for the immune system to fight, instead of a complete bacterial cell.

Rotavirus vaccine

Rotavirus is a common infection that most people have during childhood. It can be very dangerous for newborns and fatal in severe cases.

About the vaccine

Rotavirus causes a range of symptoms including diarrhea, vomiting and fever. The rotavirus vaccine doesn't necessarily prevent rotavirus infection but reduces both the duration and severity of illness from infection.

Rotavirus vaccines are live attenuated vaccines, so they contain weakened rotaviruses to be targeted by a child's immune system.

Hib vaccines for Haemophilus influenza

Haemophilus influenza is a bacterial infection, of which the "B" subtype (Hib) is considered the most dangerous. While these bacteria can often cause a range of mild infections in the body, Hib has been known to become "invasive", infecting the bloodstream where it can spread to vital organs and the spinal cord and cause meningitis. It can also cause pneumonia and sepsis.

About the Hib vaccine

Hib vaccines have helped reduce global infection numbers substantially, such that childhood deaths mainly occur in countries where access to immunisation is low.

The vaccine comes in several formulations as a "conjugate", meaning complex sugars from the Hib bacterium are attached to the molecules of other vaccines to generate a better immune response.

Pneumococcal conjugate for pneumococcal disease

The bacteria Streptococcus pneumoniae can cause pneumococcal disease.

About the pneumococcal vaccines

Pneumococcal vaccines were developed in the 1970s and licensed for the first time in the 1980s. Studies estimate pneumococcal cases halved between 2000 and 2015 thanks to vaccination programs.

There are several different formulations of pneumococcal vaccines used across the world to protect against pneumococcal diseases. These conjugate polysaccharide sugars are from several different types of Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria, usually diphtheria toxoids.

HPV vaccines for human papillomaviruses

There are around 200 types of human papillomaviruses (HPV). An HPV infection can have a range of effects from causing no symptoms at all, to skin warts or genital herpes, or several forms of cancer. The first vaccine was approved for use in 2006 and was initially targeted towards young adolescent girls to prevent cervical cancer.

About the HPV vaccines

The HPV vaccine is a relatively new advancement in health, having become licensed and distributed in the late 2000s. Because of this, research into how long the immunity provided by the vaccine lasts is still being learned through follow-up assessments.

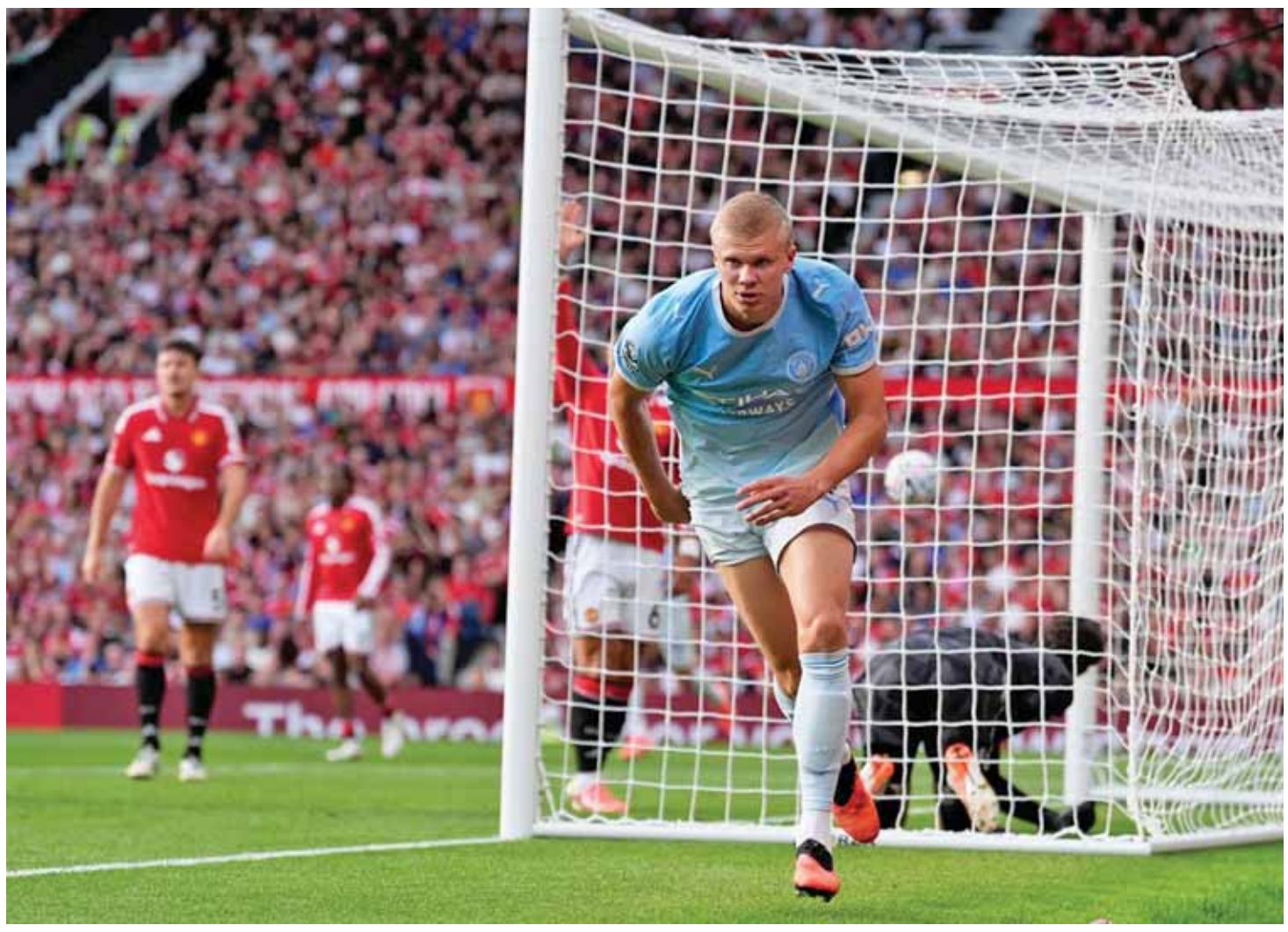
So far, data shows that HPV vaccines provide protection from the virus for at least a decade. A newer form of vaccine called Gardasil 9 has been found to offer at least six years of protection.

The vaccine contains replica surface proteins for several types of HPV, providing safe targets for the immune system to build an antibody response. — DW

SPORTS

Referees body admits 'error of judgment' after Haaland goal

Ten-man City won 1-0 against United in a Manchester derby on Sunday



MANCHESTER: The governing body of Premier League referees admitted an "error of judgment" after Erling Haaland's hotly contested goal settled the 199th Manchester derby on Sunday.

That will be of little comfort to Manchester United after a 1-0 defeat to 10-man Manchester City at Old Trafford.

United was enraged after VAR awarded Haaland his winning strike in the 60th minute.

At first, the goal was ruled out for offside, but after VAR review the onfield decision was overturned, sparking a roar of celebration from the away fans, including Oasis' Noel Gallagher.

United's players were incensed because City midfielder Enzo Fernandez was in an offside position during the buildup. The Premier League said the goal was allowed because, despite diving to head the ball, the Argentine did not get a touch before it reached Haaland at the far post. However, football rules state a player is interfering with play when "clearly attempting to play a ball" or "challenging an opponent for the ball."

'Error of judgment'

The refereeing body that oversees Premier League matches, Pro Ref, said Sunday evening that the VAR "did not recognise the likely impact" of Fernandez's position and "should have recommended an onfield review."

Pro Ref said it had made contact with United to acknowledge an "error of judgment" relating to the winning goal. United defender Lisandro Martinez, who was challenging Fernandez, had called the goal an "injustice" and coach Michael Carrick was also perplexed.

"I just don't get it, I really don't get it," he said. "It's worrying, it really is if that's how the game is seen by those who are officiating."

Asked at the time if he thought he would get a better explanation from the referee's governing body or even an apology, Carrick said, "I look forward to that." While acknowledgement of the error came soon afterward, it was too late to prevent United falling to a second defeat of the season after four games.

Red card for Foden

City's fans may have felt justice was done after Phil Foden was sent off in the 23rd for kicking out at Bruno Fernandes.

Foden and City's players remonstrated on the field and coach Enzo Maresca said Fernandes should also have been shown a red for the altercation. With an extra man United hit the post either side of halftime - first from Marcus Rashford's long-range free kick and then Kobbie Mainoo's low shot from the edge of the area.

It was Maresca's first derby since taking over from Pep Guardiola at the end of last season and victory extended City's 100% start to the season.

City moved level on points with defending champions Arsenal at the top of the standings.

"The red card changed the plan of the game, but credit to the players and their effort, spirit and togetherness was brilliant," Maresca said. "It is already an abnormal situation when you are able to win a game with 10 players. It is fantastic. Then this game is a derby so it is even better."

United are 13th in the standings with just one win from four games.

Carrick's team plays Brighton in the English League Cup on Wednesday, having been knocked out of the competition at the earliest stage against fourth division Grimsby last season.

"We haven't got as many points as we would have liked at this point, for sure. There's no getting away from that. But we don't need a break or a restart. We've just got to move on and get winning again," Carrick said.

Another record for Haaland

Haaland's goal makes him the outright top scorer in the Manchester derby in the Premier League with nine. He moved ahead of Wayne Rooney and Sergio Aguero, both on eight. He has reached that total in eight games, compared to Rooney's 21 appearances and Aguero's 13.

It was Haaland's sixth goal of the season in all competitions.

"You can see he's happy, not only today, even day by day in the training sessions," Maresca said. "As much as we keep Erling happy, we are all happy. How do you say in English, 'happy wife, happy life?'

"Happy Erling, happy life."

City extended their record as the team to have won more games against United at Old Trafford in the Premier League than any other opponent, with 10 victories. Liverpool are second with eight wins. Arsenal and Chelsea have six.

Coventry routed

Coventry's nightmare start to the season continued with a 5-0 home loss to Brighton.

After running away at the top of the Championship last season it has been a rude awakening for Frank Lampard's team since its return to England's top flight.

Four straight defeats leave Coventry rooted to the foot of the standings without a goal and a goal difference of minus 10.

Brighton led 1-0 at halftime through Charalampos Kostoulas before going on a scoring spree after the break with goals from Malick Yalcouye, Pascal Gross, Lewis Dunk and Yasin Ayari. - Agencies

EUROPEAN LEAGUES

Yamal scores twice as Barcelona maintain perfect start in La Liga

BARCELONA: Barcelona survived a late fightback from Levante before winning 4-3 to continue their perfect start to the La Liga campaign and move three points clear of Real Madrid at the top of the table on Sunday.

The defending champions appeared to be cruising towards a fifth-consecutive league victory when Lamine Yamal scored his second goal of the game, and Barcelona's third, from the penalty spot just three minutes into the second half.

The Spain international's first strike had come after a cut-back from Raphinha, adding to the opener scored by fellow teenager Xavi Espart inside five minutes.

But the home side were handed a lifeline when Barcelona began to lose their focus and composure, allowing substitute Ivan Romero to pounce on a defensive error from Espart and pull one back with 11 minutes remaining.

That goal sparked Levante into life, and nine minutes later they were celebrating again as Roger Brugue bundled home from close range to set up a nervy finale at the Estadio Ciudad de Valencia.

However, Hansi Flick's side held their nerve and sealed all three points in second-half stoppage time when substitute Karim Adeyemi fired past Matthew Ryan to restore his side's two-goal cushion and seal an important win.

Also, Atletico Madrid won 3-0 at Real Sociedad with late goals from Alejandro Grimaldo, Jonathan David and Giuliano Simeone.

Kane on target

Elsewhere in Europe, the Bundesliga's biggest club needed a second-half winner from Harry Kane to beat the league's smallest side as Bayern Munich won 2-1 at promoted Elversberg.

Lennart Karl put Bayern ahead early on before substitute Maurice Krattenmacher equalised for Elversberg in the 61st.

Kane's winner came in the 72nd as the England forward scored through traffic after Elversberg gave away possession under high pressing. It was Kane's 99th Bundesliga goal in 97 matches.

Elversberg entered the match ahead of Bayern in the table after stunning two former champions: Bayer Leverkusen and Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Also, European champions Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) finally earned their first league win of the season with a 1-0 victory at Brest.

A backheel pass from Ousmane Dembele set up a goal for Ferran Torres five minutes in for PSG.

It was Torres' fourth goal in two matches after a hat-trick in a 6-1 rout of Slovan Bratislava in the Champions League on Wednesday. - Agencies

CZECH STAR

Former West Ham goalie Mikloško dies at age of 64

PRAGUE: Former Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic and West Ham goalkeeper Luděk Mikloško has died. He was 64.

His death was announced on Monday by his family and by Baník Ostrava, the Czech club where Mikloško spent eight years before moving to England and where he served as sporting director despite fighting cancer the last five years.

Mikloško joined West Ham in February 1990, becoming the first Czech to make an impact in the English football after the 1989 Velvet Revolution that ended the communist rule in Czechoslovakia, and made 373 appearances for the club. He was voted West Ham's player of the year following his first season, helping it secure promotion to the English top flight.

He was loved by supporters, who would sing at matches "My name is Luděk Mikloško, I come from near Moscow, I play in goal for West Ham." He could speak only a few English words when he arrived in England.

"Rest in peace Luděk, our beloved, inspirational goalkeeper and gentle giant of a man," West Ham said in a statement.

The club said Mikloško will be honored before Tuesday's League Cup third-round match against Fulham and also the Championship game against Queens Park Rangers on October 9.

Mikloško moved to QPR in 1998 before retiring in 2001. Then, he returned to London to coach West Ham's goalkeepers until 2010. He also played 42 international games for Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. During his last visit to England in December 2024 to attend a game against Liverpool at the London Stadium, he confirmed he was diagnosed cancer and said in a statement he decided to withdraw from treatment.

"I decided not to take the chemotherapy, because I want to live a normal life," he said. "I have very good people around me, and I have my work and my football, which is my life, all I have known. I want to keep doing that for as long as I can." - Agencies

SAUDI PRO LEAGUE

Ronaldo demands lifetime bans over Jota chants

RIYADH: Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo has called for lifetime bans to be issued to fans who chanted the late Diogo Jota's name towards his international teammate Ruben Neves.

Liverpool forward Jota died in a car crash at the age of 28 in July last year, and was a close friend of midfielder Neves, having played together for Wolverhampton Wanderers and Portugal.

Supporters appeared to target Al Hilal midfielder Neves before his side's 6-0 win against Al Taawoun in the Saudi Pro League on Saturday by repeatedly shouting "Jota" at him.

"The league must take action and punish this kind of fan behaviour," forward Ronaldo, who also plays in the Saudi league for Al Nassr, wrote on social media.

"This is no longer football, and there have to be limits. People who behave like this should never be allowed to enter a stadium again."

Neves also now wears the No.21 shirt for Portugal in Jota's memory, and has a tattoo on his calf of him and Jota embracing.

Ronaldo played with both players for the national team.

In the footage, Neves can be seen sarcastically applauding a section of fans off-camera, before pointing to the sky and then looking towards them.

After the match, Neves told reporters: "I just hope they don't go to pray later after what they did."

Liverpool forward Jota died alongside his brother Andre Silva in the crash in the Spanish province of Zamora.

He scored 65 goals in 182 appearances for Liverpool after signing from Wolves in 2020, and made his international debut in 2019, scoring 14 goals in 49 games for Portugal.

"The company expressed its absolute rejection of such actions targeting players or their families, or intended to cause personal offence," Al Hilal said in a club statement.

Al Taawoun's statement said: "Such conduct is completely unacceptable and does not represent Al Taawoun, its supporters or the values for which its terraces are known."

The Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) and the Saudi Pro League (SPL) also condemned the supporters' behaviour on Sunday.

A joint statement said the conduct of some fans during the match was "inconsistent with the values of Saudi football and the principles of sportsmanship".

The statement added that exploiting personal tragedies "for the purpose of abuse or provocation is unacceptable behaviour that has no place in Saudi football". The SAFF said its relevant committees had identified the conduct in question and are investigating. - Agencies

ZVEREV DOWNS SHELTON TO LIFT MAIDEN US OPEN TITLE

The German dashed American hopes after winning the final that lasted three and half hours on Sunday

NEW YORK: Alexander Zverev knew what he was up against, playing a US Open final in a stadium full of people desperate to at last see another American champion.

He tuned out the screams for Ben Shelton for so long that he didn't even realise when he won in three-and-a-half hours, not hearing the chair umpire's announcement that the match was over.

"In that moment I was in the zone, a lot," Zverev said. "I didn't hear noise at all. I was in this kind of tunnel where I just didn't hear anything."

Zverev used that focus to win a second major championship and his first US Open crown and prevent a first Grand Slam title by an American man since 2003, beating Shelton 6-3, 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-2 on Sunday.

Zverev finally broke through in the majors by winning this year's French Open and followed up by adding the title in New York that he so painfully let slip away in 2020.

The No. 1 seed in a Grand Slam for the first time, he capitalised on Shelton's shaky start in his first major final, played a nearly flawless tie-breaker on serve and then turned back a comeback attempt in front of a crowd that feverishly cheered Shelton on — including girlfriend Trinity Rodman, who made it from her own football match in Washington before the finish.

"I know today 99.9% of the people wanted Ben to win, so I'm very sorry first of all," Zverev said during the trophy presentation.

"But second, it was an incredible atmosphere to play in. Even though I know that the crowd was against me, the crowd was always incredibly fair."

Shelton was trying to win the first title by an American man since Andy Roddick won in Flushing Meadows in 2003, as well as become the first Black player to win the men's crown since Arthur Ashe in 1968.

Six years ago, Zverev had squandered a two-sets-to-love lead in his maiden Major final against Dominic Thiem at Flushing Meadows.

When Shelton, who was playing in a Grand Slam final for the first time, broke Zverev's serve in the 12th game to clinch the third set in front of home crowd at the Arthur Ashe Stadium, doubts could have crept in but the 29-year-old German stayed focused.

Zverev broke Shelton immediately in the opening game of the fourth set before securing an insurance break in the seventh. This time, there were no hiccups as the top-seeded German served successfully to clinch his maiden US Open title.

Zverev was so focused while serving for the match that when Shelton's forehand return went sailing over the baseline, he didn't even realise that he had become only the second German man in the Open Era after Boris Becker (1989) to be crowned the US Open champion.

World No.2 Zverev entered the contest with a 5-0 head-to-head advantage over Shelton. However, the two players had never faced each other in a Major while their last meeting was at the 2025 ATP Finals.

Considering the fact that he had stunned defending champion Carlos Alcaraz and compatriot Frances Tiafoe in the last two rounds, Shelton would have been full of confidence.

"It's such a cool moment. Walking out on that court today, there's nothing like it. I've never felt anything like that before," Shelton said.

Zverev improved to 25-2 in major matches this year and won $5.5 million, matching the prize earned by women's champion Elena Rybakina on Saturday as the largest in Grand Slam history.

"You're one of the very best players in the world, maybe the best player in the world this year," Shelton told Zverev.

Zverev also reached the final at Wimbledon, falling to Jannik Sinner, and became the No.1 seed in New York when the top-ranked Sinner had to withdraw with a knee injury.

He made the most of opportunities that came when Carlos Alcaraz had to sit out two majors and Sinner missed another, after they played in three straight Grand Slam finals in 2025. - Agencies

Champ pays tribute to mother's support

NEW YORK: Alexander Zverev paid tribute to his mother after winning the US Open 2026 men's singles title on Sunday, thanking her for not letting juveline diabetes decide his future in sport.

The top seed beat American Ben Shelton at Flushing Meadows to win his second Grand Slam title of the year.

Zverev ended the long wait for a win at the four major tournaments at the French Open this year, beating Flavio Cobolli in five sets.

"When your four-year-old son is diagnosed with diabetes and doctors in the office tell you that life and sports will be very limited for that child, it takes a very strong mother to say 'my son will be whatever he wants to be'," Zverev said.

"If he wants to be a tennis player, he'll be a tennis player. If he wants to do something else, he'll do something else but this illness will not define us.

"I'm happy that we worked through it, and we're doing things that we're doing right now. My mother is the most important and strongest person I know because it takes an unbelievably strong woman to do what she did." He also thanked his coaching team which includes his father and brother Mischa.

"We went almost 30 years without winning a Grand Slam title and now we've won two in a span of three months," he said.

"I think God has seen how hard we've worked, how much we've suffered, how much pain we went through and I think 2026 is the outcome of all the years that happened before. Thank you, you are absolutely amazing and I couldn't be here without you." - Agencies

TENNIS

Top players to push for more pay reforms

NEW YORK: Top tennis players said on Monday they would cease to publicly campaign for greater influence and financial benefits from the four Grand Slams, choosing instead to pursue their objectives through a new Player Advisory Council.

Players launched their campaign in March 2025 for a greater voice in Grand Slam decision-making, more player welfare funding and a larger share of tournament revenues, including a proposal for them to receive 22% of tournament revenues as prize money.

The campaign gained momentum this year as players cut short pre-tournament media duties at the French Open and Wimbledon in protest, while the Grand Slams have all increased prize money amid growing pressure from the group.

The players said the agreement on a council and the progress toward their key objectives marked a "significant step" forward.

"The players will now work directly with the Grand Slams to establish the council, through which players themselves will be directly consulted and able to negotiate on an ongoing basis," the group said in a statement.

The group acknowledged that the Grand Slams had yet to meet players' target of receiving 22% of tournament revenues by 2030, but said prize money had risen significantly since the campaign began last year.

Prize pots have risen across the majors, with this year's purses reaching $79.92 million at the Australian Open, $71.56 million at the French Open, $86.79 million at Wimbledon and a record $108 million at the US Open.

The group estimated that more than $30 million of recent prize-money increases across the majors exceeded historical growth trends and welcomed a French Open proposal to link payouts to tournament profits.

Players said they would let the formally established council pursue their outstanding objectives through engagement with the four Grand Slams. They also welcomed the US Open becoming the first Grand Slam to commit $2 million toward player welfare. - Agencies

TENNIS RANKINGS

Djokovic's drop ends Big Three top-10 era

NEW YORK: George W Bush was president. The Euro currency had just gone into circulation. Tom Brady was coming off the first of his seven Super Bowl titles. And Ronaldo had just led Brazil to the World Cup trophy.

It's been nearly a quarter century since no member of the Big Three — Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic — appeared in the top 10 of the men's tennis rankings.

With the 39-year-old Djokovic — the last member of the trio still competing — dropping from No.5 to No.12 when the latest rankings were released on Monday, it's the first time since October 2002 that neither him, Federer nor Nadal appear in the first 10 entries of the list. Federer and Nadal retired in 2022 and 2024, respectively. Federer was 41 when he stopped and Nadal was 38.

Lleyton Hewitt was No.1 in October 2002 and — in a measure of just how much time has passed — his son, 17-year-old Cruz Hewitt, is now a rising professional.

Djokovic was beaten in the first round of the US Open by Mariano Navone 15 days ago.

It was Djokovic's earliest Grand Slam exit in two decades — dating back to the 2006 Australian Open — and the first time ever that he lost his opener at the US Open.

"I've been very proud of all the achievements in the past, but now is now," Djokovic said after the loss in New York.

Djokovic's 24 major titles are two more than Nadal's 22 and four more than Federer's 20.

Record ranking runs

Federer made his first appearance in the top 10 later in October 2002 and remained there until the end of 2016 – during which time he had a record run of 237 weeks as No.1.

Nadal entered the top 10 in April of 2005, during his breakout run as an 18-year-old on Europe's clay courts. The Spaniard remained there for a record 912 consecutive weeks until 2023.

Djokovic was the last of the Big Three to enter the top 10 in 2007. He's had a record of 428 total weeks at No.1.

In the new rankings, Sinner, Zverev and Alcaraz remained 1-2-3, respectively, while US Open finalist Ben Shelton jumped five spots to No.4.

Rybakina climbs to No. 1

The picture was a bit clearer on the women's side, where Elena Rybakina won two of the four Grand Slams this year, at the Australian Open and US Open.

Rybakina's run in New York enabled her to climb to No.1 in the rankings, ending Aryna Sabalenka's 99-week run at the top. - Agencies

BEAT USA 15-13

Hull and Woad shine in European Solheim triumph

DEN BOSCH: Charley Hull got the ball rolling as Europe's big names finally came to the fore in Sunday's singles as they wrested the Solheim Cup back from the USA with a 15-13 victory in the Netherlands.

Hull, who had garnered just half a point across the first two days in an unprofitable partnership with fellow Englishwoman Lottie Woad, led Europe out again on Sunday and claimed a 3&2 win over American livewire Megan Khang.

It delivered an immediate boost to Anna Nordqvist's team in the singles format that they have been unbeaten in since their last home defeat in 2015.

Woad, who alongside Hull is ranked among the top 10 players in the world, also delivered, with her 2&1 win over fellow debutant Auston Kim sparking wild celebrations on the 17th green at Bernardus Golf Club.

With Carlota Ciganda three holes up heading on to the 16th, it assured the hosts of reaching the 14-point tally required to triumph in the biggest team competition in women's golf. - Agencies

GOLF

Lowry claims Irish Open

DOONBEG: Shane Lowry produced a frontrunning masterclass to clinch a record 11-shot win at the Irish Open on Sunday and end his four-year wait for an individual title in emphatic style.

The 39-year-old Irishman, who entered the final round four strokes clear of Jacob Skov Olesen, carded a seven-under 63 to win his national open for the second time - 17 years after his first - amid joyous scenes at Trump International Golf Links in Doonbeg, County Clare.

Lowry shot 67-62-65-63 for a tournament record score of 257, while American Patrick Reed and Chile's Joaquin Niemann shared second place on 12 under.

Denmark's Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen matched Lowry's 63 to finish fourth. - Agencies

ROUND-UP

BankDhofar hosts Investment and Wealth Management Forum in Sohar

The forum forms part of BankDhofar's efforts to deepen engagement with customers and showcase its expanding range of private banking and wealth management solutions, as well as investment opportunities available to individuals, families, entrepreneurs and institutions

MUSCAT: BankDhofar organised an Investment and Wealth Management Forum in the Wilayat of Sohar under the patronage of HE Mohammed bin Sulaiman Al Kindi, Governor of North Al Batinah, and in the presence of senior bank officials and members of the executive management team.

The forum forms part of BankDhofar's efforts to deepen engagement with customers and showcase its expanding range of private banking and wealth management solutions, as well as investment opportunities available to individuals, families, entrepreneurs and institutions.

In her keynote address, Hind bint Abdulmalik Al Sabbagh, AGM Private Banking & Wealth Management at BankDhofar, said the forum reflects the bank's continued commitment to enhancing the customer experience and strengthening its position as a trusted financial partner for individuals, families and business owners.

She added that the initiative embodies BankDhofar's broader strategy of building enduring customer relationships founded on trust, personalised service and a deep understanding of customers' evolving aspirations, particularly against a backdrop of rapidly changing economic and investment landscapes.

BankDhofar's Private Banking and Wealth Management business is a key specialised area of the bank, offering a comprehensive suite of services and solutions that provide customers with access to local and international investment opportunities. Its offerings are designed to address the increasingly sophisticated requirements of high-net-worth individuals, families, entrepreneurs, institutions and other investment-focused customers.

The Wealth Management Division provides access to a diversified range of investment opportunities spanning equities, bonds and investment funds, alongside alternative asset classes such as private credit, real estate strategies and specialised global funds. BankDhofar also draws on strategic partnerships with leading international financial institutions to provide customers with greater access to global markets and research-driven investment insights, helping them make informed investment decisions across geographies and asset classes.

Complementing these capabilities, Private Banking offers a range of specialised solutions encompassing portfolio management, access to global asset classes, and advisory services covering estate planning, corporate structuring and the establishment of family offices. These services are designed to support the preservation, management and intergenerational transfer of wealth while addressing the increasingly complex financial and lifestyle requirements of affluent customers and their families.

Private Banking customers also benefit from premium services extending beyond conventional banking to areas such as lifestyle planning and inheritance management. This holistic approach reinforces BankDhofar's position as a comprehensive wealth management platform serving investment-focused individuals, entrepreneurs and family-owned businesses seeking personalised service, confidentiality, flexibility and access to global opportunities.

Through this integrated approach, BankDhofar seeks to build relationships that extend beyond individual transactions, supporting customers through different stages of wealth creation, preservation and succession while helping them navigate an increasingly complex global investment environment.

BankDhofar is the second-largest bank in the Sultanate of Oman in terms of branch network, with more than 145 branches across the country. Through its extensive physical and digital presence, the bank offers a broad range of banking solutions tailored to different customer segments, including women, youth, children, minors and high-net-worth individuals.

The bank also provides specialised wealth management services for affluent customers and their families, with a focus on managing and preserving wealth prudently, securely and with the highest standards of confidentiality.

AL IRFAN THEATRE OCEC

Saber Rebai, the Prince of Arabic Tarab, coming live to Muscat on 9 October, 2026

MUSCAT: Get ready for an extraordinary evening with the Prince of Arabic Tarab, Saber Rebai, in Muscat.

Saber Rebai takes the stage on October 9th, 2026, at Al Irfan Theatre – Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre (OCEC), for a spectacular night celebrating the authenticity of Arabic Tarab, the power of his voice and the depth of his music.

Experience his greatest hits and timeless songs in an elegant live experience created for an unforgettable night in Muscat.

Artist: Saber Rebai

Date: October 9th, 2026

Venue: Al Irfan Theatre – Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre

Tickets: Exclusively on Platinumlist

Saber Rebai... A night of Arabic Tarab you will never forget.

Book your tickets now and be part of this extraordinary evening.

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER PROMOTION

Four customers win JETOUR X90 Plus SUVs in lucky draw

MUSCAT: MHD Automobiles celebrates the conclusion of its successful summer promotion by presenting four lucky customers with brand-new SUVs

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman-MHD Automobiles LLC, the authorised distributor of JETOUR vehicles in the Sultanate of Oman, has announced the four winners of its highly anticipated Summer Campaign lucky draw, with each winner receiving a brand-new JETOUR X90 Plus SUV.

The lucky draw marked the conclusion of the "Celebrating our Customers this Summer" campaign, which gave customers purchasing a new JETOUR vehicle during the promotional period an opportunity to win one of four JETOUR X90 Plus SUVs.

The four winners were delighted to learn that they had won and expressed their happiness and surprise upon receiving the news. The unexpected prizes transformed their vehicle purchase into an even more memorable experience and reflected the excitement at the heart of the summer campaign.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Mohsin Hani AlBahrani, CEO of MHD ACERE, said: "It gives us me immense pleasure to congratulate the four winners of our the JETOUR campaign's lucky draw. Their happiness and genuine surprise made this occasion particularly rewarding for all of us. At MHD Automobiles, we believe that our relationship with our customers extends well beyond the purchase of a vehicle. Initiatives such as this allow us to thank them for their trust while creating memorable experiences that strengthen their connection with the JETOUR brand. We wish each winner many enjoyable journeys in their new JETOUR X90 Plus."

Attractive vehicle prices

The summer campaign offered customers a compelling combination of attractive vehicle prices, complimentary ownership benefits and the opportunity to win a premium family SUV.

Depending on the selected model, benefits included free insurance and registration, complimentary service up to 50,000 km and free window tinting on the JETOUR G700.

The JETOUR X90 Plus offers a combination of bold styling, generous interior space, advanced technology and everyday versatility. Designed to accommodate the needs of modern families, it delivers a comfortable and refined driving experience for both daily travel and longer journeys.

The successful conclusion of the campaign reflects JETOUR's growing presence in Oman and MHD Automobiles' continued commitment to delivering greater value, rewarding customer loyalty and creating engaging ownership experiences.

JETOUR vehicles are available across the Sultanate at showrooms in Azaiba, Mabela, Barka, Sohar, Buraimi, Salalah and the Mall of Oman.

For further information about the JETOUR range, customers may visit their nearest showroom or call 800 80 222.

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