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Oman Cabinet congratulates students, educators on new academic year

At its meeting on Sunday, the Council of Ministers said the education sector continues to receive the attention and care of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, underscoring its role as a fundamental pillar in building the nation, preparing future generations and supporting Oman's development.

The council expressed appreciation for the efforts of educational and administrative staff in carrying out their responsibilities and contributing to the education process.

RO 280 MILLION SAVED AS OMAN TIGHTENS OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

Around 70 government projects have so far benefited from phased assurance gateways aimed at improving readiness, controlling costs and reducing change orders.

Oman has achieved cumulative financial savings of around RO 280 million through efforts to strengthen the governance, cost control and management of government projects, the Projects, Tenders and Local Content Authority has said.



Oman's Labour Ministry bans unauthorised use of logo and name by private training institutes

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According to a circular issued by the Ministry, the restriction applies to promotional and media materials related to training programmes and events, including content published on social media platforms.

The ministry said it had observed instances of private training institutions using its logo or name in advertising and other promotional content without obtaining the required approval.



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As the new academic year begins in Oman, the Public Prosecution has highlighted key rights guaranteed to students under Article 44 of the School Education Law.

The Public Prosecution said students have the right to learn in a safe and engaging school environment, while receiving the education, resources, healthcare, transportation and opportunities for participation provided for under the law and relevant regulations.



“Don’t leave any student behind”: Royal Oman Police urges checks after every school bus trip

The ROP called on those responsible for school transportation to ensure that no student is left behind on a bus after each journey and to carefully check the vehicle before leaving.

As part of its safety reminder, the ROP urged drivers and supervisors to:

Muscat, Salalah Airports win nine global customer experience awards

Muscat International Airport and Salalah Airport have won a combined nine international awards at the Airports Council International (ACI) Customer Experience Awards, reinforcing Oman’s growing reputation for delivering world-class airport services and passenger experiences.

The honours were presented during the ACI World Airport Experience Summit 2026, hosted in Istanbul, Türkiye, from August 31 to September 4. The global event brought together aviation leaders and customer experience profes-



sionals from around the world and celebrated airports demonstrating excellence based on passenger feedback.

Over 332,000 livestock vaccinated in Oman’s South Al Batinah

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Campaign exceeds target by 167%, benefiting more than 3,700 livestock breeders across the governorate.

More than 332,000 livestock have been vaccinated across South Al Batinah Governorate under the national livestock vaccination campaign for the 2025-2026 season, as authorities step up efforts to protect herds from infectious diseases and strengthen animal health.

The Directorate General of Agricultural, Fisheries and Water Resources in South Al Batinah said the campaign covered 332,674 animals and benefited 3,752 live-stock breeders, achieving a completion rate of 167 percent of the original target.



Over 38,000 benefit from Oman’s social protection schemes in Al Buraimi



The number of beneficiaries receiving social protection benefits in Al Buraimi Governorate reached 38,190 by the end of July, reflecting the continued expansion of social and insurance coverage across the governorate.

Oman Consumer Protection Authority refunds RO 7,000 in Al Dakhiliyah car dispute

The case involved the purchase of a new vehicle from the dealership that could not be registered after defects were discovered, including a bend in the vehicle’s chassis.

Following the consumer’s complaint, an amicable settlement was reached between the two parties. Under the settlement, the contract was terminated and the RO 7,000 paid by the consumer was refunded.



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RO 280 million saved as Oman tightens oversight of government projects

Of the total savings, approximately RO 70 million was achieved by mid-2026, as the Authority intensified reviews of project costs, scopes and implementation mechanisms while introducing tighter controls across different stages of the project lifecycle.

The Authority said the implementation of the document cycle and phased assurance gateways has helped improve the readiness of

government projects before they move from one stage to another.

So far, around 70 government projects have benefited from the system, with approximately 160 phased assurance gateways applied to verify whether required conditions, documents and outputs have been completed before projects are allowed to progress.

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The approval remains subject to the fulfilment of all applicable requirements and obligations under the Companies Law, as well as

other relevant legislation and regulatory requirements, the company said in a disclosure to the Muscat Stock Exchange.

RO 2 million Al Jabal Al Akhdar wastewater project 68% complete

RO 2 million project to strengthen wastewater management, recycled water use and environmental protection.

The sewage network project in the Wilayat of Al Jabal Al Akhdar in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate has reached 68 percent completion, with the RO 2 million development expected to be completed in the final quarter of this year.

Implemented by Nama Water Services, the project is designed to create an integrated system for collecting and treating wastewater while expanding the use of recycled water.



Oman standards indicator grows 33.8%, beats Q2 target by 65%

The Omani and GCC standards indicator recorded 33.8 percent growth by the end of the second quarter of 2026, exceeding the target set for the period by 65 percent, according to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion.

The ministry said the performance reflects continued efforts to develop Oman's standards and metrology system, which plays a key role in strengthening national economic competitiveness by setting technical benchmarks for products and services and helping them meet requirements in domestic and international markets.

Under its 2026 plan, Oman is preparing and reviewing around 1,567 unified GCC



draft standards, including approximately 325 drafts prepared by Oman, in addition

to 16 national draft standards.

The standards programme

covers a broad range of economic sectors, including petroleum products, construction materials, food, electronics, energy efficiency, electricity, logistics, renewable energy, digital transformation and tourism.

The ministry said developing standards and metrology helps raise levels of quality, safety and efficiency while supporting the needs of industrial, commercial and technology sectors.

GCC keeps inflation below 2% in 2025, well below global average

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The rate was slightly higher than the 1.6 percent recorded in 2024 but remained below 2 percent for the second consecutive year, reflecting continued price stability across the six GCC countries.

GCC inflation remained below rates recorded in emerging and developing economies, which stood at 5.3 percent, as well as the global average of 4.2 percent. It was also lower than inflation in Japan at 3.2 percent, the United States at 2.6 percent, the European Union and advanced economies at 2.5 percent each, and the eurozone at 2.1 percent.

Housing and miscellaneous goods and services were the main drivers of GCC inflation in 2025, together accounting for about 73 percent of overall inflation, according to the report.

Among the main consumer price groups, miscellaneous goods and services recorded the highest inflation rate at 5.4 percent, followed by hous-



ing at 4 percent and culture and entertainment at 2 percent.

Restaurants and hotels recorded inflation of 1.6 percent, while food and beverages rose by 1.2 percent and education by 1 percent. Tobacco prices increased by 0.6 percent, while clothing and footwear rose by 0.4 percent.

Health, communications and furniture prices remained unchanged, while transport prices declined by 0.2 percent.

Indonesia volcano eruption halts flights, disrupts schools

The eruption of Indonesia's Anak Krakatau volcano forced the temporary suspension of operations at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport on Sunday, affecting 209 flights and nearly 23,000 passengers as volcanic ash spread across parts of Java and Sumatra.

Indonesia's Ministry of Transportation said flight operations at the country's busiest airport were halted for several hours after volcanic ash continued to be detected around the airport area.



Spain extends border checks on travellers from Italy until September 22

Madrid prolongs temporary controls at airports and ports for another 15 days amid concerns over security and migration flows.

Spain has extended temporary border controls on travellers arriving from Italy by air and sea for another 15 days, with the measures now set to remain in force until September 22.

The Spanish Ministry of the Interior said the extension will take effect from 12:00 am on September 8 until midnight on September 22, citing the continued existence of circumstances posing a serious threat to public order and internal security.

The controls apply to people arriving at Spanish airports and ports on passenger flights and maritime services originating from Italy.

Spain initially reinstated the temporary internal border controls on August 8 for a period of 30 days, with the original measure due to expire on September 7. The government said the decision was linked to concerns over migration flows and the risk of secondary movements of third-country nationals within the Schengen area.

Oman Grand Prix draws athletes from 50+ nations

The first edition of the Grand Prix Athletics Championship got underway at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Bausher, bringing together male and female athletes from more than 50 countries for 31 track and field competitions.

Organised by the Oman Athletics Federation, the championship forms part of the World Athletics Continental Tour at Bronze level, alongside International Challenge Tour events, giving participating

athletes valuable ranking points and opportunities to strengthen their qualification prospects for major international championships.

Oman's national athletics team made an impressive start to the competition,

securing several podium finishes across the programme.

Among the standout performances, Fatih Jaaboub claimed first place in the men's high jump, ahead of Egypt's Abdelrahman Saber and the USA's Isaiah Holmes.

Oman also celebrated victory in the men's triple jump as Salem Al-Rawahi secured top spot, followed by Saudi Arabia's Issa Jarrah and Ahmed Tharwat.



Rumesh Tharanga makes history, becomes first Sri Lankan to win Diamond League javelin title

Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage capped off a sensational season by winning the men's javelin throw title at the 2026 Diamond League final in Brussels on Saturday, becoming the first Sri Lankan athlete to win the prestigious title, as per Olympics.com.

The 23-year-old from Sri Lanka recorded a best effort of 89.04m in the third round at King Baudouin Stadium, finishing ahead of Poland's Dawid Wegner, who posted a personal best of 87.47m.

Infantino silent as pressure mounts over FIFA future

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FIFA chief dodges questions on resignation and re-election as fallout from failed \$20bn World Cup rights plan intensifies.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has declined to address growing questions over his future at world football's governing body, as pres-

sure mounts over his abandoned plan to bring private investors into FIFA's lucrative commercial rights business.



