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His Majesty Sultan Haitham to visit Botswana and Angola from September 16

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik will make state visits to the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Angola beginning on Wednesday, Oman TV reported.

The visits come at the invitation of the presidents of the two African nations and are aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation between Oman and Botswana and Angola.

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'We stand on solid ground for joint investments with Botswana,' Oman Investment Authority chief says

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Oman is seeking to build on its growing economic relationship with Botswana and turn opportunities into concrete investments during

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik's visit to the southern African nation, the head of the Oman Investment Authority (OIA) said.



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Minister appoints Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry elections committee

His Excellency Ghalib bin Saeed bin Majid Al Maamari named chairman of the committee under Ministerial Decision No. 266/2026.

Oman's Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, His Excellency Anwar bin Hilal bin Hamad Al Jabri, has issued a ministerial decision appointing the chairman and members of the Elections Committee of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI).



SalamAir records 20% growth, flies over 180,000 passengers to Salalah during Khareef

Between June and August 2026, SalamAir operated 1,042 flights, up 19 percent compared with the same period last year, and offered more than 189,000 seats, an increase of 10 percent.

Muscat Municipality outlines safety and hygiene guidelines for salons

The municipality advised customers to ensure that salons are licensed and that staff follow appropriate hygiene practices, including wearing designated work uniforms. Customers should also check that salon tools are clean and thoroughly sterilised, while single-use items must not be reused. The municipality further advised ensuring that cosmetic products are kept in their original containers. The guidelines also call on customers to pay attention to the overall cleanliness of the salon, the condition and quality of equip-



ment, and the effectiveness of sterilisation devices used by the establishment. Muscat Municipality stressed that beauty services and cosmetic products should be safe and should not expose customers

Real estate transactions in Oman rise 7.7% to RO 1.72 billion



The total value of real estate transactions in Oman rose by 7.7 percent by the end of July 2026, reaching RO 1.7157 billion, compared with RO 1.593 billion during the same period in 2025.

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According to statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information, the increase was driven in part by a rise in the value of sales contracts, which climbed 15.7 percent to RO 843.2 million, compared with RO 728.5 million a year earlier. The number of sales contracts also increased by 3.9 percent to 39,719, from 38,226 during the corresponding period of 2025.

Drifting driver arrested after crash damages private property in Oman's Saham

The Royal Oman Police (ROP) has arrested a driver after dangerous drifting and vehicle stunts in the Wilayat of Saham resulted in a collision and damage to private property.

The incident was handled by the ROP's Directorate General of Traffic in coordination with the North Al Batinah Governorate Police Command. The ROP said the driver was stopped following the incident, and legal procedures are now being completed against him.



Oman's National Polio Laboratory achieves 100% score in WHO proficiency test

The Ministry of Health said the result reflects the laboratory's high level of technical efficiency and reinforces its national and regional role in supporting disease surveillance, outbreak response and global polio eradication efforts. The laboratory has accumulated 10 years of experience and expertise in poliovirus surveillance and diagnosis, achieving a 100 percent success rate in poliovirus isolation proficiency testing. Beyond its national responsibili-

ties, the facility serves as a regional reference laboratory, providing diagnostic services and supporting surveillance and response programmes in Oman and several other countries across the region. As part of efforts to further strengthen early detection, an advanced environmental surveillance laboratory was opened in Muscat in 2025, expanding Oman's capacity to identify poliovirus through environmental monitoring.

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The ministry urged people to pay greater attention to maintaining a healthy weight and making healthier lifestyle choices as part of efforts to reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases. It said even simple steps towards achieving a healthier weight can make a significant difference to a

person's long-term health and well-being. The survey forms part of Oman's efforts to track major health indicators and risk factors associated with non-communicable diseases and support preventive healthcare initiatives across the country.

Four customers win JETOUR X90 Plus SUVs in Jetour Campaign lucky draw

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

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

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

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Al Nab'a Supplies & Catering Services wins 'Excellence in Catering & Support Services' at fifth TAS Oman Business Awards

Serving more than 100,000 meals daily, the company was recognised for its scale, operational excellence and commitment to quality and food safety across Oman.



Al Nab'a Supplies & Catering Services LLC has won the 'Excellence in Catering & Support Services' award at the fifth TAS Oman Business Awards, recognising its contribution to Oman's catering industry and its ability to deliver large-scale food and support services across demanding operating environments.

Established in 2008, the company provides industrial and institutional catering, oil and gas catering, remote-location catering, camp management, laundry services, business dining, premium catering and event hospitality.

At the heart of its operations is the delivery of more than 100,000 meals every day, supported by menu planning, procurement, food preparation, logistics, hygiene controls and service coordination.

Burjeel Holdings wins 'Outstanding Healthcare Group' award at fifth TAS Oman Business Awards

The recognition honours Burjeel Holdings for its growing regional healthcare network, advanced medical capabilities and contribution to delivering specialised care in Oman and across the Gulf.



Burjeel Holdings has been named 'Outstanding Healthcare Group' at the fifth TAS Oman Business Awards, recognising the healthcare group's commitment to clinical excellence, specialised medical care and continued investment in advanced healthcare services.

Founded in Abu Dhabi in 2007, Burjeel Holdings has developed an integrated healthcare ecosystem spanning primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary care. The group currently operates across the UAE, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

In Oman, Burjeel Holdings has established a healthcare presence across Oman.

The group has placed particular emphasis on complex and super-specialised medicine, supported by investments in medical professionals, technology and healthcare infrastructure.

Al Nabeel International LLC wins 'Best Lighting Solutions Provider' at fifth TAS Oman Business Awards

With more than 500 projects delivered over 15 years, Al Nabeel was recognised for its expertise across sports, infrastructure, architectural and industrial lighting solutions in Oman.

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Al Nabeel International LLC has been named 'Best Lighting Solutions Provider' at the fifth TAS Oman Business Awards, recognising more than 15 years of contribution to Oman's lighting and infrastructure sector.

Over the years, the company has delivered more than 500 lighting projects across the Sultanate, building expertise across infrastructure, architectural, industrial and sports lighting.



OCERA targets 2027 launch as new Sri Lankan airline takes shape

New carrier says funding is in place as it advances regulatory approvals, aircraft planning and operational preparations.

OCERA, a new airline being developed in Sri Lanka, is targeting the start of commercial operations in 2027, with financial backing secured and regulatory and operational preparations under way, Chief Executive Officer Reena Abdulrahman said.

The proposed carrier is progressing with aircraft planning, regulatory work, operational systems and recruitment as it seeks to build a new airline connecting Sri Lanka with regional and international markets.

“Every airline begins



long before the first aircraft takes off,” Reena said, adding that the project had begun with detailed studies into market demand, network viability, aircraft requirements, costs and the

regulatory pathway. She said months of work had gone into market studies, financial planning, aircraft evaluation, regulatory preparation and operational planning.



“Too early” to endorse JD Vance for 2028 presidential run: Trump

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

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

“Build resilience before the next emergency arrives”: WHO chief Ghebreyesus tells BRICS leaders

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

In a post on X, Tedros said that progress on health could advance all four themes of the summit — resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability.



France unveils fresh bill to ban social media use for under-15s

The French government today presented a revised proposal to ban social media use for those under the age of 15, after the previous proposal was struck down by France’s highest constitutional authority.



French President Emmanuel Macron said the government today notified the European Commission of the new draft

law, following the completion of the necessary technical work required to prepare it.

Oman to host Beach Handball Global Tour stage in Muscat this December



Oman will welcome some of the world’s top beach handball teams when it hosts the third stage of the fifth edition of the IHF Beach Handball Global Tour 2026 on December 4 and 5 at the sand courts of the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Bausher.

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Organised by the Oman Handball Association in partnership with the International Handball Federation (IHF), the two-day tournament will feature elite men’s and women’s national teams, including reigning world champions.

Archery World Cup Final 2026: India's Dhiraj Bommadevara clinches historic men's recurve gold medal



The 25-year-old defeated Japan’s Nakanishi Junya 6-5 in a thrilling gold medal match that went into a shoot-off.

Indian recurve archer Dhiraj Bommadevara created history by winning the men’s individual title at the Archery World Cup Final 2026 in Saltillo, Mexico,

becoming the first Indian male archer to claim an individual crown at the season-ending event, according to Olympics.com.

Zverev wins first US Open title after four-set win

Germany’s Alexander Zverev was crowned US Open men’s singles champion on Sunday after overcoming home favourite Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-2 in the final at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.

The 29-year-old, who entered the tournament as the top seed and is ranked No. 2 in the world, held off a spirited fightback from Shelton to seal his first US Open championship and the second Grand Slam title of his career.





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