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MEETING

Muscat Municipality reviews health services, sustainable health promotion initiatives



MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of State and Governor of Muscat, yesterday chaired the meeting of the Muscat Governorate Municipal Council.

During its meeting, the Council reviewed a presentation delivered by the Directorate General of Health Services for Muscat Governorate on the health services and programmes provided in the governorate, the associated performance indicators, completed development projects, and health projects within development plans, in addition to development and maintenance works and efforts to promote public health and community services. This reflects the integration of efforts among the relevant authorities in developing the health system and elevating the level of services provided to the community.

Within the framework of promoting the preventive approach, the presentation addressed the foremost orientations aimed at enhancing prevention and community health by supporting initiatives designed to improve quality of life and reduce health risk factors, thereby strengthening community health and the sustainability of preventive efforts.

The Council ratified the minutes of its previous meeting and the recommendations contained therein concerning the Ministry of Social Development's plan for

The Legal Affairs Committee addressed the regulations governing the housing of workers at construction sites located within residential neighbourhoods

2026, commending the efforts exerted to develop the social work system and enhance programmes and initiatives directed at various beneficiary groups, thereby contributing to supporting social development pathways and achieving the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

In the context of the meeting, the Council reviewed the recommendations of the standing committees on a number of service-related, regulatory, and development topics.

On the regulatory front, the Legal Affairs Committee addressed the regulations governing the housing of workers at construction sites located within residential neighbourhoods, in light of the potential social and health implications and manifestations affecting the character of residential areas.

It emphasised the importance of reviewing the regulatory controls and requirements to strike a balance between the requirements of construction work and the preservation of residents' safety and comfort. **>A6**

SULTANATE RANKS 47TH GLOBALLY IN INNOVATION INPUTS, JUMPS 8 PLACES

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GENEVA: The Sultanate of Oman has achieved notable progress in the innovation inputs pillar of the Global Innovation Index 2026 report, advancing 8 places to rank 47th globally, compared with 55th last year. This reflects the foundations, policies and programmes supporting innovation and the promising investment environment.

Oman remained stable at 69th globally in the overall ranking. The index, issued annually by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), measures 139 economies worldwide this year.

The report's findings indicated that 15 of Oman's sub-indicators within the overall index ranked among the world's top 40 countries. For example, Oman ranked 9th globally in net foreign direct investment inflows as a percentage of GDP, 14th globally in the level of development of specialized clusters, and 16th globally in electricity output per million population.

It also ranked 18th in the policy stability for doing business indicator, 20th in the information and communications technology access indicator, 22nd in the proportion of graduates in science, technology, engineering and



mathematics programmes, 24th in the entrepreneurship policies and culture indicator, and 26th in the university-industry research and development collaboration indicator.

The results of the index's pillar rankings at the level of the Sultanate of Oman showed progress in 6 of 7 pillars. The institutions pillar was the strongest performer, reaching 39th place, supported by policy stability and an effective regulatory environment. It was followed by the infrastructure pillar at 54th, then the market sophistication pillar at 58th, advancing 12 places from last year. **>A6**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Oman supports efforts to combat racism



1 The Sultanate of Oman has affirmed its commitment to international efforts aimed at combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance, safeguarding human dignity, and promoting the values of equality and mutual respect. **>A2**

WORLD

Etihaad Rail begins passenger train trial

2 Etihaad Rail has begun trial operations of its passenger train ahead of the official launch on Wednesday, as part of efforts to improve the efficiency of the transport system and provide safe, reliable mobility options. **>A7**

SPORTS

Al Rawahi inspires Omani racers

3 Omani rally driver Abdullah Al Rawahi is continuing his journey with notable achievements, most recently winning first place in the Jordan National Rally. **>A8**

24 TO 27 NOVEMBER

Hill Climb Challenge returns as part of Bidiyah Sands Carnival

MUSCAT: The Wilayat of Bidiyah in North Al Sharqiyah Governorate is preparing to host the Hill Climb Challenge, one of the region's prominent desert motorsport events, from 24 to 27 November 2026, as part of the extensive programme of the Bidiyah Sands Carnival 2026.

This year's carnival will be bigger and more diverse, running from 19 November to 19 December 2026.

The carnival will feature a wide range of events and championships, headlined by the Baja Rally, which will be hosted in the Sultanate of Oman for the first time, alongside various sporting competitions, challenges and accompanying activities aimed at strengthening Bidiyah's position as a destination for motorsport and adventure tourism.

The Hill Climb Challenge will



be one of the main highlights of the Bidiyah Sands Carnival 2026, following the strong success and significant public turnout achieved in previous editions.

The challenge has gained widespread popularity and attracts strong participation from competitors from both within the Sultanate of Oman and abroad.

Sheikh Faisal Al Hajri, President of the Bidiyah Automobile Endurance Racing Club, said: "The Hill Climb Challenge has become one of the most prominent events associated with Bidiyah.

Over the years, it has attracted significant public interest and strong participation from within and outside the Sultanate of Oman.

In 2025, the event welcomed approximately 600,000 visitors, reflecting its growing popularity and its strong appeal among motor-

sport and desert adventure enthusiasts." He added: "This year, we look forward to delivering an even bigger and more distinguished edition as part of the Bidiyah Sands Carnival 2026, which will run for five weeks and feature a diverse programme of sporting, entertainment and community activities, providing an integrated experience for visitors, families and motorsport enthusiasts."

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

Oman affirms commitment to combat global racism



NEW YORK: The Sultanate of Oman has affirmed its commitment to international efforts aimed at combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance, safeguarding human dignity, and promoting the values of equality and mutual respect.

This came during its participation in the high-level meeting to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Oman underscored the importance of translating international principles and commitments into tangible impact on the lives of peoples and communities.

The Sultanate of Oman's delegation was led by Sheikh Ambassador Mohammed Abdullah Al Qatabi, Head of the Organisations Department at the Foreign Ministry.

The Sultanate of Oman highlighted its steadfast approach based on dialogue, understanding, and coexistence, and the national and international initiatives it has translated into action, including the "Message of Peace" and "Human Fraternity," alongside the "Muscat Action Plan," which was launched at the United Nations Headquarters in June of this year.

The Plan aims to enhance the roles of traditional and indigenous leaders in countering hate speech and incitement, preventing geno-

cide and atrocity crimes, and contributing to mediation and peace-making.

In the conclusion of its statement, the Sultanate of Oman emphasised the importance of strengthening international co-operation, linking global commitments to action at the local level, benefiting from knowledge and expertise rooted in communities, and enhancing youth participation. It renewed its determination to continue working with the United Nations and the international community towards a world in which human dignity is safeguarded, diversity is respected, and differences are transformed into spaces for mutual understanding, cooperation, and peacebuilding. -ONA

Meeting held to enhance child protection system

The meeting aimed to enhance integration between academic and practical entities in the field of child protection



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Social Development, in cooperation with Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), organised on Tuesday the joint interactive scientific meeting titled "Child Protection as an Integrated System Between Research and National Mechanisms," held at SQU's Cultural Centre.

The meeting aimed to enhance integration between academic and practical entities in the field of child protection, and link the outcomes of studies and research with the national mechanisms adopted by the Ministry of Social Development, in a manner that contributes to developing the protection system and promoting the best interests of the child.

The meeting targeted specialists in a number of entities concerned with child protection, including the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Defense, Royal Oman Police (ROP), the Public Prosecution, the Ministry of Education, civil society organizations, Sultan Qaboos University students, thereby enhancing the exchange of expertise and experiences and the integration of roles in this field.

The meeting provided an opportunity to benefit from the efforts of Sultan Qaboos University students and their research outputs through approved Master's theses at Sultan Qaboos University, which contribute to supporting

and developing national practices in the field of child protection; as the meeting included reviewing a number of scientific studies and outputs related to child protection.

The meeting reviewed the updated Child Protection Guidance Manual for 2025, and its joint executive procedures among competent entities, alongside developing mechanisms for prevention, intervention, psychological rehabilitation, and community integration for children exposed to abuse, presented by Marwa Hassan Al Balushi, Head of the Protection House Department.

The organisation of the meet-

ing comes within the framework of the Ministry of Social Development's keenness, represented by the Department of Social Studies, to enhance partnership with Sultan Qaboos University, represented by the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the College of Arts and Social Sciences, and to benefit from scientific research results through approved scientific studies at Sultan Qaboos University in developing national practices and mechanisms concerned with child protection, contributing to raising individual and community awareness and fostering a safe and supportive environment for child growth. -ONA

LEGAL SKILLS



TRAINING: The course comprises comprehensive academic, legal and applied training that is designed to enhance the trainees' legal skills. - ONA

24 assistant judges trained, to join judicial system

MUSCAT: Acting in cooperation with the Higher Judicial Institute, the Supreme Judiciary Council is conducting a programme of intensive training for 24 assistant judges in preparation for their integration in the official judicial system.

The programme aims to attract national talents and groom a generation of specialised judicial personnel. The course comprises comprehensive academic, legal and applied training that is designed to enhance the trainees' legal skills. It includes practical

training on judicial procedures and ethics, with the prime objective of raising the professional competence and legal knowledge of the judges to prepare them for judicial work. The training programme constitutes part of the Supreme Judicial Council's operational plan. It also affirms the Council's keenness to improve judicial performance, achieve its goals of institutional development and realize its vision to establish a system of swift justice that properly upholds the rule of law. -ONA

OMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMIES LEAGUE



OFAL to kick off in Dhofar on Thursday

SALALAH: The 2nd edition of Oman Football Academies League (OFAL) will kick off in the Governorate of Dhofar on 1 October, 2026. The 3-day championship will be organised by the Directorate General of Culture, Sports and Youth in the governorate.

The matches will be held at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex for Culture and Entertainment

in Salalah. Through the football league, the Directorate General of Culture, Sports and Youth aims to furnish a sporting environment that helps hone the players' skills, discover promising football talents and groom a new generation of athletes.

It also seeks to foster the values of fraternity and cooperation among young people. - ONA

ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY

135 tonnes of sand returned to Salalah Beach after treatment for oil pollution

SALALAH: The Environment Authority, in cooperation with Arva Greentech Remediation company, returned 135 tonnes of sand to its natural location on Auqad Beach in Salalah, after its complete clearance of any oil derivatives, as part of natural rehabilitation and environmental sanitation efforts for areas affected by the oil pollution witnessed on Salalah beach.

Ali Salim Bait Said, Director General of Environment in Dhofar Governorate, stated that the return of these quantities of sand after their successful treatment represents a continuation of the national authority's efforts in preserving the Omani environment and sustaining its natural resources, emphasising to utilise modern, innovative, and environmentally neutral technologies reflects the EA's commitment to restoring balance to affected ecosystems in a



swift response to mitigate the impacts resulting from oil pollution.

It is worth noting that the return of the sand came following the success of treatment operations in which the patented "Arvox SRT

ReGen" technology was used—an environmentally neutral technology that operates by breaking down hydrocarbon compounds (oils) into safe basic components such as water, oxygen, and carbonates,

without using harmful chemicals or leaving any toxic residues, thereby restoring the sand to its natural properties and rendering it completely safe to return to the beach ecosystem. -ONA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Oman participates in virtual health event in Tunisia

TUNIS: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Health, participated on Tuesday in the proceedings of the International Virtual Health Event in Tunisia, which discusses the future of digital health, telemedicine, artificial intelligence, data governance, cybersecurity, infrastructure and financing.

The delegation of the Sultanate of Oman was headed by Sulaiman Nasser Al Haji, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health for Administrative and Financial Affairs.

The three-day event, which witnesses the participation of a

number of ministers, international officials and experts, and representatives of global health and financial organisations, focuses on developing partnerships and solutions that would support health services and enhance equity in access to healthcare.

The programme includes sessions on the digital transformation of healthcare, virtual hospitals, and the interconnection and integration of health systems and data, in addition to specialised workshops in artificial intelligence, digital health, and cybersecurity.

Participating in the event on

behalf of the Ministry of Health are several ministry officials and specialists from departments and sectors concerned with information technology, digital health, and the National Virtual Health Center.

This participation comes as part of the Sultanate of Oman's ongoing efforts to keep pace with comprehensive digital transformation in the health sector at the international level and to develop the infrastructure for virtual medical services, in line with the aspirations and pillars of "Oman Vision 2040". -ONA



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5-8 OCTOBER

Muscat to host world urban exhibition conference

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, represented by the Experience and Sales Centre at Sultan Haitham City, held a press conference on Tuesday to announce Muscat Governorate's hosting of the 6th edition of Urban October 2026 - Home, Build & Conference Exhibition from 5-8 October at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Maher Ali Al Hinai, Director of the Communication and Media Department at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, clarified that the exhibition is held this year under the slogan "Urban October" and on the occasion of World Habitat Day 2026, in partnership with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), to be the premier urban event in the region bringing together an elite group of leaders, experts, and innovators to shape a more sustainable future, open new horizons for investment, and accelerate the infrastructure readiness of tomorrow's cities.

He stated that the exhibition is witnessing a strategic shift toward global scale this year, as its total area has expanded to over 19,000 square metres compared to 800 square metres in its inception, pointing out that the event coincides with the Sultanate of Oman hosting "World Habitat



Day 2026" with the participation of a UN delegation headed by Anacláudia Rossbach, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, alongside participants from 50 countries around the world.

Al Hinai added that the conference sessions will include 50 specialised UN working papers focusing on the fields of housing, urban planning, quality of life, and urban resilience, noting that the exhibition will feature the participation of 160 real estate developers, 200 pavilions, and 100 global and local speakers, alongside organizing 25 accompanying events in several governorates, the participation of 25 projects by small and medium enterprises (SMEs), in addition to reviewing Omani future city projects before the international community.

He emphasised that this syn-

chronisation and international momentum solidify the inclusion of the event within the global calendar and reinforce the Sultanate of Oman's standing in international urban dialogue, facilitating knowledge transfer and the exchange of best practices to develop Omani cities.

He explained that the event combines showcasing the capabilities of the Omani market with leveraging UN expertise to realise direct investment and development opportunities, supported by the ultimate goal of World Habitat Day, which is providing adequate housing for all. The Director of the Communication and Media Department pointed out that the list of the exhibition's most prominent outcomes includes awarding tenders for new projects, providing new homeownership opportunities. -OMA

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Offer Subscription Period

11 October 2026 to 22 October 2026

OFFER NOTICE

This advertisement is a summary of the prospectus (“Prospectus”) of Bank Muscat Shari’a Money Market Fund (the “Fund”) approved by the Financial Services Authority of Oman (“FSA”) vide its Administrative Decision No. FSAP-2026/1093 dated 29 September 2026. The Fund is an open-ended investment fund established by Bank Muscat SAOG and Meethaq Islamic Banking (“Bank Muscat”) registered in the Sultanate of Oman as a specialized bank and licensed as an Investment Fund Manager in accordance with the regulations of the FSA. Terms used but not defined in this advertisement shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus.

This advertisement summary should not be relied on for making an investment decision and is not intended to be a substitute for reading the whole Prospectus. Each investor should read the Prospectus and Articles of Association of the Fund in full before making their investment decision. This advertisement summary has been extracted from the unofficial translation of the Prospectus prepared in Arabic and approved by the FSA.

Fund Name	Bank Muscat Shari’a Money Market Fund (Open-ended Fund)
Fund Sponsor	The Fund is sponsored by Bank Muscat SAOG and Meethaq Islamic Bank and will have a share of 5% of the capital of the Fund which it will, in accordance with the Executive Regulations, neither sell nor redeem for at least three years from the date of closure of the Initial Subscription Period.
Fund Address	Bank Muscat S.A.O.G., Asset Management Division P. O. Box 134, Postal Code 112, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman.
Fund Objectives	The primary objective of the Fund is to generate optimal return with preservation of capital and daily liquidity as the main objective through investments in Shari’a compliant fixed income securities issued in Oman / GCC and international markets. Given that the Fund is intended to be a Shari’a-compliant fund, it shall only invest in those securities which are certified/ confirmed as Shari’a compliant in accordance with pertinent Shari’a principles by the Shari’a Supervisory Committee or another certifying body of suitable authority.
Term	The Fund shall be an open-ended fund with an indefinite term.
Subscription Start Date	11 October 2026.
Subscription Closing Date	22 October 2026.
Fund's Financial Year	From 1st January until 31st December of each year, first year will commence from the end of the Initial Subscription Period until 31st of December of the same year.
Fund Currency	Rial Omani.
Fund Capital	Minimum: 2,000,000 Rials Omani (two million Rials Omani).
Administrator	Gulf Custody Company S.A.O.C.
Custodian	Gulf Custody Company S.A.O.C.
Issue Manager	Bank Muscat S.A.O.G.
Investment Manager	Bank Muscat S.A.O.G.
Legal Advisors	Al Busaidy, Mansoor Jamal & Co.
Collecting Banks	Bank Muscat S.A.O.G., Meethaq Islamic Bank Horizons Capital Markets S.A.O.C. Vision Capital Company S.A.O.C.
Shari’a Governance	Meethaq Islamic Bank.
Initial Subscription Price per Unit	﷮ 0.100.
Initial Subscription Period	From 11 October 2026 to 22 October 2026.
Minimum Subscription for Initial Issue	﷮ 100 per Subscriber.
Minimum Subscription During Subsequent Offer Period	﷮ 100 per Subscriber.
Maximum Subscription	There shall be no maximum limit on Subscription.
Subscription and Redemption Fees	Subscription fees: None. Redemption fees: None.
Redemption of Units	Unitholders may redeem the Units following the conclusion of the Initial Subscription Period. The minimum value of Units that may be redeemed by a Unitholder is ﷮ 100.
Net Asset Value (NAV)	The Net Asset Value per Unit is the Net Asset Value divided by the number of Units in issue. The valuation of the Units will be carried out on each Valuation Day. NAV per Unit will be published as per the guidelines of the FSA. The Net Asset Value is the value of the assets attributable to the Fund (including accrued income) less the attributable liabilities (including accrued charges and expenses and provisions for contingent liabilities as appropriate). Each purchase, issue, sale or redemption of Units shall be reflected in the first calculation of NAV following any such transaction.
Management Fee	The Investment Manager is entitled to investment management fees of 0.50% per annum of the Total Asset Value of the Fund plus any applicable VAT and other taxes. The management fee will be calculated based on the daily Total Asset Value of the Fund and paid monthly in arrears.
Risk Factors	Investments in the Fund shall be exposed to risks. The Fund does not guarantee any returns. Please refer to Chapter IV of the Prospectus for further discussions on key risk factors applicable to this Fund.
Auditor	BDO LLC.
Taxation	As per the Income Tax Law No. 28 of 2009 (as amended), income accruing to investment funds set up in Oman under the Securities Law shall be exempted from tax in Oman. However, the income earned by the Fund may be subject to foreign taxation to the extent income is derived from other jurisdictions. Please refer to Chapter XV of the Prospectus.
Eligible Investors	The Fund is open for investment to retail and non-retail investors within and outside Oman who are not US Persons. All investors, including investors located outside of Oman, are responsible for ensuring they inform themselves of, and are permitted to subscribe for Units under, all applicable laws and regulations, including the laws and regulations of Oman and of their jurisdiction (if different). Please also carefully read the information set out in the Important Notice, in the Prospectus.
Advisor Fees	N/A.
Performance Fees	N/A.
Other Fund Expenses	The Fund will also deduct other operating expenses as discussed in detail in Chapter XIV of the Prospectus.
Dividends	The Fund's dividend policy is set within the framework of the Executive Regulations, wherein the Investment Manager will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on whether to distribute the dividends out of any proceeds and returns from the investments or other balances available to the Fund. The Board of Directors may decide to distribute by way of dividends or other distributions to Unitholders out of the proceeds and returns from the investments or other balances available to the Fund as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors after considering the recommendations of the Investment Manager and in accordance with the applicable laws and Executive Regulations. No distribution may be made except from distributable profits after deducting all necessary costs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FUND

Investment Objective

The primary objective of the Fund is to generate maximum returns with preservation of capital and daily liquidity through exposure to listed /unlisted high quality Shari’a compliant fixed income instruments, in the Oman / GCC region and international markets.

Investment Strategy

A money market fund is a type of mutual fund that will invest in low-risk securities. These funds have relatively low risks compared to other mutual funds and generate returns that generally reflect short-term profit gains. In line with the above, Bank Muscat Shari’a Money Market Fund seeks to generate maximum returns with preservation of capital and daily liquidity as the main objective.

The Fund seeks to achieve this by investing in liquid, high-quality Shari’a-compliant securities issued by banks, governments, government entities, quasi-governments & other entities, listed/unlisted in the Oman / GCC region and international markets.

Board of Directors

The Articles of Association of the Fund and the Prospectus form the foundations of the constitution of the Fund and unless any of their provisions are in conflict with the Securities Law, the Executive Regulations or the rules and directives issued by the FSA (that are currently in force during the date of this notice), the provisions mentioned therein shall be complied with.

The Fund shall be managed and supervised by the Board of Directors elected by the General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association.

The Board shall comprise of three (3) board members including the Independent Directors. When constituting the Board of Directors, the minimum requirement for Independent Directors, as set out in the Executive Regulations, shall apply.

Where any member's position falls vacant for any reason during the period between two AGMs prior to the end of the term, the vacant position shall be filled in from among the candidates who were not elected in the most recent Board election held before the AGM, according to the order of the highest number of votes obtained by each candidate. If two candidates receive an equal number of votes, the Board shall choose one of them. If there are no remaining candidates, the Board may appoint a person to occupy the vacant seat until the next AGM.

The following three (3) board members have been appointed by the Issue Manager in agreement with the Sponsor for a period not exceeding one (1) year from the date of the registration of the Fund with FSA:

- Mr. Hussein Abdul Redha Al Lawati;
- Mr. Youssef Ali Balushi; and
- Mr. Bader Al Amri.

Shari’a Supervisory Committee

The role of advising the Fund in matters related to Shari’a has been entrusted to the Shari’a Supervisory Committee constituting of the following members:

- H.E Dr. Abdullah bin Mubarak Al-Abri - Chairman
- H.E Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin - Deputy Chairman
- Dr. Ahmed Rufai Mohammed – Member
- Sheikh Mohammed Khatim Al-Dhuhli - Member

SUBSCRIPTION CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

Subscription Eligibility

Investment in the Units is open to Omani and non-Omani institutions/individuals (other than US Persons) provided that they meet the eligibility requirements specified in Initial Subscription Form and/or in the Subscription Application Form.

The Fund is not open to investment from Sanctioned Persons or persons (including persons owned or controlled by such persons) located or headquartered in jurisdictions that are subjected to Embargoes.

The Fund, the Investment Manager, and their affiliates seek to comply with all applicable anti-money laundering, economic sanctions, anti-bribery and anti-boycott laws and regulations applicable to them and in the jurisdictions in which they conduct business, other applicable laws and regulations relating to the prevention of money laundering and other similar applicable laws and regulations (collectively, the “**Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism Laws**”) as may be amended from time to time.

As such, by submitting a Subscription Application each Subscriber represents and warrants that they and all of their beneficial owners are not: (i) in breach of the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism and Anti-Money Laundering Laws, (ii) US Persons, (iii) Sanctioned Persons or otherwise listed on any economic sanctions list or (iv) persons (including persons owned or controlled by such persons) located or headquartered in jurisdictions subject to Embargoes. The Fund has the right at any time to procure information from the Subscriber to verify the accuracy of these representations and warranties and the Subscriber is required to provide any such requested information promptly upon receipt of any such request.

Should the representations and warranties of the Subscriber given under the previous paragraph of this Prospectus be false or misleading, the Fund shall have the right to freeze the account of the Subscriber and a right to compulsorily redeem, at its sole and absolute discretion and at any time, the relevant Subscriber's Units at the prevailing NAV less the costs and liabilities caused to the Fund as a result of the Subscriber's breach of such representations and warranties.

The Fund shall comply with all requirements of Omani law relating to the prevention of money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-terrorism, trade embargoes, and economic sanctions, now or hereafter in effect.

Initial Subscription Period

Minimum Size for Fund's Establishment

The Fund will be established with a minimum initial size of R.O. 2,000,000 on cumulative basis for the Units. In the event that subscriptions received during the Initial Subscription Period are less than R.O. 2,000,000 on cumulative basis, then all application money received during the Initial Subscription Period shall be refunded to the respective applicants.

Initial Subscription Form

Potential investors may obtain Initial Subscription Form from the main office(s) of the Collecting Banks/ Agent or from the office of the Issue Manager. The Initial Subscription Form will also be available on the digital platforms of Bank Muscat S.A.O.G. and mobile application of Meethaq Islamic Bank. Digital copies of the Prospectus would be available on the websites of MSX and FSA.

Initial Subscription Price

During the Initial Subscription Period, the Initial Subscription Price shall be ﷮ 0.100 per Unit.

Subscription Fee

None.

Minimum Subscription for Initial Issue

The minimum Initial Subscription shall be ﷮ 100 per Subscriber and thereafter in multiples of ﷮ 100.

Maximum Subscription for Initial Issue

There is no maximum limit on subscription.

Initial Subscription Period

The Initial Subscription Period shall be from 11 October 2026 to 22 October 2026 during Business Hours.

Mode of subscription during the Initial Subscription Period

- Each Subscriber should contact one of the Collecting Banks/Agent for further guidance on the channel made available by the Collecting Banks/Agent for submission of a Subscriber's application.
- Subscribers shall be required to fill in a complete Initial Subscription Form and furnish all their particulars as required in the form, including the “Civil Status Number” and “date of birth”, copy of the “Birth Certificate” in case of minor children, and “Commercial Registration Number” in case of companies, etc.
- Subscribers shall complete and submit the Initial Subscription Form through one of the Collecting Banks/Agent, along with payment in the form accepted by the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent towards the Units and ensuring that the documents in support of the information furnished referred to above are provided.
- In case of payment of the value for the subscription made through cheque/demand draft, the same shall be submitted in favour of “Bank Muscat Shari’a Money Market Fund” or as otherwise advised by the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent.
- Once completed, the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent will validate the Subscriber's application on and will provide the Subscriber with a copy of the acknowledgement of their application. Each Subscriber should ensure that they receive a copy of the acknowledgement from the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent.
- Before filling in the Initial Subscription Form, each Subscriber is required to examine this Prospectus and read the conditions and procedures governing subscription for Units. Each Subscriber shall have the responsibility of submitting all particulars, ensuring correctness and validity of information provided in the Initial Subscription Form when submitting the application.

Subscription during the Initial Subscription Period on Behalf of minor children

- Any person aged less than 18 years as of the first day of the Initial Subscription Period will be considered a minor.
- A father may subscribe on behalf of his minor children.
- If an Initial Subscription Form is submitted on behalf of a minor by any person other than the minor's father, the person submitting the Initial Subscription Form will be required to attach a legally valid power of attorney authorizing him or her to deal in the funds of the minor through sale, purchase and investment.

Bank Account and Documentation Details

- Along with the duly completed Initial Subscription Form, the Subscriber is required to submit a document confirming the correctness of the bank account number as provided for in the Initial Subscription Form.
- In case the Subscriber is applying for subscription through a Collecting Bank/Agent in which he/she does not hold an account, he/she can subscribe by submitting any document from his/her bank evidencing his/her account number and name such as the upper portion of the bank account statement issued by the bank containing these particulars only or a letter or any document issued by the bank containing the said information. The Subscriber shall ensure that the evidence submitted is clearly readable and contains the account number and full name of the account holder.
- An application for subscription which contains the bank account number of a person other than the Subscriber shall be rejected, except for an application made on behalf of minor children that contains bank accounts particulars of their father or legal guardian.
- A copy of a valid power of attorney duly endorsed by the competent legal authorities must be submitted in the event the subscription is made on behalf of another person (with the exception of a subscription made on behalf of minor children by their father).
- In case of applications by juristic persons (non-individuals), which are signed by a person in his/ her capacity as an authorized signatory, a copy of adequate and valid documentation evidencing their authority should be provided.
- The Subscriber is required to provide valid email address for communication and mobile number for receiving alerts. Any Subscriber not providing this information can lead to rejection of the application.
- Set out below is a check list for documentation that must be submitted by applicants for Units, together with any other documents that may be deemed necessary by the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent, the Registrar or Transfer Agent or the Administrator or may be requested by the authorities concerned.

Applicant	Documents Required
Omani Nationals – 18 years and above	1. Copy of the passport or Identity Card 2. Proof of Bank Account
Non-Omani Nationals	1. Copy of the passport 2. Resident Card 3. Proof of Bank Account
Minor below 18 years, Both Omani and Non-Omani Nationals	1. For Omani national: Copy of birth certificate of the minor, / identity card copy. 2. Father's Identity Card or Passport Copy (where he is applying on behalf of the minor). 3. Proof of Bank Account. 4. For non-Omani nationals: Passport copy and resident card copy. 5. Proof of Address.
Companies and Enterprises	1. Commercial registration copy or its equivalent for overseas registered companies. 2. List of authorized signatories as registered with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Investment Promotion. 3. ID copies of the signatories to the application. 4. Proof of Bank Account. 5. Ultimate Beneficial Owner details and other details as may be required.
Authorities and Pension	1. Copy of constitutive decree or establishment decision. 2. List of authorized signatories. 3. ID copy of the signatory to the application. 4. Proof of Bank Account.

Investor Identification and Anti-Money Laundering

The Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and the Administrator reserve the absolute right to require further verification of the identity of each potential Unitholder or that of the person or entity on whose behalf the potential Unitholder is applying for Units. Each potential Unitholder will provide evidence in a form and substance satisfactory to the Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and the Administrator of its identity and, if so required, the source of its funds, within a reasonable time period as determined by the Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and the Administrator. Pending the provision of such evidence, an application for Units will be postponed. If a potential Unitholder fails to provide satisfactory evidence within the time specified, or if a potential Unitholder provides evidence but the Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent or the Administrator are not satisfied with such evidence, the subscription application may be rejected, in which event any money received by way of application will be returned to the applicant by bank transfer to the account from which the monies originated, without any addition thereto and at the risk and expense of the applicant.

The Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and the Administrator reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of a prospective Unitholder. In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Investment Manager, the Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent, the Registrar and Transfer Agent and the Administrator may in their discretion refuse to accept the application from such potential Unitholder and the subscription monies relating thereto.

If any person who is a resident of Oman suspects that a payment made in relation to the Fund contains the proceeds of criminal conduct, that person is required to report such suspicion pursuant to the Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism Law promulgated by Royal Decree 30/2016, as amended.

Unitholders will also be expected to comply with the anti-money laundering regulations of their respective jurisdictions to the extent that they are applicable to their investment in the Units.

Submission of the Initial Subscription Form

Each applicant shall submit a duly completed Initial Subscription Form for initial subscription to one of the following Collecting Banks/Agent, or the Registrar and Transfer Agent during official working hours in the Initial Subscription Period:

- Bank Muscat S.A.O.G.
- Meethaq Islamic Bank
- Horizons Capital Markets S.A.O.C.
- Vision Capital Company S.A.O.C.

The applicants may also use digital platforms of Bank Muscat and mobile application of Meethaq to subscribe at any time, prior to the close of the Initial Subscription Period.

The Collecting Banks/Agent or Registrar and Transfer Agent receiving the Initial Subscription Form shall be required to accept the Initial Subscription Form after confirmation of compliance with all relevant procedures and requirements, in line with the requirements as provided for in this Prospectus. The Collecting Banks/Agent or Registrar and Transfer Agent shall instruct applicants to comply with and fulfil any requirements that may appear in the Initial Subscription Form and this Prospectus.

Acceptance or rejection of applications for subscription of Units

The Collecting Bank receiving the initial subscription shall not accept Initial Subscription Forms under the following circumstances:

- if the Initial Subscription Form does not bear the signature of the applicant;
- in case of failure of payment of the full value of the Units subscribed;
- if the value of the Units subscribed for is paid through cheque and if the same is dishonored for any reason;
- if the Initial Subscription Form is submitted under joint names;
- if the Subscriber has subscribed through more than one Initial Subscription Form in the same name;
- if the supporting documents referred to in this Prospectus are not enclosed with the Initial Subscription Form;
- if the Initial Subscription Form does not contain all the particulars of the bank account of the applicant;
- if any particulars of the bank account held by the applicant as provided for in the Initial Subscription Form are noted to be incorrect;
- if the particulars of the bank account provided for in the application are found to be not relevant to the applicant, with the exception of applications submitted in the names of minor children, who are allowed to make use of the particulars of the bank accounts held by their father;
- in case of failure to submit any relevant power of attorney with the application as required by this Prospectus in respect of the person who subscribes and signs on behalf of another person (with the exception of a father who subscribes on behalf of his minor children);
- if the application has not complied with the legal and organizational requirements as provided for in this Prospectus or applicable laws and regulations; or
- for any other reason as deemed appropriate in the best interests of the Fund.

In the event that following acceptance of an Initial Subscription Form and before delivery of the same to the Issue Manager, a Collecting Bank/ Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent observes that the Initial Subscription Form does not comply with legal requirements as provided for in the Prospectus, the relevant Collecting Bank/ Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent will endeavor to contact the Subscriber so as to rectify the position. In case of failure to rectify the position within the period referred to, the Collecting/ Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent Bank shall return the Initial Subscription Form to the Subscriber, together with the subscription money before expiry of the period specified for handing over of the applications to the Issue Manager.

The Collecting Bank/ Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent shall submit a comprehensive report to the Issue Manager furnishing the details of the Initial Subscription Forms that are required to be rejected and reasons behind such rejection.

Allotment of Units and refund of money following the Initial Subscription Period

Following the completion of the Initial Subscription Period, the Issue Manager will arrange to allot Units within fifteen (15) days from the Subscription Closing Date and the Issue Manager, the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent shall refund the subscription money to applicants whose application has been rejected. The Issue Manager will send allotment notices to the applicants who have been allotted Units, at the addresses as specified in their Initial Subscription Forms.

The refund of subscription amounts in respect of which Units have not been allotted during the Initial Subscription Period (whether on account of rejection of the application) may be undertaken by electronically transferring such amounts to the bank account numbers provided in the Initial Subscription Forms.

Responsibilities, enquiries and complaints

- The Issue Manager, the Collecting Banks/Agent and the Registrar and Transfer Agent receiving the Initial Subscription Form shall abide by the responsibilities and functions specified pursuant to the instructions and regulations established by the FSA. The Issue Manager the Collecting Banks/Agent and the Registrar and Transfer Agent shall also abide by any other responsibilities that are provided for in the agreements entered into between them and the Fund.
- All relevant parties shall take remedial measures with regard to the damages arising from any negligence committed in the performance of the functions and responsibilities assigned to them. The Issue Manager shall coordinate with the regulatory authorities in order to take all necessary actions and procedures in this regard.
- Applicants who wish to seek clarifications or file complaints with regard to issues related to applications, allotments or rejected applications may contact the branch of the Collecting Bank/ Agent where the subscription was made or the Registrar and Transfer Agent if the application was made to them. In case of absence of any response from the branch, applicants may contact the following person:

Bank	Key person	Postal Address	Phone No.	Email
Bank Muscat SAOG	Maather Al Ajmi	PO Box 134, Ruwi, Postal Code 112 Muscat, Oman	+968 2480 1262	FundInvestorServices@bankmuscat.com

- In relation to initial applications for Units, if the Collecting Bank/Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent receiving the Initial Subscription Form fails to arrive at a solution or settlement with the person who has applied, it shall refer the subject matter to the Issue Manager, and keep the applicant applying of the progress and developments in respect of the subject matter of the dispute. The applicant may also maintain contact with the Collecting Bank/Agent or the Registrar and Transfer Agent that received the Initial Subscription Form only so as to know the decision arrived at.

Expected time schedule for completion of allotment of Units following the Initial Subscription Period

Statement	Date
Issuance of the FSA's approval of the Prospectus	29 September 2026
First day of the Initial Subscription Period (Subscription Start date)	11 October 2026
Closing Date	22 October 2026
Date of receipt by the Issue Manager of the Initial Subscription Forms from the Collecting Banks	25 October 2026
Notification to the FSA of the subscription results and the proposed allotment of Units	27 October 2026
FSA's approval on the allotment of Units	29 October 2026
Completion of the allotment of Units and reimbursement of monies relating to rejected Initial Subscription Forms	01 November 2026
Incorporation of the Fund (subject to FSA approval)	01 November 2026
Commencement of subsequent subscriptions to the Fund	03 November 2026

Subscription for Units During Subsequent Offer Period

- Following the closure of the Initial Subscription Period and establishment of the Fund, the Fund will offer Subscriptions on every Business Day during the Subsequent Offer Period, which shall begin immediately after the closure of Initial Subscription Period.
- Completed Subscription Application Forms must be submitted along with full payment for subscribed Units and must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent on any Business Day by 11:00 am. Applications and funds received after 11:00 am will be deemed as received the next Business Day.
- Subscription may only be made by submitting the Subscription Application Form prepared for such purposes in accordance with instructions contained therein.
- Subscription requests will be irrevocable unless the Investment Manager otherwise agrees. Any Subscription request received after 11:00 am on a Business Day will be carried forward to the next Business Day, unless the notice period is waived or the subscription request is revoked, in each case with the Investment Manager's consent.
- The subscription price during the Subsequent Offer Period will be based on the applicable NAV on the Valuation Day plus subscription charges as per the terms of this Prospectus. For example, if NAV is ﷮ 0.100, then the subscription price will be ﷮ 0.100 per Unit, plus the applicable Subscription fee as per the Prospectus.
- The Subscription price during the Subsequent Offer Period shall be made known to applicants through an account statement that gives Units allotted, price, and amount received net of Subscription fees and the date of allotment. The Registrar and Transfer Agent will issue an allotment notification to holders of new Units within 1 Business Days of the relevant Valuation Day.
- The minimum Subscription for Units in the Fund shall be ﷮ 100.
- Applications for Subscriptions during the Subsequent Offer Period can also be done through the digital platforms of Bank Muscat SAOG and/or Meethaq Islamic Bank. Investors who wish to subscribe for the Units in the Fund can log in to their online channels and choose to invest into the Bank Muscat Shari’a Money Market Fund. Subscriptions through online channels will not require an application form to be completed.

Process for Subscription during Subsequent Offer Period

- All applications for subscription to units should reach the Registrar & Transfer agent before 11:00 AM of a business day (T Day) with clear funds to receive the NAV of the previous day and any subscription request received after 11:00 AM of a business day will get the same day NAV. The amount of any subscription request not met in full on a particular business day will be carried forward to the next business day, unless revoked with Management Body written consent.
- The Management Body is empowered to decide on “cutoff” time.
- The Registrar and Transfer Agent will increase the relevant Unitholders account on T+1 day by the number of Units mentioned therein and the capital of the Fund will stand increased accordingly.
- The Fund will allot Units based on the NAV computed as mentioned in this Prospectus after considering applicable sales charges on T+1 days.
- Fractions of Units will be issued up to three decimal places.

Required Documents for Subscriptions during Subsequent Offer Period

Each application for Units during the Subsequent Offer Period should be submitted along with the relevant documents. The Applicant will be required to submit the documents set out under the paragraph Bank Account and Documentation Detail above along with any other documents that may be deemed necessary by the relevant Collecting Bank/Agent, the Registrar or Transfer Agent or the Administrator or may be requested by the authorities concerned.

Refusal of Subscription during Subsequent Offer Period

The Administrator may reject any Subscription Application Form during the Subsequent Offer Period, which does not comply with the requirements set out under paragraph Acceptance or rejection of applications for subscription for Units, which apply mutatis mutandis to applications for Subscription of Units during the Subsequent Offer Period once the Fund has reopened for continuous Subscription and Redemption of Units.

Additionally, in case of application for amount exceeding 10% of the NAV of the Fund after Initial Subscription Period, the Investment Manager reserves the right to reject such application

The Registrar and Transfer Agent shall affect all refunds for Subscription applications received during the Subsequent Offer Period within two (2) Business Days from the relevant Valuation Day.

Enquiries and Complaints during Subsequent Offer Period

Subscribers that apply for Units during the Subsequent Offer Period may contact the office of the Registrar and Transfer Agent (at the address set out in this Prospectus) in relation to any enquiries or for registration of any complaints.

Issue Manager and Investment Manager بنك مسقط bank muscat Administrator and Custodian العمقة الحكيمة لحفظ الأوراق المالية Gulf Custody Company	Registrar and Transfer Agent KFINTECH Capital Finance International	Legal Advisors AMJ Al Busaidy, Mansoor Jamal & Co.	Collecting Banks/Agents بنك مسقط bank muscat MEETHAQ Islamic Bank HORIZONS CAPITAL MARKETS الأبصار أصول المال الرؤية كابيتال VISION CAPITAL	Sharia Governance Meethaq Islamic Bank
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AGREEMENT

RAFO signs pact to boost ground handling services

MUSCAT: The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) signed on an agreement at the Specialised Air Training Centre at A'Seeb Air Base for leasing ground handling equipment with the private sector, aimed at enhancing aspects of joint cooperation, elevating handling services, and facilitating their provision to beneficiaries.

The agreement, which was signed by the Commander of A'Seeb Air Base, comes within the framework of strengthening aspects of developmental partnership and cooperation between the Ministry of Defence, represented by the Royal Air Force of Oman, and the private sector.

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JOINT COOPERATION: The agreement is aimed at enhancing joint cooperation, elevating handling services, and facilitating their provision to beneficiaries. - ONA

ENHANCE THE QUALITY

CDAA begins external audit for Quality Management System

MUSCAT: The Directorate General of Ambulance at the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority began on Tuesday the external audit phase for the Quality Management System in accordance with the requirements of the international standard ISO 9001:2015.

This comes within the framework of the authority's efforts to enhance the quality and efficiency of the work system and to consolidate the principles of governance, continuous improvement, and institutional excellence.

The audit activities commenced with an opening session chaired by Lt. Colonel Hani Al Kiyumi, Acting Director General of Ambulance. This was followed by a visual presentation about the Directorate General of Ambulance, and then the commencement of audit procedures on the relevant departments within the Directorate General of Ambulance and the supporting departments associated with its operations.

The audit includes verifying the readiness of the Quality Management System, reviewing approved documents and procedures, and assessing the level of the system's actual implementation.

This is in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of operations, the extent of achieving objectives, and following up on performance indicators, risk management, and opportunities for improvement.

The audit encompasses the Medical Governance Department, the Medical Guidance and Supervision Department, and the Technical Affairs and Operations Department, alongside their associated support operations in the



fields of procurement, equipment, technology, transport, and human resources.

The external audit comes as a culmination of the stages of preparing and implementing the Quality Management System at the Directorate General of Ambulance. These stages included documenting and developing procedures, identifying risks and opportunities, setting objectives and performance indicators, and executing internal audit programs while reviewing the system's effectiveness and its compliance with the requirements of the international standard.

The external audit represents an important phase in the journey of the Directorate General of Ambulance toward obtaining the certificate of conformity to the international standard ISO 9001:2015, thereby enhancing the sustainability of the Quality Management System and raising the efficiency of performance and the quality of ambulance services.



TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Nama Dhofar Services invites the specialized companies to participate and submit their offers for the below said tenders:

Tender Number	Tender Name	Last Date for Collection of Tender Documents	Time & Last Date for Proposal Submission	Tender Fee (OMR) Including VAT (5%)
DISC/2026/093	Supply Install of water meters outside customer boundaries	14-October -2026	25-October -2026	52.500
DISC/2026/094	Fencing Work for Recharge Wells at Salalah Waste Water Network in Dhofar Region	14-October -2026	25-October -2026	52.500
DISC/2026/095	UTILITY NETWORK EXTENSION - Lot - 09A/2026	14-October -2026	22-October -2026	105.000
DISC/2026/096	UTILITY NETWORK EXTENSION - Lot - 09B/2026	14-October -2026	22-October -2026	52.500

- To purchase the tender document website via the link or the Barcode below:
https://supplier.nama.om:4443/OA_HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=XTTEN_FLOAT_DISC_F
- Every company wishing to participate in this tender must attach with its bid a bid bond in the form of a bank guarantee from one of the banks operating in the Sultanate of Oman. Any bid that does not contain the bid bond will be disqualified.
- The original bid bond must be submitted in an envelope sealed with red wax and addressed to the chairperson of the minor tender committee and written on outside the Tender name and the Tender number and it should be placed in the tender box in Nama Dhofar Services in Salalah before 03:00 pm of the last day for submitting Bids.
- Bids shall be submitted online through using "supplier portal". No hard copies are accepted.
- The Tender fees are not refundable. However, Tenderers who are holding "Riyada" card issued from public authority for SME development will be exempted from providing the tender fee and the Bid bond.
- The company is not obliged to accept the lowest or any other bid.
- In the event of receipt of the tender document on behalf of another company, the interested purchasers in the above tender document should provide details of the person's name and the company details.

Omani researchers bag first place in Sharjah

The study aims to shed light on the Sidr tree in the Sultanate of Oman through an approach that integrates cultural heritage with scientific knowledge

SHARJAH: Dr. Huda Mubarak Al Dairi and Dr. Thuraya Abdullah Al Jabri have won first place at the sixth edition of Sharjah International Award for Cultural Heritage, in the Studies and Research category (Arabic section), for their joint research titled: "Sustainability of the Sidr Tree (Christ's thorn jujube) in the Sultanate of Oman in Light of Scientific and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Cultural Heritage."

The study aims to shed light on the Sidr tree in the Sultanate of Oman through an approach that integrates cultural heritage with



scientific knowledge, highlighting its environmental, social, and economic value within Omani society.

The study recommended strengthening efforts to preserve the Sidr tree and expand its cultivation, particularly near honey apiaries, given its impact on supporting honey production and improving its quality.

Sharjah International Award for Cultural Heritage seeks to safeguard, preserve, and sustain cultural heritage, and is affiliated with Sharjah Institute for Heritage, a UNESCO Category 2 international centre. -ONA

Public Tender Advertisement for the Sale of Heavy Equipment, Vehicles, Light Equipment, Generators and Other Assets

Assets Offered for Sale on an "As Is, Where Is" Basis

Al Watanyiah United Engineering and Contracting Co. LLC hereby announce the public tenders listed below for the sale of a range of heavy equipment, vehicles, light equipment, generators, scaffolding, household appliances, electrical transformers and other assets. Bidders may purchase the Tender Documents and submit bids for any one or more of the tenders listed below.

Tender Documents are available at the Company's Head Office in Ghala Industrial Area from 28 September 2026 to 11 October 2026 during official working days, from 8:00 AM- 5:00PM, upon payment of the applicable Tender Fee into the Company's Bank Dhofar Account No. 01040605344006, IBAN: OM080250001040605344006. The Tender Documents will be issued upon payment of the applicable Tender Fee.

S. No.	Tender No.	Description	Location	Tender Fee Inc. VAT %5 (ـ.ا)	Earnest Money Deposit (ـ.ا)	Period for purchase of Tender	Last date for submission of offer
1	AW/T/ PH4/01/ 2026	Sale of 14 units of used heavy equipment and vehicles, including a crawler dozer, excavator, wheel loaders, tipper trucks, a water tanker truck and a crane-mounted truck.	Ghala / Barka Yard	150/-	10% of total bid value incl. VAT	28/09/2026 To 11/10/2026	20/10/2026 5:00 PM
2	AW/T/ PH4/02/ 2026	Sale of 39 used light and miscellaneous vehicles, including a 3-ton truck, buses, pickups, a fuel tanker truck, small water tankers, saloon cars and station wagons.	Ghala / Barka Yard	50/-	10% of total bid value incl. VAT	28/09/2026 To 11/10/2026	20/10/2026 5:00 PM
3	AW/T/ PH4/03/ 2026	Sale of 145 units of used light and construction equipment, including 3-ton tandem rollers, air compressors, asphalt cutters, bar-bending and bar-cutting machines, concrete mixers and vibrators, dumpers, skid-steer loaders, tower hoists, lighting towers and other equipment.	Ghala / Barka Yard	50/-	10% of total bid value incl. VAT	28/09/2026 To 11/10/2026	20/10/2026 5:00 PM
4	AW/T/ PH4/04/ 2026	Sale of 33 used electrical generators of various capacities ranging from 30 kVA to 250 kVA.	Ghala / Barka Yard	25/-	10% of total bid value incl. VAT	28/09/2026 To 11/10/2026	20/10/2026 5:00 PM
5	AW/T/ PH4/05/ 2026	Sale of used scaffolding, household appliances, electrical transformers and other assets.	Ghala / Barka Yard	50/-	10% of total bid value incl. VAT	28/09/2026 To 11/10/2026	20/10/2026 5:00 PM

- Purchasers of the Tender Documents may inspect the assets at the Company's Ghala and Barka Yards during official working hours, subject to prior appointment.
- Each bid must be accompanied by an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) equivalent to 10% of the total bid value inclusive of VAT, provided as a certified cheque issued by a local bank, a bank deposit or transfer to the Company's account, or a bank guarantee issued by a local bank. Proof of any deposit or transfer must state the bidder's name and Tender Number.
- Where the EMD is provided as a bank guarantee, it must remain valid for at least 30 days from the Tender closing date. Any certified cheque must be valid for collection upon presentation. The bid and original EMD instrument, where applicable, must be deposited in the Tender Box at the reception of the Company's Head Office in Ghala, Muscat, no later than 20 October 2026 at 5:00 PM. late bids will not be accepted.
- Tender Fees and submitted bid prices shall be inclusive of VAT. The 10% EMD shall be calculated on the total bid value inclusive of VAT. Contact: 24502581/82, Ext. 149/150, Mobile: 77228166 / 92947637.



TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Proposed Construction of College of Medicine (COM) and College of Nursing (CON).

Location: Dhofar University Campus at Salalah

Dhofar university S.A.O.C, one of the leading Universities in the Sultanate of Oman and accredited nationally by Oman Academic Accreditation Authority (OAAAQA), invites bid from eligible Contractors specialized in building construction works and registered with tender Board in relevant grades in the Sultanate of Oman for the following Tenders:

Sl. No.	Tender Package	Last date for collecting Tender	Last date of Tender Submission	Tender Price (Non-Refundable)
1	COM & CON - PART 1 (Skills Lab & Simulation Center Block (CSSC), COM Deanery & Main Entrance Block, Library & Cafeteria Block)	15 Oct 2026	16 Dec 2026	250/-
2	COM & CON - PART 2 (CON Deanery & Educational Block)	15 Oct 2026	16 Dec 2026	250/-

- Tender documents can be obtained from the Purchase Department at Dhofar University, Salalah. Starting from 30 September 2026, the tender documents will be available for collection on any working day between 8.30am – 2.30pm. Site visit can also be made during the same time Or will be advised.
- Tender queries, if any, should be addressed to M/s. Al Hatmy Engineering Consultancy, Email: arup@alhatmyoman.com & alhatmysll@gmail.com with a copy to client at phase2projects@du.edu.om not later than 30 Nov. 2026.
- Tender should be submitted in envelopes and sealed with red wax. The Tender name should be written on top of the envelope containing the Tender. The exterior of the sealed envelope must not reveal the Identity of the Tenderer.
- Tenders should be addressed to Vice Chancellor - Dhofar University and to be deposited in the office of the Vice Chancellor -Dhofar University.
- Dhofar University reserves the right to not accept the lowest or any Tender received and to cancel any Tender / Tenders without assigning any reason.
- Ref. web site www.du.edu.om/ Tenders and for inquiry Pls contact - Procurement and Tendering Department - 23237055 / 23237052

Oman calls for efforts to combat corruption

Oman participates in 12th Meeting of GCC Anti-Corruption Ministerial Committee



MANAMA: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the State Financial and Administrative Audit Authority, took part in the 12th meeting of the Anti-Corruption Ministerial Committee in GCC Countries, held in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Oman's delegation was headed by Sheikh Ghosun Hilal Al Alawi, Chairman of the State Financial and Administrative Audit Authority. In his speech delivered during the meeting, Al Alawi underscored the important role undertaken by entities responsible for promoting integrity and combating corruption in strengthening public confidence in state institutions and supporting the achievement of national strategies and plans.

He highlighted the importance of upholding the values of integrity and strengthening preventive measures against various forms of corruption. He also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the General Secretariat of the GCC for hosting the meeting and for the excellent arrangements. A number of key topics were reviewed and discussed during the meeting, including the guiding work mechanism for Experts Committee on Combating Corruption in GCC Countries, recommendations arising from the

2026 annual event, and the selection of the theme for the 2027 annual event. The meeting also addressed the selection of a theme for GCC Countries Research and Studies Competition in the fields of integrity protection and combating corruption, as well as discussed the recommendations of the Gulf workshop entitled "Combating Corruption and Identifying the Beneficial Owner in the GCC Countries."

The State Financial and Administrative Audit Authority's participation in the meeting reflects its continued commitment to strengthening frameworks for joint GCC cooperation and exchanging expertise and experiences with the audit institutions of GCC countries, thereby contributing to the consolidation of the principles of integrity and transparency and the protection of public fund. -ONA



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Establishment of an integrated tourist port in Khasab discussed

KHASAB: The Municipal Council of Musandam Governorate on Tuesday held its 7th meeting of the year (2026) under the chairmanship of Sayyid Faisal bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam, in his capacity as Chairman of the Municipal Council.

The Municipal Council discussed a number of topics related to domestic development and public services. The meeting dealt with the concepts of

sustainability and efficiency, the establishment of an integrated tourist port in the Wilayat of Khasab and proposals to support the tourism sector in Musandam amid regional developments. The Council also looked into proposals to address beach erosion at Bassa Beach in the Wilayat of Khasab, development needs in the Wilayat of Daba and coordination with the government departments concerned. -ONA

AL BURAIMI

2 Asian nationals held

AL BURAIMI: The Al Buraimi Governorate Police Command has apprehended two individuals of Asian nationality for possessing a quantity of crystal meth in pure form, with the intention of

trafficking and consuming it. The Royal Oman Police (ROP) said that the two suspects were in possession of the narcotic substance. Legal procedures against them are being completed.

SEVERAL KEY ISSUES

Oman-KSA Security, Judicial Coordination Committee holds meeting in Riyadh

RIYADH: A meeting of the heads of the Security and Judicial Coordination Committee, derived from the Oman-KSA Coordination Council, was held on Tuesday in the city of Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting, the two sides reviewed and followed up on the implementation stages of the initiatives agreed upon between the two countries in the security and judicial fields.

The meeting was chaired on the Omani side by Maj. Gen Abdullah Ali Al Harthy, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs for Operations, and on the Saudi side by Dr. Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Falih, Assistant Minister of Interior. - ONA



Mahra Al Juma Wins HR Leader of the Year – Fintech Award



Mahra Al Juma, HR, Risk and Compliance Manager at Thawani Pay, was felicitated with the 'The Origin HR Leader of the Year – Fintech 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.

With over 10 years of experience spanning banking, human resources and compliance, Mahra has developed a multidisciplinary career that brings together people management, governance and organisational development. At Thawani Pay, she plays an important role in building the people and governance foundations that support the growth of one of Oman's pioneering fintech companies.

Working within the fast-evolving fintech environment, Mahra's role reflects the importance of creating a strong organisational culture alongside technological and business innovation. Her people-first approach focuses on supporting employees, strengthening teams and fostering an environment where talent can develop while remaining aligned with the governance and compliance requirements of the financial technology sector.

As Thawani Pay continues to contribute to



Oman's transition towards a more digitally enabled financial ecosystem, its people remain central to that transformation. Mahra's work supports this journey by bringing together human capital development, organisational resilience, risk awareness and responsible governance, helping create the internal foundation required for sustainable growth.

Her recognition as HR Leader of the Year – Fintech celebrates her contribution to building a strong, trusted and people-centred organisation. It recognises the role she has played in supporting Thawani Pay's team and creating the foundations that enable people and the business to grow together. Mahra's journey demonstrates how people, culture and governance are integral to successful digital transformation. Her recognition at The Origin 2026 celebrates her professional leadership and her contribution to developing talent within Oman's growing fintech ecosystem.

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.

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IN AMERAT

Dedicated project for motorcycle enthusiasts

< FROM A1 On the health and environmental front, the Health and Environmental Affairs Committee examined the latest developments in the waste management sector at Muscat Municipality, including the efficiency of transport operations, compliance with specified timings, and community awareness, thereby contributing to elevating the level of public cleanliness and reducing environmental and health impacts.

In furtherance of the development pathway, the Governorate Development and Growth Committee addressed a number of proposals aimed at diversifying facilities and activities in the Wilayat of Al Amerat, including a dedicated project for motorcycle enthusiasts, thereby contributing to enriching the service and recreational landscape and enhancing



ing the foundations of development in the wilayat.

The Council also reviewed a number of incoming correspondences, including a proposal to rebuild Quriyat Hospital in a manner that copes with the urban expansion and population growth in the wilayat, contributing to enhancing the quality of health

services provided, as well as proposals concerning the protection of sites of natural value and certain planning uses related to community needs. It emphasized the importance of addressing these matters in a manner that keeps pace with service and development priorities and preserves the governorate's natural assets. -ONA

RANKING

Qualitative leaps in some of Oman's indicators globally

< FROM A1 The report clarified that there were qualitative leaps in some of Oman's indicators globally. The most prominent was a notable rise in the indicator of the number of venture capital deals received per billion dollars of GDP at purchasing power parity, advancing 32 places.

It also advanced 32 places in the industrial designs by country of origin per billion dollars of GDP at purchasing power parity (PPP) indicator, and advanced 25 places in the indicator of the proportion of research talent working in the business sector.

Oman advanced in the indicator of the proportion of research

and development expenditure financed by the business sector out of total research and development expenditure by 23 places, reaching 33rd globally.

Oman's ranking also advanced in the indicator of the top 3 universities in the QS World University Rankings by 16 places, as a result of Sultan Qaboos University advancing to 334th globally and the entry of the University of Nizwa and Dhofar University into the top 1000 universities.

In line with the strategic focus of this year's report on "entrepreneurship in deep science," the report highlighted iLab Marine, one of the outputs of the programme to convert student

graduation projects into startups affiliated with the Research and Innovation Authority, and Innotech as two leading national models in converting research and innovations into projects with economic feasibility and high added value, and the first national presence within the deep science startups tracker.

It is worth noting that the Global Innovation Index represents a strategic tool to help policymakers around the world measure and understand the strengths and progress of their national innovation systems, thereby supporting sustainable development paths based on knowledge and innovation. -ONA

FROM WEDNESDAY

Etihad Rail begins final passenger-train trial operations on Abu Dhabi-Dubai route before the official launch

DUBAI: Etihad Rail has begun trial operations of its passenger train ahead of the official launch of passenger rail services on Wednesday, as part of efforts to enhance readiness, improve the efficiency of the transport system and provide safe, reliable and integrated mobility options across the UAE.

The trial route runs from Abu Dhabi Station to Mohamed bin Zayed City Station and then to Al Yalaisy Station in Dubai, enhancing connectivity between the emirates and supporting smooth passenger movement between Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

The trial operations aim to test the readiness of the stations, trains and journey route, assess the passenger experience, ease of travel and integration with other transport networks, and evaluate various operational procedures before the official service begins.

Adhraa Almansoori, Executive Director of Commercial and Support at Etihad Rail Mobility, told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) that the Abu Dhabi-Al Yalaisy Station route in Dubai represents an important addition to the national transport system.

She said Al Yalaisy is the third railway station to open in Dubai and was completed in record time and ahead of schedule in preparation for the official launch of the national railway network.

Almansoori said the service follows the launch of the Abu Dhabi-Fujairah route on 30th June, while the Dubai connection will begin on Wednesday with 10 daily journeys from Abu Dhabi to Dubai and six journeys from Abu Dhabi to Fujairah.

She stressed the importance of Al Yalaisy Station in Dubai, which is directly connected to the Dubai

Metro network through an approximately 400-metre pedestrian bridge, enabling passengers to reach Jumeirah Golf Estates Metro Station and then use the Red Line to travel to destinations across Dubai.

Almansoori said Etihad Rail stations provide an integrated range of transport options, including car parks, taxis, buses and private transport operators, helping passengers travel from their point of origin to their final destination in the shortest possible time.

She explained that the passenger rail service takes into account the needs of different segments of society, including People of Determination, senior citizens, families, students, employees, visitors and tourists, by providing a travel experience characterised by comfort, safety, ease of movement and reduced journey times. – WAM



POWERFUL SPACECRAFT



SpaceX launches Starship into orbit

TEXAS: US airspace giant SpaceX on Monday launched its Starship spacecraft into orbit. The firm hoped the Starship could complete six full laps around Earth in order to prove its readiness for NASA's Artemis moon programme.

"Starship is orbital," Mission Control announced to cheers. The Launch took place at Starbase, Texas. The laps were supposed to last around 10 hours, ending with a Pacific splashdown near Chile.

But just an hour after liftoff, SpaceX said it planned to bring Starship back to Earth after about three hours in orbit, cutting the 10-hour trip short.

Starship launches 26 satellites

NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman praised SpaceX for reaching orbit and "managing every step in a safe, responsible and especially inspirational way."

Starship is the biggest and most powerful spacecraft ever

built, it was propelled by a 407-foot (124-metre) rocket that was designed from the start to be fully reusable.

The spacecraft was loaded with 26 of the latest and most advanced Starlink satellites, which were released one by one, to join the 11,000 older models already providing internet service.

"All 26 Starlink V3 operational satellites deployed and operating nominally," SpaceX CEO Elon Musk wrote on X.

SpaceX's so-called V3 satellites are designed to unfold their antennas and solar panels after release before establishing connections with Earth and other Starlink satellites.

SpaceX began flying Starship in 2023 and the program has seen its successes and failures of successive tests.

Technical challenges remain before Starship can fulfill its mandates, such as conduct commercial flights, deploy data centers in orbit or reach the Moon or the Red Planet. – DW

PALESTINE PM

66 interventions to support targeted areas announced

RAMALLAH: Palestine Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa announced on Tuesday the launch of 66 government interventions to support targeted areas, including financial assistance, in response to urgent and essential needs raised by local councils and citizens during ministerial visits to various targeted areas to assess their needs and strengthen their steadfastness.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to intensify field visits over the coming weeks in light of developments on the ground and the escalating attacks on Palestinian villages and towns.

In his opening remarks at the weekly Cabinet session held in Ramallah, Mustafa commended the steadfastness of our Palestinian people in confronting attacks by the Israeli occupation forces and colonial settler mobs.

He also praised the solidarity demonstrated by different segments of the Palestinian society, as well as the support provided by international partner institu-

tions, foreign solidarity groups, civil society, and the private sector in supporting citizens and strengthening their ability to withstand this difficult phase.

According to a statement issued by the Government Communication Centre, Mustafa also highlighted the assistance provided by the Government through the Ministry of Local Government, the Municipal Development and Lending Fund, and various partner institutions over the past two years, particularly the implementation of more than 1,661 projects and interventions at an estimated cost of approximately NIS 1.3 billion. These included infrastructure projects and emergency response actions covering various municipalities and village councils.

As the Israeli war on the Gaza is soon to enter its fourth year, the Cabinet warned of the continued catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Strip amid ongoing bombardment, starvation, and siege. – Wafa

TODAY

Shabiba Jawa'iz Basma (Social Impact) Awards 2026 will honour individuals, organisations and initiatives making a meaningful difference to communities across Oman through their contributions to social progress, environmental responsibility and economic well-being.

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The event will showcase inspiring efforts that create lasting community impact and support Oman's broader sustainability and development goals.

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THREE-DAY EVENT

OAA announces rescheduled programme for Oman International Baja

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman Automobile Association (OAA) has now announced that the rescheduled new Oman International Baja will take its place in the international sporting calendar on December 17th-19th, 2026.

Postponed from its original date in March because of hostilities in the Gulf region, the three-day event will be an official FIA candidate for inclusion in the 2027 FIA World and Middle East Baja Cups.

It will run in conjunction with the last three days of the Bidiyah Sands Carnival, which is being hosted by Wilayat of Bidayah in the North Al-Sharqiyah Governorate between November 19th and December 19th.

This comprehensive national event will combine motorsport, other sports, entertainment and cultural activities to further promote tourism in the Bidiyah region



of the Sultanate of Oman. It will feature a fully integrated Event Village with spectator areas and live broadcast screens.

The OAA has been organising its flagship Oman International Rally as an ever-present integral round of the FIA Middle East Rally Championship since 2020, although the inaugural event dates back to 1979.

Over the years, famous rally stars like the late Björn Waldegård, current FIA President Moham-

med Ben Sulayem, Qatari legends Saeed Al-Hajri and Nasser Saleh Al-Attiyah and local star Abdullah Al-Rawahi have graced the top step of the podium. The OAA also organises world-class drifting and karting competitions.

The exciting new Baja will take full advantage of some of the most spectacular off-road terrain in the country and will be open to cars running under the auspices of the FIA and to motorcyclists and quads running in the FIM section.



The Baja will be based in the heart of Bidiyah, among the Sharqiya dunes and the surrounding sands of the Rub Al-Khali. Further details will be finalised in the coming days, but it is expected to run over a Prologue stage to determine starting orders and then two demanding desert selective sections across the remote Bidiyah and Al-Qabil regions.

Bidiyah is located in the eastern region of the country - around 233km from Muscat - and shares

its northern border with the province of Al-Qabil. The Eastern Sands of Oman are a vast array of red and brown dunes covering around 10,000 square kilometres. The renowned Sharqiyah sands (formerly known as Wahaiba Sands) are a major attraction in the region and will play host to the inaugural Baja.

The Baja is being held under the presidency of Brigadier Jamal Al-Tai with vital support from vice-president Suleiman Al-Rawahi, Anwar Al-Zadjali, clerk of the course Khaled Zakaria, his deputy Sanad Al-Rawahi and Nicolas Hindy.

Brigadier Jamal Al-Tai said: "We are delighted that the Oman Baja will take place as an official candidate in late December. It marks an exciting new chapter in the motorsport history of the Sultanate of Oman. The country has a proud legacy in stage rallying dating back to the late 1970s but this is the first

official cross-country Baja to be hosted in the country.

"The choice of North Al-Sharqiya, particularly the renowned desert landscapes of Bidiyah, provides the perfect setting for the first event of its kind. The towering dunes, the vast open desert and demanding terrain offer an ideal environment for Baja-style competition. The launch of the Baja reflects the country's ongoing commitment to expanding its motorsport portfolio and is a proud moment for Oman."

The Baja will be based out of the Jawharat Bidiyah Resort with the service park located at the nearby Bidiyah Green Homes Park. This will also host the ceremonial start, while the finish location will be based at the Bidiyah 4x4 Club.

It will run in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth and the Al-Sharqiya North Governorate with sponsorship from Shell Oman.

Abdullah Al Rawahi inspires next generation of Omani racers

Al-Rawahi drives Omani motorsport success on regional stage

MUSCAT: Omani rally driver Abdullah Al Rawahi is continuing his motorsport journey with a series of notable achievements, most recently winning first place in the fifth round of the Jordan National Rally.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency, Al-Rawahi said

his passion for motorsport began during childhood when he took part in karting races in 2004. His interest in competition and speed developed over the years before he moved into rallying in 2018.

He explained that rallying is not solely about speed, but requires a high level of concentration, accurate reading of the road and continuous coordination between the driver and navigator, in addition to the ability to adapt to different conditions. Since entering the sport, he said, his objective has been to continually improve his performance and represent Oman in the best possible manner.

Al-Rawahi described his victory in the Middle East Rally Championship as one of the most significant milestones of his sporting

career, noting that he became the first Omani driver and the youngest competitor to accomplish the feat.

He said the achievement was not merely a personal milestone, but also a source of pride as it was achieved in the name of Oman. It has given him additional motivation to continue developing his skills and competing at regional and international levels.

He noted that his rallying career has been marked by numerous experiences and milestones, with each participation contributing to his development as a driver. He also highlighted the honour he received from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth as one of the moments he particularly values, describing it as recognition of the

efforts made throughout his career and of the achievements recorded for Oman.

Al-Rawahi stressed that representing Oman in international sporting events and seeing the national flag alongside those of other countries gives him a strong sense of pride and responsibility. He said such recognition has provided additional motivation to continue competing and pursuing further achievements.

On the development of rallying in Oman, Al-Rawahi said the Sultanate has a strong history in motorsport and offers diverse terrain and road conditions suitable for hosting and organising various events. He also pointed to the strong interest in motorsport among Omani youth.





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OMAN OIL PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman crude oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by November 2026 reaching \$110.78. The price of Oman crude oil fell by 23 cents from the price of Monday, which was \$111.01. -**ONA**

MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

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Oman, Tanzania explore new opportunities for investment

Direct communication with the Tanzanian business community allows for a deeper understanding of investors' interests, connecting them with available opportunities in Oman



DAR ES SALAAM: A delegation from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion to the United Republic of Tanzania discussed enhancing communication with government and economic entities and the Tanzanian business community, as well as exploring new opportunities for trade, investment, and building partnerships between the private sectors in the two countries.

The delegation was headed by Ibtisam Ahmed Al Farooji, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion.

The Undersecretary stressed that relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Republic of Tanzania are based on deep historical ties, adding that the coming phase offers opportunities to advance these relations into broader horizons of economic and investment cooperation, noting that the Sultanate of Oman views the United Republic of Tanzania as an important partner in East Af-

rica in light of its economic assets and promising opportunities.

She stated that the Sultanate of Oman represents a strategic gateway for investors to access regional markets and a hub for trade and partnerships between Asia and Africa, capitalising on its strategic geographical location, advanced infrastructure, and stimulating business environment, alongside an integrated system of enablers and incentives supporting the establishment and growth of investment projects.

The Undersecretary added that among the enablers provided by the Sultanate of Oman to investors is the Golden Residency Programme, which constitutes one of the supporting tools to attract investors, business owners, and competencies, providing them and their families with long-term residency, thereby enhancing investor stability and consolidating their connection with the business



environment and economic opportunities in the Sultanate of Oman. The programme comes within a broader framework aimed at improving the investor experience and providing a more attractive and stable environment for long-term investments.

Ibtisam Ahmed Al Farooji, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion clarified that enhancing the Sultanate of Oman's presence in African markets and building sustainable investment partnerships

with countries possessing promising economic potential represent one of the important pathways to diversify the investment base and enhance international partnerships, pointing out that Tanzania is among the markets with which the Sultanate of Oman is keen to develop cooperation channels and transform cooperation opportunities into value-added projects and investments.

Al Farooji added that direct communication with the Tanzanian business community allows for a deeper understanding of investors' interests, connecting them with available opportunities in the Sultanate of Oman, and paving the way for establishing investment partnerships in priority sectors.

Saud Hilal Al Shidhani, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Republic of Tanzania, emphasised that Omani-Tanzanian relations are characterised by their historical depth and continuous de-

velopment, noting the importance of enhancing the economic and investment dimension of these relations and preparing more channels of communication between institutions and the business communities in the two countries.

He stated that relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Republic of Tanzania represent a model of well-established ties rooted deep in history, and that current economic and investment activity reflects a joint orientation toward leveraging these ties to build broader and more sustainable economic partnerships.

The Ambassador added that enhancing communication between government institutions and the private sector would enable both countries to benefit from their available assets and opportunities, opening the way for joint investments and projects that serve mutual interests and support the aspirations of the two peoples.

The visit comes to enhance the Sultanate of Oman's economic and investment presence in African markets and build on the well-established historical relations linking it with the United Republic of Tanzania, in a manner that contributes to developing them into a broader economic partnership and benefiting from the opportunities and capabilities enjoyed by both countries.

The visit includes holding a number of bilateral meetings with officials and government and economic institutions in the United Republic of Tanzania, as well as meetings with Tanzanian investors and business leaders to discuss cooperation and investment opportunities, introduce the sectors and investment opportunities available in the Sultanate of Oman, and explore areas that could form a basis for future partnerships and projects between the two sides. -**ONA**

MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

US exempts India, 19 other nations from 100% tariff on speciality drugs

WASHINGTON, DC: In a major development for international trade, Washington has announced that select speciality medications and related components originating from India and 19 other partner jurisdictions will be exempt from import duties.

The decision comes as the United States moves forward with a sweeping 100 per cent levy on specified patented pharmaceutical lines. To formalise these changes, the US Commerce Department released an official list within the Federal Register detailing the nations qualifying for the zero-duty framework.

Under the guidelines, the waived categories feature medications geared towards rare medical conditions, fertility treatments, advanced cell and gene therapies, antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), and veterinary pharmaceuticals. Furthermore, the foundational components utilised in manufacturing these treatments are covered under the zero per cent tariff provision.

Alongside India, the participating regions benefiting from the exemption comprise Argentina, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ecuador, El Salvador, the European Union, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, North Macedonia, South Korea, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Taiwan, Thailand, Britain, and Vietnam.

Clarifying financial terms, the World Customs Organisation defines an ad valorem tariff as "a set percentage of the monetary value of the goods to be taxed".

According to official notices, qualifying goods exported from these nations secure a zero per cent rating by virtue of maintaining an active or upcoming trade



and security framework agreement with Washington.

This regulatory update directly stems from the execution of President Donald Trump's April directive, which adjusted duties on imported pharmaceuticals and related chemical components under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act.

The original April 2 proclamation instituted a 100 per cent duty on specified patented drugs, biologics, and associated ingredients as part of broader initiatives to stimulate domestic manufacturing. While those penalties became active on July 31 for entities cited in an initial annex, they expand to encompass other listed corporations starting September 29.

At the same time, the Commerce Department confirmed that generic medical products and their constituent ingredients remain entirely exempt from these Section 232 pharmaceutical tariffs.

Recent administrative adjustments also introduce vital technical revisions to the foundational proclamation. -**ANI**

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

Workshop explores integration of minerals and fertiliser industries

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Energy and Minerals on Tuesday organised a workshop titled "Roadmap for Integration Between Minerals, Fertiliser, and Chemicals in the Sultanate of Oman," under the patronage of Mohsen Hamad Al Hadrami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

The workshop focused on developing an integrated roadmap linking the minerals sector with the fertiliser and associated chemicals industry. It reviewed existing and future projects and proposed opportunities, and identified stakeholders, roles, and the timelines required to advance priority projects towards implementation stages.

The roadmap is based on a study prepared by Falaj Point Company for the Ministry of Energy and Minerals to link mineral resources and concession areas with manufacturing industries, and to build an integrated framework connecting resources, manufacturing capabilities, infrastructure, logistics services, and markets, thereby enhancing the transition from



exporting raw materials in their primary form to products that support local content and food manufacturing.

The study indicates the availability of a base of mineral and industrial resources that can be built upon to develop the fertiliser and related chemical products industry, including gypsum, limestone, dolomite, laterite, kaolin, and pot-

ash, alongside existing capabilities in the production of urea, ammonia, and sulphur. The roadmap also reviews opportunities for developing industrial clusters in Sohar, Duqm, Salalah, and Ibri, in accordance with the resources, capabilities, and infrastructure available at each site, thereby enhancing integration between raw materials, manufacturing, logistics services,

and markets.

The workshop featured interactive sessions addressing the reality of the minerals sector and its inputs into the fertiliser industry, existing industrial capabilities, and the role of sulphur and associated chemicals. It also discussed proposed investment projects and opportunities and identified priorities and implementation steps in cooperation with the relevant authorities.

The roadmap contributes to supporting the Sultanate of Oman's approaches towards maximising the economic value of natural resources, localising industries, developing local content, attracting investments, expanding the base of manufacturing industries, and diversifying sources of income, in line with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

The workshop was attended by a number of chief executive officers of companies operating in the minerals and fertiliser sectors, along with several government entities, investors, and stakeholders. -**ONA**

ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK

AIIB meeting eyes greater development impact, innovation

DOHA: The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on Monday opened its 11th annual meeting of the Board of Governors in Doha, Qatar, bringing together governors, senior officials, clients, partners and stakeholders under the theme "Tomorrow's Infrastructure: Impact and Innovation."

In her opening remarks, AIIB President Zou Jiayi set out the bank's priorities for its next stage of growth, emphasising that infrastructure remains central to development, resilience and opportunity in an increasingly uncertain global environment.

"The AIIB's goal for the next stage is to scale up development impact with innovation and integrity," Zou said. "We are builders. Together with our members and partners, let's build trust, build connections and build Infrastructure for Tomorrow."

Zou said the AIIB aims to double annual financing to about \$20 billion by 2030, focusing on infrastructure that supports climate resilience, renewable energy, digital transformation, regional connectivity, nature conservation and people-centred development.

Zou thanked Qatar for host-

ing the annual meeting and noted Qatar's role in bringing members together to keep development at the centre of international cooperation.

"We are pleased to welcome AIIB members and partners to Doha for this important gathering," said Minister of Finance of Qatar Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, who serves as this year's Chair of AIIB's Board of Governors.

"As a founding member of AIIB, Qatar remains committed to advancing multilateral cooperation. We recognize AIIB's contributions in supporting sustainable infra-

structure development and fostering cross-border connectivity across its members," the minister added.

As AIIB's core governance and stakeholder engagement event, this year's annual meeting features discussions on how multilateral institutions, governments and private-sector partners can respond to infrastructure needs in a new global context, underscoring the importance of mobilising private capital and deepening cooperation across institutions and markets.

The AIIB was established in January 2016. -**Xinhua**

MARKET

MSX index ends lower



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A total number of 9114 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 48.3 million, with more than 174.4 million shares changing hands. Out of 63 traded securities, 21 advanced, 15 declined, and 27 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net buyers for RO 1229K while foreign investors were net sellers for RO 916K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 313K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 13,725.82 points, down -0.11%. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Oman Arab Bank, DIDIC, Al Anwar Investment,

and National Bank Oman were up by 2.40%, 1.88%, 1.05%, 0.49%, and 0.41% respectively. Prices of United Finance, Bank Dhofar, Bank Nizwa, and Bank Muscat were down by 1.14%, 0.93%, 0.64%, 0.24% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 9,836.84 points, down -0.06%. Prices of Oman Chromite, Muscat Thread Mill, Galfar Engineering, Raysut Cement, and Oman Cables Industry were up by 2.20%, 0.86%, 0.65%, 0.53%, and 0.15% respectively. Prices of Oman Refreshment, A'Saffa Foods, and Voltamp Energy were down by 10.00%, 0.71%, and 0.55% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.01% before closing at 3,016.72 points. Prices of Muscat Desalination, Oman Oil Marketing, National Gas, Sembcorp Salalah, and Dhofar Generating were up by 4.35%, 3.70%, 1.67%, 1.55%, and 1.25% respectively. Prices of Phoenix Power, OQ Gas Networks, OQ Exploration & Production, and Shell Oman Marketing were down by 1.05%, 0.46%, 0.21%, and 0.13% respectively. -United Securities

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	7,603.06	7,573.14	7,579.05	7,590.26	-11.21	-0.15
FINANCIAL INDEX	13,750.86	13,719.83	13,725.82	13,740.90	-15.08	-0.11
Industry Index	9,858.50	9,827.46	9,836.84	9,842.30	-5.46	-0.06
Services Index	3,020.91	3,013.72	3,016.72	3,016.43	0.29	0.01
MSX Shariah Index	620.43	618.40	618.64	619.90	-1.26	-0.20
MSX TR INDEX	11,787.69	11,741.31	11,750.46	11,767.84	-17.38	-0.15
FINANCIAL TR IDX	16,905.96	16,867.82	16,875.18	16,893.72	-18.54	-0.11
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	12,626.23	12,586.48	12,598.50	12,605.49	-6.99	-0.06
SERVICES TR IDX	4,056.15	4,046.50	4,050.53	4,050.14	0.39	0.01
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
	174,402,104	48,304,736	9,114	39,240,691,864	21	15	27	63

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	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP		
REGULAR MARKET																		
	OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	1,400	1,960	1	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,350	0,050	3,704	1,400	1,400	0,000	0,100	85,785,000		
	OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO	300	38	3	0,125	0,128	0,125	0,128	0,003	2,400	0,128	0,120	0,130	0,100	16,380,000		
	OM0000004735	SEBMBORP SALALAH	359,065	93,985	31	0,260	0,264	0,259	0,262	0,258	0,004	1,550	0,262	0,261	0,262	0,100	250,097,851	
	OM0000001509	DHOFAH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	5,103	1,459	4	0,286	0,289	0,285	0,289	0,286	0,003	1,049	0,289	0,289	0,285	0,285		
0,100	143,360,225																	
	OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	6,476,792	8,719,526	102	1,345	1,355	1,345	1,355	1,345	0,010	0,743	1,355	1,479	1,355	0,100	10,165,250,000	
	OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	116,672	22,798	7	0,196	0,196	0,195	0,196	0,195	0,001	0,513	0,196	0,194	0,197	0,100	132,277,936	
	OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	83,000	17,095	6	0,205	0,206	0,205	0,206	0,205	0,001	0,488	0,206	0,206	0,207	0,100	63,346,961	
	OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	7,032	3,459	4	0,492	0,492	0,491	0,492	0,490	0,002	0,498	0,492	0,485	0,496	0,100	799,965,607	
	OM0000008694	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	361,986	146,420	270	0,403	0,405	0,402	0,404	0,403	0,001	0,248	0,404	0,403	0,404	0,100	311,160,890	
	OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	5,829	20,003	7	3,435	3,440	3,435	3,440	3,435	0,005	0,146	3,440	3,435	3,440	0,100	308,568,000	
	OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	14,817	9,157	4	0,618	0,618	0,618	0,618	0,000	0,000	0,618	0,600	0,649	0,100	204,478,335		
	OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	10,000	9,345	2	0,933	0,935	0,933	0,935	0,935	0,000	0,000	0,935	0,919	0,935	0,100	116,779,593	
	OM0000002236	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	3,699	933	5	0,253	0,253	0,252	0,253	0,253	0,000	0,000	0,253	0,248	0,253	0,100	10,839,277	
	OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	1,800	865	5	0,472	0,482	0,471	0,482	0,482	0,000	0,000	0,482	0,470	0,482	0,100	24,768,449	
	OM0000002440	AL SHARIQA INVESTMENT HO.	39,782	4,120	8	0,104	0,105	0,103	0,104	0,104	0,000	0,000	0,104	0,100	0,104	0,100	9,360,000	
	OM0000003141	BARKA WATER AND POWER	2,590	370	2	0,148	0,148	0,148	0,148	0,148	0,000	0,000	0,148	0,148	0,154	0,100	23,880,000	
	OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	21,395	5,931	5	0,277	0,278	0,277	0,278	0,278	0,000	0,000	0,278	0,278	0,296	0,100	65,721,980	
	OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	73,578,625	13,333,452	1,707	0,189	0,191	0,188	0,189	0,189	0,000	0,000	0,189	0,190	0,189	0,100	1,450,765,072	
	OM0000003968	OERDOO	265,592	83,607	26	0,315	0,315	0,314	0,315	0,315	0,000	0,000	0,315	0,315	0,315	0,100	205,047,432	
	OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	58,377	6,421	14	0,110	0,110	0,110	0,110	0,110	0,000	0,000	0,110	0,109	0,110	0,100	19,250,000	
	OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	76,917	15,046	12	0,196	0,197	0,195	0,197	0,197	0,000	0,000	0,197	0,194	0,197	0,100	140,738,049	
	OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	179	4,479	179	0,479	0,479	0,477	0,478	0,479	-0,001	-0,209	0,478	0,478	0,478	0,100	61,031,824,000,000	
	OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	9,581,462	4,092,436	1,124	0,425	0,426	0,422	0,424	0,425	-0,001	-0,235	0,424	0,425	0,424	0,100	3,182,712,354	
	OM0000009908	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SF2)	29,501,491	7,532,502	1,814	0,256	0,257	0,254	0,255	0,256	-0,001	-0,391	0,255	0,260	0,255	0,040	882,170,167	
	OM0000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	31,248,126	6,821,754	1,902	0,218	0,220	0,217	0,218	0,219	-0,001	-0,457	0,218	0,217	0,218	0,100	1,044,076,015	
	OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	69,853	12,675	21	0,182	0,182	0,181	0,181	0,182	-0,001	-0,549	0,181	0,181	0,181	0,010	181,000,000	
	OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	156,518	24,422	21	0,157	0,157	0,156	0,156	0,157	-0,001	-0,637	0,156	0,156	0,158	0,100	348,964,673	
	OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	4,235	2,985	6	0,704	0,709	0,704	0,704	0,709	-0,005	-0,705	0,704	0,640	0,705	0,100	84,480,000	
	OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAH	240,000	51,332	228	0,215	0,215	0,213	0,213	0,215	-0,002	-0,930	0,213	0,213	0,207	0,213	0,100	447,477,087
	OM0000009693	PHOENIX POWER	164,103	46,075	29	0,286	0,286	0,283	0,283	0,286	-0,003	-1,049	0,283	0,283	0,288	0,100	413,916,213	
	OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	41,470	3,608	3	0,087	0,087	0,087	0,087	0,088	-0,001	-1,136	0,087	0,086	0,088	0,100	30,983,075	
	OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INVESTMENT	169,361	24,668	13	0,147	0,151	0,145	0,145	0,147	-0,002	-1,361	0,151	0,151	0,145	0,101	151,000,000	
0,100	21,750,000																	
	OM00000010120	ASYAD SHIPPING	2,713,819	585,986	957	0,218	0,219	0,214	0,214	0,217	-0,003	-1,382	0,214	0,214	0,214	0,000	1,114,671,276	
Total	33		162,502,030	45,669,224	8,522													

Parallel Market

OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	239,286	23,066	29	0,094	0,098	0,094	0,096	0,092	0,004	4,348	0,096	0,094	0,096	0,100	14,932,838
OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	1,324	6,173	4	4,660	4,700	4,650	4,650	4,550	0,100	2,198	4,650	4,650	4,700	1,000	16,879,500
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	848,529	272,072	92	0,320	0,326	0,320	0,326	0,320	0,006	1,875	0,326	0,322	0,326	0,100	652,984,327
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	362,489	44,164	46	0,122	0,124	0,120	0,122	0,120	0,002	1,667	0,122	0,119	0,122	0,100	10,370,000
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	16,000	1,297	2	0,082	0,082	0,081	0,081	0,080	0,001	1,250	0,081	0,080	0,081	0,100	18,001,440
OM0000010823	OMAN GATEWAY FUND	7,400	7,743	4	1,046	1,049	1,046	1,049	1,039	0,010	0,962	1,049	1,046	1,070	0,000	28,768,659
OM0000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	212	50	1	0,235	0,235	0,235	0,235	0,233	0,002	0,858	0,235	0,234	0,235	0,100	4,348,639
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	408	62	2	0,151	0,155	0,151	0,155	0,154	0,001	0,649	0,155	0,152	0,157	0,100	31,462,899
OM0000001151	OMIPCO	9,394,169	2,148,186	336	0,230	0,232	0,229	0,231	0,230	0,001	0,435	0,231	0,231	0,231	0,000	1,545,245,625
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	481	400	1	0,587	0,587	0,587	0,587	0,587	0,000	0,000	0,587	0,581	0,587	0,100	101,928,881
OM0000001889	SALALAH MILLS	17,500	9,795	3	0,550	0,560	0,550	0,560	0,560	0,000	0,000	0,560	0,560	0,560	0,100	34,979,316
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	1,870	150	4	0,080	0,080	0,080	0,080	0,080	0,000	0,000	0,080	0,077	0,080	0,100	3,448,000
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	24,847	1,739	5	0,070	0,070	0,070	0,070	0,070	0,000	0,000	0,070	0,070	0,077	0,100	1,470,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	74,778	11,424	10	0,153	0,154	0,152	0,152	0,152	0,000	0,000	0,152	0,149	0,153	0,100	33,440,000
OM0000002580	OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING INVESTMENTS	100	195	1	1,945	1,945	1,945	1,950	1,950	0,000	0,000	1,945	1,956	1,945	0,100	136,500,000
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	807	174	1	0,215	0,215	0,215	0,215	0,215	0,000	0,000	0,215	0,215	0,000	0,100	139,899,510
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	2,578	699	4	0,271	0,271	0,271	0,266	0,266	0,000	0,000	0,271	0,271	0,271	0,100	14,630,000
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	2,930	199	2	0,069	0,069	0,068	0,068	0,068	0,000	0,000	0,068	0,068	0,069	0,100	13,600,000
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	9,405	992	6	0,106	0,106	0,105	0,106	0,106	0,000	0,000	0,106	0,105	0,107	0,100	88,222,313
OM0000008668	THE PEARL REIF	100	18	1	0,179	0,179	0,179	0,179	0,179	0,000	0,000	0,179	0,178	0,179	0,100	105,867,200
OM0000009569	JABAL REIF	3,155	338	1	0,107	0,107	0,107	0,107	0,107	0,000	0,000	0,107	0,106	0,117	0,100	18,618,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	500	375	1	0,749	0,749	0,749	0,750	0,750	-0,001	-0,133	0,749	0,700	0,800	0,100	71,155,000
OM0000001426	OMAN REFRESHMENT	4,136	4,570	4	1,111	1,111	1,080	1,080	1,200	-0,120	-10,000	1,080	1,080	1,189	0,100	54,000,000
Total	23	10,953,204	2,534,877	560												

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UNGA concludes general debate

Time is running out, and promises remain unfulfilled, President Khalilur Rahman said, noting that only a few of the Sustainable Development Goals are on track and progress has stalled

UNITED NATIONS: The General Debate of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) concluded on Monday, during which 194 delegations spoke on topics including peace, development, human rights, UN reform and the selection of the next secretary-general, as well as artificial intelligence (AI).

“Across your statements, one word came before all others — peace. But peace was spoken of less as a distant aspiration than as an urgent defence of the UN Charter, international law and the protection of civilians,” General Assembly President Khalilur Rahman said in his closing remarks.

“We heard that the maintenance of peace and security ... meant more than containing violence. It requires prevention, mediation and diplomacy, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, ad-



herence to international law and investment in the conditions that sustain peace,” he said.

Development was featured prominently throughout the debate, Rahman said. “Time is running out, and promises remain unfulfilled,” he said, noting that only a few of the Sustainable Development Goals are on track and progress has stalled.

Artificial general intelligence AI, or artificial general intelligence, has moved from the margins of discussions in previous years to the center of the debate this year, he noted.

Four years ago, AI was raised in this hall by only five delegations. This year, 128 delegations addressed it, more than the number that spoke on climate change and

human rights, he said.

More leaders recognised the extraordinary potential of AI to transform public services, accelerate scientific discovery, advance sustainable development and expand access to knowledge, while pointing out risks arising from it. Many framed AI as a question of governance, he said.

“AI governance must be human-centered, inclusive and attentive to the needs of developing countries. It must prevent a new divide,” he said.

World leaders also spoke clearly about reforming the United Nations. Reform is not an exercise in rearranging structures or reducing budgets. Its measure is whether this organisation delivers better, faster and more fairly for the people it serves, said Rahman.

On the selection of the next secretary-general, member states called for a process that is transparent, inclusive and merit-based. The selection process must strengthen, not diminish the legitimacy, independence and moral authority of the office of the UN secretary-general, he said.

Restoring trust, a theme of this year’s debate, resonated widely in speeches, said Rahman.

“Trust cannot be commanded. It must be earned through consistency between words and deeds, equal application of international law, fulfillment of commitments, genuine representation, transparency, accountability, and results,” he said.

“Restoring trust, therefore, means making our institutions worthy of that trust. Meaningful,



and often painful, reforms need to underpin efforts to rebuild trust.”

This year’s General Assembly high-level week again saw the weaponization of visas by the United States, which abused its status as the host country.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was unable to travel to New York for a second consecutive year after the United States imposed a visa ban on Palestinian officials.

Addressing world leaders via prerecorded video, Abbas said: “We reject these unlawful punitive measures. And we reject the accusations and justifications on which they were based.”

The Palestinian people and leadership should not be punished for demanding an end to the occupation or for turning to the United Nations, the International Court

of Justice and the International Criminal Court, said Abbas.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke on Thursday morning in the same session after Abbas. Netanyahu’s presence triggered a mass exodus from the General Assembly Hall as scores of delegates walked out in protest.

Netanyahu was booed as the Israeli delegation sat in the hall, while supporters in the gallery cheered him on.

The theme of this year’s General Debate was “Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all.”

During the high-level week, meetings were also held on sustainable development, climate action, sea-level rise, pandemic prevention and response, among other issues. — Xinhua

MOUNTAIN HAZARDS



Regional experts issue ‘Kathmandu 10 Action Points’

KATHMANDU: Governments, scientists and development partners from across the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) have called for a stronger regional response to the mountain hazards that a changing climate is making harder to predict.

The recommendations, called the Kathmandu 10 Action Points, came out of a three-day workshop from 15 to 17 September. It was convened by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal’s National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority and the Embassy of Switzerland in Kathmandu.

Scientists at the workshop said questions remain about what caused the disaster, including geological conditions, glacier dynamics, permafrost and a changing climate. They said more research is needed to pin down how much each factor contributed but experts agreed that climate change is broadly reshaping mountain ecosystems, and that its influence is “clear and critical.”

“This is now a slap in the face and time is running out,” said Pema Gyamtsho, ICIMOD’s Director General, noting the region has seen “back-to-back mega-hazards.” He said reducing future risks would require collaboration across countries, disciplines and institutions.

Preliminary scientific assessments indicate that a slope failure in the Langtang Lirung range set off the ice-rock avalanche. It travelled through the Lhende Khola and the Bhote Koshi-Trishuli river system, carrying rock, ice, water, debris and sediment downstream and across an international border.

More than 1,400 people died in the 26 August Rasuwa-Gyirong

flood, and about 6,000 remain unaccounted for, according to figures Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal presented at the UN General Assembly. Around 10 per cent of the missing are nationals of 38 countries. Nepal’s economic losses exceed USD 5 billion, nearly 15 per cent of its gross domestic product.

Across the HKH, glaciers are retreating, permafrost is degrading, and mountain hydrological systems are changing rapidly. These shifts are creating new and evolving risks, and they are making hazards more complex and interconnected. Traditional risk management struggles to cope with them, the organisers said.

The 10 points include redesigning early warning triggers for sudden-onset hazards and exploring “sacrificial infrastructure” built to absorb the impacts of cascading events. They also propose: “a satellite-based inventory of multi-hazard hotspots; a shift from sharing raw data across borders to providing decision-ready information; a shared regional data portal; a regional response fund and a people-centred, phased recovery plan backed by short-, medium- and long-term financing.”

The recommendations also call for more investment in the institutions that carry out observation, risk assessment and data collection, and not only in monitoring technology. They urge better integration of cascading risks into infrastructure planning. That matters because countries across the region are building roads, bridges, hydropower plants, transmission lines and trade corridors in highly dynamic mountain terrain.

The workshop also drew on the 2025 ice-rock avalanche at Blatten in Switzerland’s Canton of Valais. — ANI

TO INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

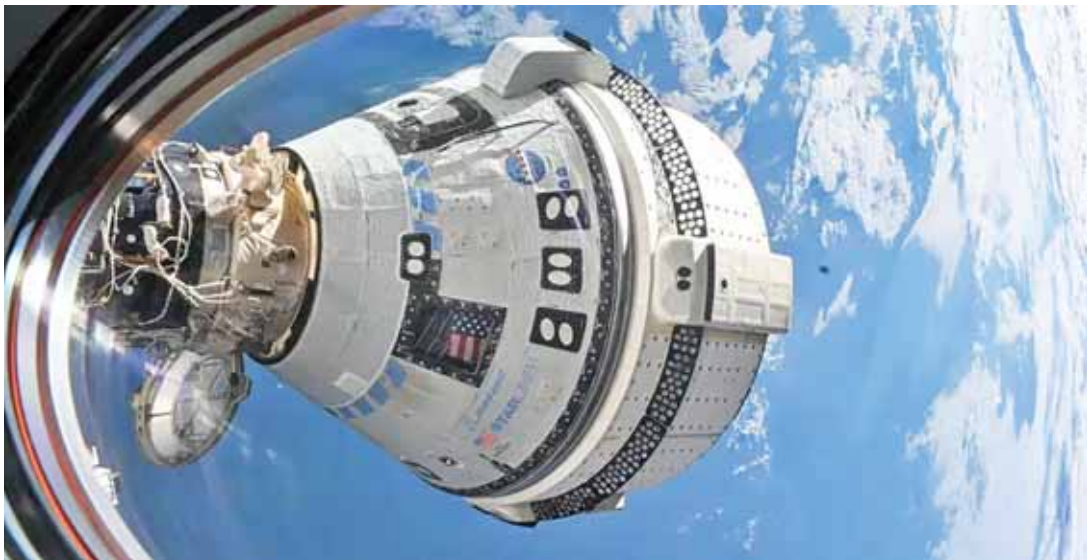
NASA, Boeing outline next steps for Starliner

LOS ANGELES: NASA said Monday it plans to conduct an uncrewed Starliner-1 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) as early as December this year or January 2027, with a crewed Starliner-2 mission targeted for 2028.

NASA also announced plans to exercise options for a fifth and sixth Starliner flight to and from the ISS, and said it will work with Boeing and United Launch Alliance to certify the Vulcan rocket for Starliner crew transportation after the final flight of the Atlas V rocket.

The uncrewed Starliner-1 will serve as an engineering evaluation mission to validate improvements made to the spacecraft, verify improved thermal environments, obtain performance data needed for system qualification and identify residual risks ahead of crewed missions, according to NASA.

The agency will use data from Starliner-1 to continue implementing corrective actions identified by its Programme Investigation Team and complete the testing and certification required for crewed flight, NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said, adding that the current plan is to return astronauts to space on Starliner-2 by 2028.



Boeing’s Starliner spacecraft launched in June 2024 on its first crewed flight test, carrying NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, and docked with the ISS. During the flight, some of the spacecraft’s reaction control thrusters did not perform as expected, and helium leaks were detected.

NASA ultimately decided to return Starliner to Earth uncrewed, while the two astronauts later returned to Earth aboard a SpaceX

Dragon spacecraft in March 2025.

In February, NASA released findings from its Program Investigation Team into the 2024 crewed flight test. The investigation identified 61 recommendations for NASA.

Based on the findings, Boeing has made thermal modifications to Starliner’s service module, which NASA will evaluate on Starliner-1. NASA and Boeing also have jointly decided to implement an additional thruster valve design modifica-

tion to support spacecraft certification and future crewed flights.

Following Starliner-1, NASA and Boeing will complete the service module thruster valve design modification.

Boeing will also implement other improvements, including installing new crew module thrusters and batteries, as well as making minor modifications to the parachute system to improve performance and reliability, NASA said. — Xinhua

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

India’s Jaishankar warns of ‘major’ food crisis

NEW YORK: India’s External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar cautioned that ongoing global conflicts and the resulting disruptions to grain shipments and fertiliser production threatened to trigger a major food crisis in the coming months, placing severe compounding pressure on developing nations.

Speaking at an event organised by the Asia Society in New York, EAM Jaishankar linked the looming risks directly to acute strains across energy supplies, grain exports, fertilisers, and global finance. He emphasised that the profound ripple effects of the Ukraine conflict and the Iran-Gulf crisis are resonating heavily far beyond the borders of the nations directly involved.

Detailing the severity of the agricultural bottleneck, he noted, “We are already looking at major significant fertiliser shortages,” while highlighting that key grain exporters would face severe impediments in dispatching shipments, particularly through critical Black Sea corridors.



Underscoring the gravity of the outlook, EAM Jaishankar warned, “So there is gonna be a major food crisis probably, you know, in the coming months.” His remarks framed the unfolding situation as an imminent systemic risk rather than an inevitable conclusion that has already materialised.

Energy security remains another acute source of anxiety. Pointing out that global markets remain tight, he cautioned that politically driven decisions impacting oil supplies could artificially inflate prices at a time when nations ur-

gently require macroeconomic stability, describing supply security and associated geopolitical interference as deeply intertwined pressures.

The cascading consequences extend far beyond inflationary spikes. EAM Jaishankar noted that international conflicts naturally drive capital towards safer financial havens, actively draining investments away from the Global South. Nations confronting simultaneous shocks across food, fuel, fertilisers, and finance find themselves left with minimal fiscal

buffer to absorb further volatility.

Arguing against insular policymaking, he asserted that global leaders cannot simply dismiss collateral economic damage inflicted on other states as unintended. Policymakers bear a fundamental responsibility to weigh the wider, cross-border repercussions of their unilateral decisions.

Challenging self-serving policy approaches, EAM Jaishankar stated, “Countries should not be so self-centred that you’re in your own world and take your decision.” He stressed that leaders must remain cognisant of how their domestic actions impact populations elsewhere, particularly in resource-constrained regions with limited capacity to react.

The minister further cautioned against permitting vulnerable developing states to descend into deep economic distress, reminding audiences that historical breakdowns in governance invariably carry severe global security costs, making basic needs provisioning a matter of shared common sense and international solidarity. — ANI



LIFESTYLE

HOW EXTREME WEATHER IS HURTING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Heat waves, wildfires and floods have cascading economic impacts, causing incomes to decline and the price of basic goods to rise. The trend will escalate as temperatures continue to increase

The last 11 years have been the planet's hottest on record. This changing climate is manifested in extreme weather events like heat waves and wildfires. But less obvious are the higher prices and lower wages linked to a heating world.

According to a 2026 study by the MIT Sloan School of Management and UCLA School of Law, climate change has already driven up average American household expenses by \$900 (€780) a year — rising to above \$1,300 for one in 10 US counties.

These costs would not exist in a world without climate change. They include escalating home insurance (\$600 higher on average), increasing state and federal taxes due to disaster recovery costs or health impacts from wildfire smoke, for example.

"Climate inaction isn't just an environmental failure; it acts like a tax on every American household," wrote the researchers.

How climate change is already hitting incomes

A 2024 report by Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact estimated that climate damages to agriculture, infrastructure, health and productivity could cost the world economy \$38 trillion a year by 2050.

But how have climate-driven weather extremes already impacted salaries and household budgets?

"If we can't figure out what climate change is already costing us with the data we have, projecting the future becomes almost hopeless," said Derek Lemoine, an economics professor from the University of Arizona who has estimated a 12% reduction in US incomes as global temperatures have risen. This is also compared to a non-climate change scenario.

Lemoine shows how temperature extremes in one US county are having cascading economic impacts in distant locations with milder weather due to interconnected trade and supply chains.

"Much work studies climate change as if it changes weather in only one year and one location at a time," Lemoine told DW.

Instead, he wants to understand how, if a heat wave wipes out corn crops across America, other industries that rely on that corn, including livestock and food producers, will be impacted as the commodity becomes scarcer and increases in price.

"As your costs have gone up," said Lemoine of producers impacted across the corn supply chain, "that's going to serve to make the income of everyone who depends on you go down."

Climate's impact on trade is also being felt in Germany, where record low water levels on the Rhine River, the busiest inland trade waterway in Europe, could shave as much as 0.2% off Germany's economic output in the third quarter of 2026, noted the Kiel Institute for the World Economy in July.

Prolonged dry weather linked to climate change is to blame as shipping capacity drops to as low as 15% on the river that connects Europe's largest port in Rotterdam in the Netherlands with much of western Germany.

Compounding existing economic pressures

One Australian study also looks at how broad climate changes, rather than local shocks from single extreme weather events have gradually led to a decrease in productivity and economic output.

Timothy Neal, a researcher at the Institute for Climate Risk and Response at the University of New South Wales in Australia, co-authored the report showing that global heating reduced economic output in the state of NSW by an average of around 18%, or the equivalent of \$21,288 Australian dollars (€12,974, \$15,000) per person in 2024.

"The damage has already been quite severe," Neal told DW, adding that in a non-warming scenario, citizens would enjoy "lower food prices" and "lower poverty."

The report refers to droughts in parts of NSW in the mid-late 2010s that reduced productivity across the whole state by up to 10 billion Australian dollars due to lower agricultural yields and farm incomes, higher water costs and increased reliance on government assistance.

These financial impacts compounded through the state economy over time, influencing the cost of food, insurance and infrastructure maintenance.

In the words of the report, these effects also "compound existing economic pressures and contribute to widening disparities between regions," meaning an increase in income and wealth inequality.

Can climate adaptation limit costs?

"Climate change action should not be seen as a predominantly environmental but also economically sensible," said Frank Jotzo, an economist at the NSW Net Zero Commission, which works to decarbonise the state and commissioned the above study.

Referring to "defensive climate investments" such as reinforcing roads, railways and shipping infrastructure to adapt to a hotter world, Jotzo added that "if it wasn't for climate change, we could be putting that money and that effort into other things."

However, adaptation efforts such as the greening of cities to reduce heat island effects will be vital to head off much worse future economic impacts.

The 2026 European heat waves, for example, have already cost around €180 billion, which is the EU's entire projected economic growth for the year, according to one analysis.

Adaptation will also involve strengthening the hospital and medical system to counteract the health effects of heat waves that also reduce productivity as heat-stressed employees tire or struggle to sleep, Jotzo noted.

But Lemoine says that adaptation to climate-driven economic decline is so "costly in its own right" that it could exacerbate income loss and be ineffective if not done comprehensively.

Only when "all places" are insulated from weather extremes can the cascading economic impacts be addressed, he says.

Nonetheless, both adaptation and a rapid reduction of planet-heating emissions are together required to avoid climate-driven income loss that will worsen if warming outstrips Paris climate agreement targets.

"Unchecked climate change would create a permanent drain on wages and productivity," said Jotzo. — DW

SPORTS



SailFree team prepares to represent Oman at the World Sailing Championship in Portugal

NEW ROLE

The delegation travelling to Portugal includes a dedicated group of athletes, technical staff, and support team

MUSCAT: Sailors from Oman Sail's SailFree programme, run in partnership with bp Oman, are preparing to head to Portimão, Portugal, for the second World Sailing Inclusion Championship 2026, taking place from 30 September to 11 October 2026.

The championship represents

another milestone for the SailFree team after competing last year at the inaugural edition in Mussanah by offering the sailors an invaluable opportunity to gain international competitive experience at the highest level, refine their technical abilities, and proudly represent the Sultanate of Oman on the

international stage. The delegation travelling to Portugal includes a dedicated group of athletes, technical staff, and support team.

On the water, the team – led by Nawaf Al Ghadani – comprises Mohammed Abdullah Al Amri, Moosa Khalfan Al Nafai, Zaher Khalfan Al Atabi, Ali Said Al Ghusaini, Ghalya Masoud Al Jabri, and Malik Juma Al Qartoobi.

The athletes will be coached by Haitham Al Wahaibi and Akram Al Wahaibi from Oman Sail and supported by Muayad Al Busaidi. Nawaf Al Ghadani, Team Leader, said, "Representing Oman at an event as influential as the World Sailing Inclusion Championships is an immense honour for our en-

tire team. Our sailors have worked tirelessly to reach this standard, demonstrating incredible dedication and progress throughout our training sessions. Competing against world-class athletes in Portimão will test their skills, build confidence, and showcase the incredible strides Oman is making in adaptive and inclusive sports."

Haitham Al Wahaibi, Coach, added, "This championship is a crucial stepping stone in the personal and professional development of our squad. Beyond the technical challenges of competing in international waters, the event reinforces our ultimate goal of building a clear, sustainable path-

way from foundational training to elite, high-performance competition. We are confident that our sailors will gain vital experience, perform to the best of their abilities, and return home with broader horizons and enhanced capabilities."

Ibrahim Al Hinai, Social investment manager at bp Oman, Kuwait, and Qatar further commented: "We are proud to support the athletes from SailFree as they represent the nation in Portugal as part of the World Sailing Inclusion Championships.

This participation shows the value of the SailFree programme and the extent to which consistent investment in the community and

empowerment of persons with disabilities can lead to important life-changing opportunities.

"We wish the team all the best and look forward to supporting the next generation of sailors through the programme."

Participating in top-tier international regattas directly aligns with the overarching objectives of Oman Sail and bp Oman for SailFree by creating structured pathways for persons with disabilities to progress from introductory sailing to advanced competition, while raising awareness of adaptive sports and fostering equal opportunity within the community for people of all abilities to take an active role in society.

AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Cricket Ireland appoint Ed Joyce as high performance batting coach

DUBLIN: Cricket Ireland have appointed former international Ed Joyce as their high performance batting coach, with the former Ireland and England batter set to work with the senior men's team as well as the country's male talent pathway. Joyce begins his new role immediately and will work alongside men's head coach Gary Wilson and high performance director Graeme West, according to Cricinfo.

"Once I retired from playing, staying involved in Irish cricket was a high priority for me," Joyce said in a statement, according to Cricinfo. "When I look at the Ireland men's side over recent years, it's obvious to see the amount of hard work that has gone on behind the scenes in preparing our players to be competitive on the international stage."

"I look forward to getting involved in this work and perhaps adding some insights and knowledge to push the batting group forward. The talent is there, the goal is now consistency," he added.

Joyce, who represented both



Ireland and England during his playing career, retired from international cricket in 2018 before moving into coaching.

He joined the Ireland women's team as head coach soon after retiring and remained in the role for almost six years before stepping down in April 2025. He subsequently worked as a batting coach with Gloucestershire in county cricket and Dublin Guardians in the ETPL, while also working as a broadcaster.

As a player, Joyce was a key figure in Ireland's rise on the international stage. He scored 2,151 runs in 61 ODIs for Ireland at an average of 41.36 and famously featured in Ireland's historic victory over England at the 2011 World Cup. He also represented England, playing 17 ODIs and scoring 471 runs. Joyce became one of the few players to represent two countries at the World Cup before returning to Ireland and making his Test debut in 2018.

Ireland's senior men's team will be looking to strengthen their batting ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup Qualifier, scheduled to be played from February 22 to March 23.

Their most recent assignment was a five-match ODI series against Afghanistan at home in August, which Ireland lost 4-0.

Joyce's appointment adds further experience to Ireland's high performance setup as the team prepares for the World Cup qualification campaign and continues to develop its next generation of male players. **-ANI**

ACCIDENT

Mallorca goalkeeper Cuellar suffers head injury

MADRID: Mallorca goalkeeper Ivan Cuellar is in hospital after suffering a serious head injury in an accident at the club's training ground. The 42-year-old, the club's third-choice goalkeeper, was injured before Monday's training session when "a large structure" in the canteen at the Ciutat Esportiva Antonio Asensio collapsed onto him, the club said.

"This morning, Ivan 'Pichu' Cuellar suffered a serious head injury after a large structure, which formed part of the decor in the dining room at the Ciutat Esportiva collapsed," the statement said. "The player has been taken to hospital for treatment and will remain under observation for the next 24 hours."

The club gave no further details. Cuellar's career has spanned more than 20 years, with spells at Atletico Madrid, Sporting Gijon, Eibar and Leganes. He joined Mallorca in 2023 as experienced backup and has made six first-team appearances over the past three seasons.



BARCELONA FORWARD



Champions League success a 'matter of fate,' says Yamal

MADRID: FC Barcelona forward Lamine Yamal said Monday that winning the Champions League is a "matter of fate" as the Spanish club seeks its first European title since 2015.

Speaking to ON Sport while on international duty with Spain, Yamal said success in the competition requires more than simply performing well. "It all comes down to fate. The Champions League isn't decided in a single match," Yamal said. "You need luck alongside experience, and these things build up year after year," he added, saying he hoped "luck is on our side this year."

Barcelona has not won the Champions League since beating Juventus in the 2015 final, and Yamal said the team was determined to end that wait.

"We are playing to win the trophy, and we are taking it se-

riously," he said. "We want to win and bring the trophy back to Barcelona."

Barcelona has started the season with seven consecutive wins in La Liga and another in the Champions League, and Yamal said the team had improved in both performance and quality. "We are in a very good run of form and are eager to keep playing entertaining, exciting football," he said.

Yamal credited new signings Anthony Gordon and Karim Adeyemi for settling in quickly while also highlighting the growing chemistry among the club's established players.

"We all play with the same winning mentality, and we'll always do what we believe is best for the team," Yamal said. "We're a big family, and we always want to win." **-Xinhua**

POTCHEFSTROOM: Australia suffered a double injury blow ahead of the third and final ODI against South Africa, with fast bowler Nathan Ellis ruled out with a side strain and left-arm spinner Joel Davies set to return home after sustaining a hamstring injury.

Ellis, who has been Australia's standout bowler on the tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa, suffered the left side strain after bowling four overs during the second ODI in Johannesburg. He did not return to complete his spell as South Africa went on to post 365 and seal the three-match series 2-0, according to Cricinfo.

The pacer will return to Australia for further assessment and rehabilitation, with the hope of recovering in time for the home ODI series against England, beginning on November 13.

Ellis is the second Australian fast bowler to suffer a side strain on the tour after Billy Stanlake was sidelined during the second ODI in Zimbabwe.

Australia will have only four fit specialist fast bowlers available for the final ODI in Potchefstroom on Wednesday. Pat Cummins is expected to return after missing the opening two matches, while Mitchell Starc is also likely to feature after being rested for the second ODI. Josh Hazlewood could be rested after playing both matches, with Xavier Bartlett expected to retain his place.



Davies, meanwhile, picked up a hamstring strain while fielding as a substitute during the second ODI in Johannesburg. The spinner did not feature in any match on the tour after travelling as Australia's second specialist spinner and will now return home for rehabilitation before resuming domestic cricket with New South Wales.

Australia have not named replacements for either Ellis or Davies for the final ODI.

There is also no decision yet on whether Josh Inglis will return for the Test series against South Africa, beginning October 9, after the wicketkeeper-batter broke his finger during the opening ODI in Durban.

Meanwhile, changes have also been made to the Australia A squad

currently touring India. Brendan Doggett, Fergus O'Neill and Campbell Kellaway will return home to join their states for the start of the Sheffield Shield season.

Sam Harper, Jhye Richardson and Liam Hatcher are set to feature in the second unofficial Test against India A in Puducherry, beginning Tuesday.

Riley Meredith and Will Sutherland have also been added to the Australia A one-day squad for three matches beginning next Tuesday. They replace Jack Edwards and Aaron Hardie, with Edwards currently in South Africa as cover for Cameron Green after playing the first two ODIs.

Hardie has been ruled out of the one-day series with a minor knee injury. **-ANI**

SERBIAN PLAYER

Djokovic relishes China Open return after 11-year absence

BEIJING: Novak Djokovic said Monday he was delighted to return to the China Open after an 11-year absence as he seeks a seventh title at the ATP 500 tournament in Beijing. The Serbian last competed at the China Open in 2015, when he defeated Rafael Nadal in the final to claim his sixth title. He remains the tournament's most successful men's singles player, having won in 2009, 2010 and from 2012 to 2015.

"It's been a while. Eleven years have passed since I played here last," Djokovic said at a press conference. "I have a great record here. I always enjoyed playing in Beijing, in China in general, particularly here in Beijing."

Djokovic said the support he receives from Chinese fans was a major reason he had looked forward to returning.

"There's a lot of love, a lot of support from Chinese tennis fans. I always look forward to that," he said. "Eventually I was going to come back to Beijing. I'm glad that it has happened this year."



The 24-time Grand Slam champion also praised the development of the tournament facilities since his previous appearance and recalled competing at the venue during the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"The facility has improved a lot. It was always a very impressive facility, one of the most impressive that we have in our sport," Djokovic said.

The 39-year-old said his previous success in China gives him confidence as he prepares for his first match.

"My record speaks for itself on Chinese soil," he said. "Knowing that, it also brings this dimension of confidence that I really need."

Despite being at a different stage

of his career, Djokovic made clear that his return to Beijing was about more than enjoying the occasion.

"It's never just to enjoy. I could play exhibitions just to enjoy the crowd," he said. "I'm playing a professional tournament because I also want to win. That's actually the primary motivation, always trying to compete and win against the guy across the net on a given day, try to get as far as you can in a tournament."

Asked about his fondest China Open memories beyond his six titles, Djokovic again pointed to his Chinese fans.

"Other than winning, the best memories would definitely be my fans, the way they greet me, the way they support me, the way they show me love, how passionate they are about tennis," he said.

"My NoleFam here in China has been incredible, both Beijing and Shanghai, over the years. They definitely are the highlight and something I always take away anywhere I go in the world with me." **-ANI**

Oman athletics federation hails Asian Games sprint double

The presence of two Omani runners on the podium was the result of sustained efforts and demonstrated that local athletes are increasingly capable of competing for top positions

MUSCAT: The President of the Oman Athletics Federation, Said bin Mohammed Al Hajri, described Ali Al Balushi's silver and Mulham Al Balushi's bronze medals in the men's 100 metres at the 2026 Asian Games as a historic achievement for Omani sport.

Speaking to Oman News Agency, Al Hajri said the achievement marked the first time Oman had won two medals in the same race at the Asian Games, highlighting the growing competitiveness of Omani athletics at the continental level.

He said the presence of two Omani runners on the podium alongside some of Asia's leading sprinters was the result of sustained institutional efforts and demonstrated that Omani athletes are increasingly capable of competing for top positions in major Asian competitions.

Al Hajri said the achievement goes beyond the medal tally, strengthening Oman's presence in continental sport and highlighting athletics' potential to generate greater public and media interest, attract support and partnerships, and contribute to Oman's ambitions to host major sporting events.

He described the result as a qualitative shift in Omani athletics, from participation to genuine competition for titles.

The presence of two Omani runners in the Asian Games final, he added, reflected a narrowing of the technical gap with leading Asian sprinters and opened new prospects for competing at the global level.

He praised the performances of Ali and Mulham, saying both displayed strong technical and mental qualities, including powerful starts, the ability to maintain speed through the final metres and composure under the pressure of a major final.

Their silver and bronze finishes, he added, reflect the advanced level they have reached while also creating healthy competition between the two runners that can contribute to further improvement.

Al Hajri said preparations for the Asian Games followed an integrated technical plan covering general, specialised and competitive preparation. The programme included training camps in Spain, Türkiye and Salalah, as well as participation in international competitions and meetings in Spain, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Türkiye.

The Muscat Grand Prix on September 5 was the final preparatory competition. The federation sought to raise the standard of competition by attracting high-level athletes, including American sprinter Brandon Hecklin, who has recorded 9.93 seconds in the 100 metres.

The team then travelled to Thailand for its final camp and to adapt to climatic conditions similar to those in Japan, where the Asian Games competitions are being held.

The preparation programme also covered close monitoring of physical conditioning, nutrition, recovery and mental readiness, alongside providing a stable training environment for the athletes.

Al Hajri said the Asian Games achievement could represent a turning point for Omani athletics by raising expectations among athletes and coaches, encouraging greater participation through clubs and schools, and strengthening the confidence of sponsors and the private sector in supporting Omani athletes.

He also highlighted plans to develop an advanced training system, including the proposed High Per-



formance Centre project in Jabal Akhdar, which would provide facilities for high-altitude training.

On talent development, Al Hajri said the two medal winners had become role models for Omani youth.

The federation plans to use their success to strengthen its talent-identification programmes through its five existing talent centres across the governorates.

He said the federation is also seeking to expand the number of centres through partnerships with schools and integration with the National Talent Discovery and Development Programme. Ali and Mulham will also be involved in



school and community activities aimed at encouraging young people to take up athletics and benefit from the experience of Omani champions.

Looking ahead, Al Hajri said the federation's objective is to maintain and further develop the runners' current level, with ambitions of competing for gold at future Asian championships, qualifying for the World Championships and progressing through their events before ultimately competing at the Olympic Games.

He added that one of the federation's strategic ambitions is for an Omani sprinter to break the 10-second barrier in the 100 metres. Achieving that target, he said, will require sustained work under a realistic scientific plan and continued development of technical and physical preparation.

ROUND-UP

Royal Oman Police, Bank Muscat reveal details of short film contest to raise awareness of cyber fraud

Targeting young people aged 18 and above, the contest seeks to harness their creativity and content creation skills to deliver awareness messages capable of reaching different segments of society

MUSCAT: In an innovative initiative that takes awareness of cyber fraud beyond conventional messaging towards creative and impactful content, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, have announced the launch of a short film contest aimed at raising awareness of cyber fraud, during a press conference organised by the two institutions in Bank Muscat Head Office at Airport Heights and was attended by a number of officials and representatives of the various media channels.

Targeting young people aged 18 and above, the contest seeks to harness their creativity and content creation skills to deliver awareness messages capable of reaching different segments of society in a modern and engaging manner. The contest forms part of the activities of the joint awareness campaign implemented by the two institutions to combat cyber fraud, which is continuing for the sixth consecutive year.

During the conference, a presentation was delivered highlighting the competition's objectives, categories, target audience, and other relevant details. In addition, examples of awareness initiatives from the joint campaign between the Royal Oman Police and Bank Muscat were showcased, along with some of the key phases it went through during the previous period. The press conference also



served as a platform for exchanging ideas and views aimed at raising public awareness of the various types of electronic fraud, ways to prevent them, and educating the community about emerging fraudulent practices.

The contest invites participants to produce a short film of no more than 90 seconds highlighting a particular method of cyber fraud and explaining how to identify and prevent it, thereby contributing to greater awareness, vigilance and responsible digital behaviour. Those interested in participating can submit their entries through the dedicated competition link: www.khalikwa3i.om, no later than 20 of November.

Winners will receive valuable cash prizes totaling RO 6,000, with the first-place winner receiving RO 3,000, the second-place winner RO 2,000, and the third-place win-

ner RO 1,000. In addition, incentive prizes will be presented to selected participants in recognition of their creativity and efforts in supporting the initiative's awareness objectives.

The significance of the competition lies in placing young people at the heart of the awareness process, not merely as a target audience, but as active partners in creating and disseminating the message. With the rapid growth of digital platforms and the continuous evolution of fraud techniques, short films and visual content have become increasingly effective tools for reaching audiences, particularly young people. The initiative therefore seeks to transform creative ideas into simple, impactful and direct messages that help members of the community recognise potential fraud attempts before falling victim to them.

itive impact achieved by the joint campaign across various segments of Omani society."

The competition builds on the longstanding partnership between Bank Muscat and the Royal Oman Police in combating and cyber fraud and enhancing community awareness. The joint awareness campaign against cyber fraud was launched in 2019 and, over the years, has utilised a wide range of traditional and digital media channels, including the production and dissemination of awareness videos, as well as lectures and workshops at universities, colleges and various institutions.

These initiatives have highlighted the techniques used by fraudsters and provided practical guidance on how individuals can protect themselves.

The joint campaigns have also addressed a range of evolving fraud methods, including one-time password (OTP) fraud, impersonation of institutions and individuals, fraudulent links and websites, fake courier and delivery messages, fraudulent employment and investment offers, as well as phishing through emails, text messages and phone calls. The partnership has also included specialised awareness sessions on cyber fraud and the protection of banking information, as part of ongoing efforts to build a well-informed society capable of keeping pace with evolving digital threats.

Through the new competition, Bank Muscat and the Royal Oman Police continue to advance their collaborative approach to awareness by moving beyond simply delivering messages to actively involving the community in creating them. The competition provides young people with a platform to present their creative perspectives on one of the most pressing issues related to digital security, thereby contributing to building a more informed society that is better equipped to protect its personal data and assets and navigate the digital environment safely.

Bank Muscat continues to invest in awareness and prevention programmes as essential components of its efforts to protect customers and promote the safe use of digital banking services, alongside the continued development of advanced systems and technologies for fraud detection and prevention.

On this occasion, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed bin Salam Al Hashami, Director of Public Relations at Royal Oman Police, said: "Awareness represents a fundamental line of defence against cyber fraud, particularly given the continuous evolution of the methods used by fraudsters to target members of society. Through this competition, we aim to further engage young people in awareness efforts and benefit from their creative capabilities in producing content that resonates with audiences and communicates preventive messages effectively. We hope that the participating films will help reinforce a culture of verification and vigilance, as well as the importance of never sharing banking or personal information. We also hope to encourage every individual to become more aware of their role in protecting themselves and oth-

ers from fraud attempts."

Talib bin Saif Al Makhmari, Head of Community and Media Relations at Bank Muscat, said: "We are proud to continue our partnership with the Royal Oman Police in implementing impactful initiatives that contribute to strengthening community awareness of cyber fraud. This competition introduces a different approach by giving young people the opportunity to become creators of the awareness message, using their own language, ideas and creativity. We are confident that the content produced by participants can make a valuable contribution to the ongoing efforts in this field, particularly as an innovative 90-second awareness message could potentially protect an individual or an entire family from becoming victims of fraud. We are also proud of the success and posi-

PROMOTION



Mitsubishi Motors Oman introduces exciting offers with exceptional value benefits

MUSCAT: General Automotive Company (GAC), a part of The Zubair Corporation and the authorised distributor of Mitsubishi Motors in Oman, has announced its exciting offers, giving customers an opportunity to take advantage of an exceptional range of benefits across the Mitsubishi range. Designed to deliver greater value, comfort, and peace of mind, the exciting offers combine attractive financing options with comprehensive ownership benefits for an even more rewarding Mitsubishi experience.

Customers can take advantage of an exceptional financing opportunity with 0% interest for up to 24 months, complemented by a comprehensive package of ownership benefits. The offer includes complimentary insurance and registration, free service for up to 4 years or 50,000 kilometres, a 6-year unlimited mileage

warranty with roadside assistance, and free Llummar window tinting. Together, these benefits are designed to provide greater value, convenience, and peace of mind throughout the ownership journey. With the offer available across the Mitsubishi range, customers can choose from a variety of models suited to different lifestyles and driving needs.

The exciting offers give customers an opportunity to experience the quality, reliability, performance, and advanced technology that Mitsubishi Motors is renowned for. Whether customers are looking for a versatile family vehicle, a capable SUV, or a practical everyday drive, the campaign offers attractive ownership benefits while investing in a Mitsubishi built to deliver confidence on every journey.

Speaking on the campaign, Manoj Ranade, General Manager

of General Automotive Company, said: "At Mitsubishi Motors Oman, our focus is always on delivering greater value to our customers and enhancing their overall ownership experience. We are pleased to bring these exciting offers to our customers, combining flexible financing with complimentary insurance and registration, free servicing, a 6-year unlimited mileage warranty with roadside assistance, and free Llummar window tinting. Together, these benefits provide our customers with greater value and peace of mind throughout their ownership journey."

The exciting offers are available from 20 September to 31 October at Mitsubishi Motors showrooms across Oman. Customers are encouraged to visit their nearest Mitsubishi showroom and take advantage of these exclusive benefits during the campaign period.

ENERGY SERVICES

Abraj launches leadership development programme with 40 participants

MUSCAT: Abraj Energy Services officially launched Abraj Plus: The leadership development programme at Abraj Headquarters in collaboration with Takatuf Oman, in the presence of the company's senior management and representatives from Takatuf Oman.

The launch marks the beginning of a structured, year-long leadership development journey running from September 2026 to September 2027. The programme brings together 40 selected participants and is designed to strengthen leadership capability, support Abraj's operational excellence, and contribute to the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

Abraj Plus comprises two development pathways: the Executives-to-be Pathway and the Managers-to-be Pathway. Both pathways combine face-to-face learning, residential experiences, individual coaching, case studies, scenario planning, business simulations, and practical application.

The Executives-to-be Pathway consists of six modules, supported by four individual coaching sessions. The pathway covers leading with excellence, strategic agility, people and culture leadership, influential and executive presence, the financial and commercial landscape, and innovation and growth mindset.

The Managers-to-be Pathway consists of four modules and



is supported by four individual coaching sessions. Its focus areas include emotional intelligence, business excellence, innovation and change leadership, and essential leadership competencies.

The program's learning journey connects leadership development with workplace realities, enabling participants to strengthen self-awareness, make sound decisions, build capable teams, lead change, communicate with impact, and contribute to sustainable business performance.

Commenting on the launch, Eng. Saif Al Hamhami, Chief Executive Officer of Abraj Energy Services, said: "Abraj Plus reflects our belief that leadership capability must be developed deliberately through experiences that connect learning with the realities of our business. With 40 colleagues beginning this year-long journey, the program will help strengthen self-awareness, strategic thinking, team leadership, and readiness to lead change. This investment reflects our commitment to operational excellence and contributes to the objectives of Oman Vision 2040."

The presence of Abraj's senior management and Takatuf representatives highlighted the importance of collaboration and sustained investment in leadership development as key enablers of organisational performance, internal capability building, and long-term growth.



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