HM sends greetings to Czech Republic

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has sent a cable of greetings to President Milos Zeman of the Czech Republic on the occasion of his country’s National Day.

His Majesty expressed his sincere greetings and best wishes to the president and the friendly Czech people. — OMA

No visa on arrival in Turkey from today

MUSCAT: Turkey has stopped the visa-on-arrival facility at its airports starting from Sunday, according to the Oman Embassy in Ankara.

All passengers should obtain visas before travelling to Turkey via official websites,visaagents, and a statement from the embassy.

The online application process is simple. Register on an official website, fill in the form, and make the payment.

A link to download the visa will be sent to the registered email. At the time of transit to Turkey, travellers should carry the visa after a soft copy on the phone or as hard copy.

FORCES ATTACK ‘ENEMY’ IN AL SAFI AL SAREEA 3

MUSCAT: The unified forces launched an attack against the “enemy forces” as part of the Omano-British joint exercise Al Safi Al Sareea 3 (Swift Sword2) by the Sultan’s Armed Forces and the Royal British Armed Forces. The attack was carried out by army, navy and air force personnel.

Oman not mediator in Palestine conflict

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MUSCAT: Heavy rains, accompanied by thunderstorms and cold winds are likely up to Tuesday in the governorates of Minhaj, Batinah North, Batinah South, Mascate, and North and South Shariqah, according to the Met Office.

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MUSCAT: A total of 327 Omani doctors from all governorates sat for the International Foundations of Medicine (IFOM) exam to compete for joining the Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB) which comprises 18 medical specialties. The IFOM exam, organised by the United States National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), has been approved by OMSB since 2013 as a high quality assessment for healthcare professionals. It serves the international medical education community by providing high-quality assessment tools as well as information and assistance to medical educators. The exam contains 160 single-best-answer multiple-choice questions and are administered in one four-hour session. Those who pass the IFOM exam undergo personal interview so as to qualify for final admission to OMSB.

MUSCAT: Dr Abdul Aziz bin Saud al Mamari, Director General of the Fisheries Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, said in a statement to Oman News Agency (ONA) that the ministry is developing a programme for the development of the fishing fleet to provide fishermen with appropriate working environment and meet the maritime safety requirements. He added that the programme will also improve the quality of products, create better use of the fisheries that are away from the coastal strip and provide fresh sea products at the local markets. It will also develop the value-added industries and enhance fish exports to different world markets.

“the ministry has launched three programmes to develop the fishing fleet as part of the endeavours made to develop the artisan and coastal fishing sectors and establish commercial fishing sector at the high seas. The advanced fishing boats programme, which is one of the three, aims at introducing a number of developed fishing units. The units can make better use of the maritime resources outside the coastal strip, provide appropriate working environment, meet maritime safety requirements and improve the quality of products, he added.”

He affirmed that the programme alleviates the activity of fishing on the coastal strip by the artisan fishing boats and helps fishermen to improve their social and economic standard of living. It also provides fishermen with suitable accommodation and increases the quantity and value of fish catch. The ministry has plans to introduce 270 advanced boats until the end of 2023.

“The ministry has set a plan to develop the coastal fishing sector. The plan includes revising the laws and regulations related to the coastal fishing vessels. It also revised and amended the procedures taken with regard to licences for the coastal fishing vessels. The ministry, which developed the technical specifications for these vessels, has plans to gradually introduce about 480 coastal fishing vessels by 2023 starting from this year,” he added.

“The ministry targets to increase the fish production to 1.4 million tonnes by 2023. The fishing sector’s contribution to GDP is expected to hit 800-740 million and will provide 6,000 direct jobs by 2023. The private sector will contribute by 95 per cent of the investments that have been approved by the national economic diversification programme ‘Tanfeedh’, he said.”

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Sealed bid along with all required documents shall be placed in Haya Water tender box not later than 10.00 am on the date specified above.

For more details refer to the Tender Page of Haya Water website www.haya.om or send an email to tender@haya.com

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A high-profile Omani delegation attended the 2018 Oman Natural Heritage Lecture at the Royal Geographical Society in London this week achieved significant scientific prominence with Sayyd Badr bin Hamad al Hinai, Secretary-General of the Ministry of the Environment, at the forefront.

Opening the session, the third annual event of its kind, Al Hinai explained to the audience that, “The environment has been a high priority in Oman for a very long time. We were truly blessed that His Majesty the Sultan had the vision and foresight to establish an Office for Conservation of the Environment as long ago as the early 1970s.”

He noted too, that, “in 1988, a full-scale Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs was established, the first in the region,” and that the event was made all the more special because several of those who were involved in those early initiatives were present, and that the natural heritage we have today is a reflection of the foresight and hard work of those individuals.

In offering that none who planted a tree do so for their own benefit, he was fulsome in his praise of the role that the Office of the Environment plays in Oman’s conservation sector. The event was organised in collaboration with the Office for Conservation of the Environment, the Oman Royal Court.

Chairpersons for the evening were Tarek al Hikmani from the Office for the Conservation of the Environment, and Dr Nigel Winser of the Royal Geographical Society, while the speakers were Haitham al Hedhoudh on the Arabian Ibex Conservation Program, Sayyd Taimur al Said on the Nubian Ibex, and Dr Mansoor Hamed al Jadaami, on the Sultanate’s current environmental training and educational projects.

Other high-profile attendees included, Abdulla bin Abdullah al Hinai, Oman’s Ambassador to London, Haitham al Baitri, First Secretary of the Embassy, Dr Said al Shuqi, Director of the National Field Research Centre for Environmental Conservation, Stuart Long, Chairman of the Anglo Oman Society, Robert Alton, CMG, Vice- President of the Anglo Oman Society, and Professor Robert Allinson, Vice-Chancellor and President, Loughborough University UK.

Dr Nigel Winser, representing the organisers said, “The annual Oman Heritage Lectures at the Royal Geographical Society Oman are showcasing the effective conservation work by a growing number of dedicated field scientists from the Office for Conservation of the Environment (OCOE), the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs (MECA), the National Field Research Centre for Environmental Conservation (NFRCEC), the Oman Botanic Gardens (OBG) and the Environment Society of Oman (ESO) and this bodes well for many generations to come.”
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Balochistan Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed al Khalidi voiced support for Oman over the Sultanate’s role in trying to secure Israeli-Palestinian peace, while Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Adel al Jubeir said the kingdom believed the key to normalising relations with Israel was the peace process.

The three-day summit was attended by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, and his counterparts in Italy, France, and others, addressed leaders, innovators and disruptors, in addition to heads of UN agencies and other leading international organisations, will address the main event.

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The paper also reported an OSA prevalence of 10.6 per cent, with a significant association between OSA and sleepiness while driving.

In a commentary on sleepy drivers, written in the same issue of SQU Medical Journal, Dr Nebd al Lameir from the Department of Medicine, Royal Hospital Muscat, underscored the need for similar studies confirming the actual magnitude of the problem of sleepiness while driving in Oman using objective tools.

In particular, fatigue and daytime sleepiness have been shown to impair cognitive function while driving, which results in a higher risk of road traffic crashes.

Extended work shifts can disrupt the sleep-wake cycle and therefore heighten the risk of occupational injuries and motor vehicle crashes.

Nocturnal sleep deprivation and poor sleep hygiene are well-known causes of daytime sleepiness and tiredness, particularly among the young.

In addition, the medical intervention to prevent sleep disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) can trigger excessive daytime sleepiness, which results in a higher risk of road traffic crashes.

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province where more than 100 are registered to vote in Kandahar anticipation of militant attacks. blanketed with heavy security in the deeply conservative Kandahar women stood in long, segregated ballot by a week. after the Taliban-claimed killing of southern Afghanistan on Saturday, KANDAHAR:

Afghans risk their lives to vote in Kandahar poll

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Tensions mounted and violence erupted in the city of Kohistan — the vast majority of these men — are registered to vote in Kandahar province where more than 100 candidates are competing for 11 Lower House seats. Organisers are under pressure to proceed with elections as the Independent Election Commission (IEC) to extend the national deadline by a day. Problems with unmarked biometric verification devices, missing or incomplete voter rolls and absent election workers following Taliban threats to attack security personnel of which was reported by the BBC, which broadcast the signal from the Central Jail in the provincial capital. “I have defied all the threats of violence, and today I have to vote for a better future for my country,” shopkeeper Abdul Wahid said outside a polling centre in the provincial capital.

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**COUP: ‘Through the Department of Personnel and Training and CVC, CBI Director was removed’**

The Congress party on Friday announced a probe by a special team.

The attack coming amidst an ongoing crackdown on protesters who had come under the radar of the police, Behra said, “Chandmukhi set the order to the Cabinet Committee on Appointments around 9 am, which Chairman was the prime minister and they remove Verma as Director and appoint Rao as interim chief of the agency.”

Srinivas was suspended on September 28 by the BJP and police then reached the Kumarakom police station before the CBI team reached there.

**Over 170 pilots to fly in Himachal skies for title**

**SIMLA:** Over 170 pilots from 20 countries have registered for the seventh 2019 Indian Gliding range, considered to be the world’s finest women sports event, in Shimla in Himachal Pradesh from Sunday, organisers said on Saturday. The event, organised by the Indian Gliding Federation, has been recognised by the world sports arm of the Federation, Aeromaritique International and the World Gliding Federation.

**Sabarimala verdict supporter’s ashram attacked in Kerala**

**No delay in CBI probe**

The development came a day after the apex court’s September 28 verdict opening the gates of the Lord Ayyappa shrine for all women.

The chief minister who has taken a strong stand against the RSS has been an ardent supporter of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

**Sabarimala case: Maha govt seeks SC’s nod**

**Sabarimala: The issue of women's entry into the temple has been a matter of national importance.**

**BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIKH GURU MARKED**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his office, BJP’s K V Thomas and the CBI of “hatching a nefarious conspiracy” tocroft Director Alok Verma of his duties fearing investigation into the Rafale deal.

**Midnight intrigue, sinister deal:**

The attack, a Sabarimala tantri family, who had joined Congress party on Saturday.
When the youth are empowered

Everyone believes youth are future heroes of any nation. Thousands of promises have been made by authorities all over the world towards empowering youth. Many countries have been promoting such a campaign as an agenda to help their youth, but they have only remained promises that have not been fulfilled.

Unfortunately, this is becoming a common phenomenon all around the world. The youth promoters should be sure about what they believe in and understand the importance of empowering youth. However, they are sometimes not serious when it comes to implementing the promises.

Sometimes, one keeps hearing different types of promises at different events trying to attract young students, but they end up not providing with their promises.

Thanks to the government for striving the significance of empowering youth and removing obstacles. This situation in the decision-making process, however, the authorities and organizations have been established and directed to work on the mission. However, the outcomes are not tangible and not satisfying unfortunately.

Opportunities need to be properly isolated from the obstacles and priorities of the nation. Youth need to be very well empowered, trained and involved in strategically. Otherwise, their potential abilities will be lost.

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Stressing on the Majesty’s personal interest towards empowering Oman youth, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, in his speech, said that empowering young generation, diving skills and diversifying the experience of its human resources, success is guaranteed in building a modern state with progressive in all aspects of its life.

He also stated, “We are determined to be a special care of our Omani youth by investing in the development and prosperity of the country, our Modern principles, and our historic Omani customs and traditions, which have been inherited from our forefathers.”

Confirming his strong belief in Omani youth, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, in his speech, on October 26 to be Omanis Youth Day this day every year with full pride and honour of all Omanis youth who are spurning no effort in contributing to building of their nation.

They have proved their responsibility by taking part along with the government in the decision-making process and building modern Oman. Through all their achievements in various walks of life, they have proved their excellence to the whole world.

What youth need are more opportunities to play their role and share their contribution in building Oman.

Young people need to reconsider their efforts in preparing the possible opportunities where Oman youth can be involved and employed.

There should be a group of young experts formed to support the government. Private parties could be consulted when necessary.

This will truly encourage the youth to shoulder the responsibility with authorities concerned in the country. Having youth involved is an advantage and a rewarding experience.

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It was humiliating to be put in my place and did no harm at all in my application of those around me. There’s nothing special about the hypocrisy of saying, and judging the worst in people, as the deficiency of them. They are almost certainly not that person, and deserve a little more understanding, but we do not wish to judge others by harsher standards than ourselves. The irony being that if we see ourselves too often as others see us, we would probably blame others for those failings. We don’t like when something we do.

You derive in our society as a ‘worth and a fashion as it requires a certain amount of introspection and self-analysis, something that, for a few rare times too, and secondly, much than that. We have all been there, haven’t we? Forced by an unpleasant experience of some kind to ‘look at ourselves in the mirror’; and see what’s ‘wrong with us’. It’s contrary to what we want to doing.

Mother Teresa explained, in her wisdom, that we are all “unamusing, irrational and self-centred”, in some measure, and that’s just another of the fallibilities that make up what we are. So why do we worry about not seeing ourselves as we truly are? After all, nobody’s perfect... Great relationships are built on mutual philosopical values in a person; sort of way as, they are built upon knowing each other, and caring enough about each other, to feel a very real relationship, and work. They are truly the result of a shared Nirvana.

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Critics say the city has been in decline for years and accuse Mayor Virginia Raggi of failing to fulfill campaign promises.

“Rome has become an open sewer, a scandal, full of rats, flies, wild boar and rubbish,” said Marita Monaco, an environmental activist.

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**CAUGHT:** Fingerprint, DNA evidence helped identify the suspect

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**PLANTATION:** The Florida man suspected of mailing at least 14 pipe bombs to some US President Donald Trump critics was in custody on federal charges on Saturday, in a case involving the rancor of one of the most toxic election campaigns in recent memory, authorities said.

Cesar Sayoc, 56, a part-time pizza delivery driver and former stripper, was arrested and charged with sending the pipe bombs to the former president, high-profile Democrats and liberal causes.

He said other packages may still be in transit.

Sayoc was charged with five federal counts, including illegal transportation and illegal mailing of explosives, threatening a former president, making threatening communications and communicating false information.

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**EXPEDITION YACHT BACK AFTER MISSION**

**THE SCIENTIFIC expedition yacht "Tara" arrives in the harbor of Lorient, western France, on Saturday, as it returns after a two-and-a-half expedition research coral reefs in the Pacific. "Chercher, PLO,” is due to arrive.

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**Plant-based diets for better health and planet? Not so fast: Study**

**ROMEO:** Forget all those calls to cut out meat and more plants for better health and a healthier planet — the research world is now discovering that the real story is not so simple.

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The Canadian study, published this week in the scientific journal PLoS ONE, calculated how much food was being grown compared to what is recommended by the Harvard University’s “Healthy Eating Plate” guide.

The guide recommends fruits and vegetables should form half of any diet, while grains 25 per cent and protein, like dairy make up the rest.

It broke down fresh food groups into portions and found the world currently produces 12 servings of grains per person instead of the recommended eight, five servings of fruits and vegetables instead of 11, and four servings of sugar instead of none.

neither diet nor farming practices change, the world would need 1.5 billion more hectares of arable land and some 1.3 billion more hectares of pasture land by 2050 to feed a projected population of 9.8 billion by 2050.

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), said fruits and vegetables were becoming expensive due to demand, low productivity and high costs in storage and transport.

"To change this dynamic, fruits and vegetables consumption would have to be given a high priority by governments in nutrition and health plans," he said.

Governments worldwide have promised a range of healthy-eating policies, but they have not yet translated into increased fruit and vegetable consumption.

Fruits and vegetables are central to combating all forms of malnutrition but new research and monitoring indicate that fruits and vegetables are being under-consumed, in what experts term the “hidden hunger”.

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The Canadian study, published this week in the scientific journal PLoS ONE, calculated how much food was being grown compared to what is recommended by the Harvard University’s “Healthy Eating Plate” guide.

The guide recommends fruits and vegetables should form half of any diet, while grains 25 per cent and protein, like dairy make up the rest.

It broke down fresh food groups into portions and found the world currently produces 12 servings of grains per person instead of the recommended eight, five servings of fruits and vegetables instead of 11, and four servings of sugar instead of none.

neither diet nor farming practices change, the world would need 1.5 billion more hectares of arable land and some 1.3 billion more hectares of pasture land by 2050 to feed a projected population of 9.8 billion by 2050.

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), said fruits and vegetables were becoming expensive due to demand, low productivity and high costs in storage and transport.

"To change this dynamic, fruits and vegetables consumption would have to be given a high priority by governments in nutrition and health plans," he said.

Governments worldwide have promised a range of healthy-eating policies, but they have not yet translated into increased fruit and vegetable consumption.

Fruits and vegetables are central to combating all forms of malnutrition but new research and monitoring indicate that fruits and vegetables are being under-consumed, in what experts term the “hidden hunger”.

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Pakistan survive Malaysian fightback to enter final

ANUROOP ATHIPARAMBATH
MUSCAT, OCT 27

A confident Pakistan survived a late comeback by Malaysia to power into the final of the Asian Champions Trophy in Muscat on Saturday.

Pakistan prevailed 3-1 in the penalty shoot-out after a 4-4 draw in regulation time in the first semifinal at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

In the shoot-out, Toseeq Arshad, Abu Mahmood and Ammad Butt sounded the board for Pakistan, while Ajaz Ahmed and Mohammed Irfan Jr. missed out. For Malaysia, only Aiman Rozemi Nik found the target as Firhem Ashari, Faizal Saari and Shahril Saabah failed to put the ball past Pakistan goalkeeper Imran Butt.

Malaysia tried to make a comeback in the shoot-out too, but goalkeeper Hairi Rahman’s efforts fell short.

A relieved Pakistan manager Hasan Sardar said they gave away some easy goals for Malaysia under pressure.

“With the smile back to the large crowd of Indian spectators with a firm strike from a penalty corner in the 4th minute to take it 3-1. Pakistan took the lead in the 19th minute as Gurjant Singh reverse shot landed inside the bottom goal. However, the joy of Indian fans didn’t last long. Japan restored parity three minutes later when Hiratuka Wakuri struck home from a penalty corner. The match started with both the teams tightly defending in the first quarter though it saw some good moves from India. India’s Akashdeep Singh was adjudged the man of the match in the semifinal. The final between India and Pakistan is expected to be another thriller on Sunday. Malaysia will meet Japan in the bronze medal match before the title clash. View, regrouped fast Muhammad Irfan Jr. hit the equalizer through a field goal in the shoot-out. Akashdeep Singh put Pakistan in front with a goal from a penalty corner in the 12th minute. His supremacy in the penalty corner decision was the highlight. However, the joy of Indian fans didn’t last long. Alas, Muhammad Reza scored the equalizer in the 36th minute. The match was reduced into a penalty shoot-out in the 36th minute as Malaysia scored 4-3 as Malaysia equalized in the 4-4. Pakistan faced the equalizer through a penalty corner in the 36th minute to some Pakistan restored in the match ended 4-4. An action from the Pakistan-Malaysia semifinal match — photo by Hussain al Hasani.
Oman Gas to add 600km of new pipeline capacity

MAJOR TRANSFORMATION: Nation’s flagship gas transportation agency to transition into an independent, integrated energy services provider encompassing natural gas, oil and power, as well as renewables in the future

CONRAD PRABHU
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Oman Gas Company (OGC) — the energy infrastructure vertical of the restructured Oman Oil Company (OOC) — is ramping up its gas and liquids transportation capacity through investments in new pipelines serving industrial and petrochemical hubs in Suhar and Duqm.

The wholly government-owned company is also making the transition from a national gas network operator to an independent, integrated energy transportation and distribution service provider envisioned on the lines of the globally reputed Enbridge of the United States or Engie of France, a top official said.

Sultan Hamad al Burtmani (pictured), Acting Executive Managing Director of OGC, told The Oil & Gas Year (TOGY), a well-known oil and energy business intelligence journal, that the company was in the process of a consolidation exercise which will culminate in a major rebranding in the coming years.

“We want to consolidate the whole gas network under one dedicated technical system operator, or TSO, “ he quoted Sultan al Burtmani as saying. “This entity will operate the whole gas network and integrate it with the processing facilities in the long term. One of our key aims is to ensure that the infrastructure is ready, not only to maintain a reliable and uninterrupted supply of natural gas to consumers, but at the same time to maximise the value generation from this resource,” he further noted.

In conjunction with this transformation, OGC is poised to see its pipeline network — the centrepiece of the nation’s gas grid — grow by around 25 per cent.

“In the coming years, we will see another 500-600 kilometres of pipelines added to OGC’s national gas transmission network, mainly catering to the new industrial hub in Duqm, TURN TO P15
**Comrad Fadhil**

**Muscat, Dec 17**

The Authority for Electricity Regulation (AER) is in the process of identifying dates to benefit from a new energy services market. Enablers such as government institutions, among other stakeholders, are expected to start in coming months and years as a part of national-level energy efficiency and conservation programme in the Sultanate.

Spurred by the Authority, the government and the private sector, all at the same time, have been interested in managing energy efficiency and conservation efforts. It is expected that the Authority would declare these dates to the market as soon as it can.

Underlining the pivotal role of energy efficiency initiatives, the Authority’s chief executive officer, Mr. S. Hassan al-Fahmi, said: “ESCOs have long served in this regard, the regulator is committed to supporting them in their efforts to aid in the development of sustainable economies.”

ESCOs can perform will allow for substantial energy savings. It is estimated that energy savings by implementing energy-efficient measures would be more than 50%.

For more information, please contact the Authority at 24309000 or visit the website at www.aer.gov.om.
MUMBAI: In a sign of mounting policy struggle between India's central bank and the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a top bank official warned that underwriting a central bank's independence could be "potentially catastrophic."

The comments by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Viral Acharya showed the central bank's independence was being put under strain by a power struggle between the government to relax its lending restrictions on some banks, as well as to meet growing demand in the corporate sector. This represents significant growth and will take the total lengths of our gas networks to well over 3,000 kilometres, the Acting Executive Managing Director said.

In the north, OGC is overseeing the construction of a new pipeline from Sub Nihayda in Oman to central Duqm, where a manufactory Special Economic Zone (SEZ) under development, as well as the city extension to 350 km, 36-inch pipeline will serve as an energy hydra for investors in Duqm. The former centre-left government, which is now in power, has refused to change their big-spending programme, which forecasts a public deficit of 2.4 per cent of GDP in 2019.

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Under the reorganisation review is happening this year. We need to work very closely with the bank to fortify its balance sheet against external shocks and to continue to induce a lot more good work. The index trend will reach 4,500 points if the index closed up by 4,500 points. Currently MSM30 index crossed up the 50-day moving average. The index closed down by 0.15 per cent w-o-w. Industrial and Financial Index closed up by 0.27 per cent. Companies offering good dividend yield were the ones that gained during the week. The Oman's bond market has also made significant strides in 2018, it is expected to be completed in May 2019, according to Moody's. In the first quarter of 2019, the Oman's Financial Services Authority (OFS) is expected to release its third-quarter figures.

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"Governments that do not respect central bank independence will sooner or later incur the wrath of financial markets, spook economic and financial, and come to a real day they understand an important regulatory institution," Acharya said.

He had heard of his fellow deputy governors in the audience and also thanked RBI Governor Urjit Patel for his "suggestions to explore this theme for a special", a chief of staff of a bank that's typically known for its restraint. Government officials have recently called for the RBI to rule in its lending restrictions on some banks, as well as to meet growing demand in the corporate sector. This represents significant growth and will take the total lengths of our gas networks to well over 3,000 kilometres, the Acting Executive Managing Director said.

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Microsoft now second most valuable US firm

SAN FRANCISCO: Microsoft Corp. gained so much value over the past week that it became the second-most valuable US company on Friday after a disappointing quarterly report from Amazon.com, which sent the online retailer's stock tumbling 12%. Apple Inc's loss from the prior week at over $1 trillion after crossing that threshold in September: Microsoft's market capitalization was Wall Street's highest in late 1998 through early 2000 before the dot-com bubble burst. Amazon shares dropped 7% per cent, the most in nearly three years after its holiday season sales failed to reach record levels. The company has organized a new committee to review a “voluntary request” for documents from the Department of Justice for months, “the spokesperson said in an email. The Department of Justice is investigating whether Amazon's information about the production and pricing of Model 3 for volume production. The company has said negotiations on final details of the deal had reached a standstill due to the electoral uncertainty. The expectation now is that discussions will accelerate once this one.

Tesla says no subpoena yet on Model 3 production

SAN FRANCISCO: Tesla Inc has not received a US subpoena related to its Model 3 production forecasts, the electric-car maker said Friday in a filing, following a report that it faced a discerning criminal probe about the production of its Model 3 sedan and related ventures in business going back to the third quarter of last year, citing sources. Apple and Qualcomm are involved in a high-stakes court battle that has accused Qualcomm of unfair patent licensing practices. In March, Qualcomm agreed to turn over accounts of patent infringement to the International Trade Commission. Apple’s generation X 강사의 발터는 QualComm의 차기 프로토콜 지원을 위한 이전 모든 연구가 결국은 진짜로가 되었음을 확인했습니다. Apple has disputed the amount of royalties paid by the company. Apple said Qualcomm is forcing it to pay for the same patent twice, once when Apple uses Qualcomm’s Snapdragon chips in iPhones and again through patent royalties. — Reuters

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SAN FRANCISCO: Tesla Inc said in a regulatory filing on Friday that Apple Inc’s $7 billion behind in patent revenue is about the size of Apple’s unpaid royalties in a hearing in one of the cases. Earlier this month, Qualcomm Inc said in an email. The spokesperson said in an email. The Department of Justice is investigating whether Amazon's information about the production and pricing of Model 3 for volume production. The company has said negotiations on final details of the deal had reached a standstill due to the electoral uncertainty. The expectation now is that discussions will accelerate once this one.

UK to give small retailers $1.15 billion tax cut

LONDON: British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond is likely to give a 240 million ($315 billion) tax cut to small high-street retailers in his annual Budget on Monday to help them compete against online competition, the government said last on Friday. High-street shops have long complained that Britain’s tax system unfairly favours online retailers and out of town stores, which face lower business property taxes than firms operating in expensive town centres. Britain finance ministry said that starting from next year, almost half a million small retailers would enjoy a cut of about a third to their property taxes, known as business rates. A further 600,000 will be available over the next four years to improve infrastructure, property and transport links in town-centre shopping areas. “This package will provide short-term relief for struggling retailers and a long-term vision for town centres,” helping them to meet the new challenges brought about by our changing shopping habits,” the government said.

China’s industrial firms profits growth slows as orders wane

BEIJING: Profit growth at China’s industrial firms slowed for the eighth consecutive month in September, according to preliminary data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released on Thursday. The slow downs eased in line with data last week that showed September’s factory output growth was at the weakest pace since February 2016. Losing corporate profits will put pressure on jobs, usually tapping the brakes on household consumption and hurting China’s overall growth. Industrial profits rose 4.1% per cent in September from a year earlier to 137.1 billion ($18.23 billion), the National Statistics Bureau (NBS) said on Thursday. This was much lower than the 26.7% in August, and the slowest since March. Earnings in September were mainly pressured by a greater slowdown in production and sales, declining price growth, as well as a high statistical base a year earlier.

In the first nine months of the year, industrial profits increased 14.7 per cent, driven by earnings of companies producing steel, building materials, oil and petroleum products. The growth came from 6.2% per cent in August, compared with an increase of 6.6 per cent by end-August. — Reuters

Brazil will leave fate of Boeing and Embraer deal to next president

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazil will leave a decision on whether to approve the sale of a controlling stake in airplane manufacturer Embraer SA’s commercial jet business to Boeing Co to the next government, Defence Minister Rui Haddad said Thursday. As a result, the plane maker that allows it to veto changes to the plane’s design. The Embraer deal would reach a decision after elections in August, when he said that current President Michel Temer’s administration was unlikely to conclude the transaction before this year-end. Temer, who has been under pressure to sign off on it.

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Shale producers eye global pricing surge as exports surge

More than two years after a bust on crude oil exports was lifted, some US shale producers say they have never done better — lock in prices for their barrels that will find a home overseas.

Shale companies, primarily those operating in the Permian basin, the biggest US oilfield, are finding new ways of insulating themselves from the wide discount of US West Texas Intermediate crude futures (WTI) to the global benchmark Brent.

In the second quarter, as WTI discount to Brent widened and reached to the most in over three years, S&P Global Inc., S&P Global Platts and洲エネルギー株式会社 began issuing specialized benchmarks, a Reuters analysis of company filings found.

“The hedge, the first of their kind for these producers, protect against that discount widening so that as oil prices increase, they can sell to foreign buyers,” said Todd Scruggs, vice-president and treasurer of WPX Energy.

Permian producers have long protected future revenue through financial instruments, but they have typically been solely linked to WTI. That is changing, according to filings and interviews with brokers, bankers, hedging consultants and company executives.

“Previously, all of our sales would be really tied to domestic demand,” said Todd Scruggs, vice-president and treasurer of WPX Energy.

“Well, we lock in the Brent-WTI spread, which effectively ensures that the sale arrangements that we’ve made will still be in the money going forward,” said Scruggs.

WIT, however, could be exposed if the spread were to contract to a level narrower than the price floor.

“WIT currently trades at about $85.35 below Brent. During the second quarter, the spread went from about $4.50 to as much as $15.20,” Scruggs said.

This hedging practice is likely to become more common as growing US crude exports and shale producers looking to capture the higher prices available on world markets, said John Savar, a vice-president at ntouch Risk Group.

SM Energy hedged about $2.2 million barrels for 2020 at a 8.97 discount, with additional volumes hedged through 2022. An SM Energy spokeswoman said most swaps are a small component of its overall hedging strategy.

The Permian’s basis covers a portion of its Midland production with “sale contracts that settle at ICE Brent prices,” according to a securities filing.

Big moves in US crude benchmarks, including WIT, can mean bigger or smaller M&A deals, according to an energy consultant. Analysts said deals involving Permian acreage could be made on the expectation of WIT staying below WTI.

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Researchers grow human retinas in laboratory

Asus announces new business, home and gaming products

R e s e a r c h e r s from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland have successfully grown human retinas inside a laboratory to figure out how human cells see colour.“Why we can’t grow these as humans. So, researchers from the Johns Hopkins University have taken a step forward and created a human retina using stem cells. The first to grow, according to the study, were the blue-detecting cells, followed by red, then green. The stem cells took months to develop into a full-blown human retina inside the lab. During the study, they found that the researchers studied that occurred based on the level of the thyroid hormones, which are independent or not controlled by the thyroid gland. Instead, the thyroid hormone was completely controlled by the lab grows eye. This discovery allowed researchers to manipulate the development of the retinas, creating ones that could only see red, blue, or green. Now the level of thyroid hormones affects the development of cone photoreceptors also explain why some pre-term babies are more prone to having vision degeneration in the future. “If we can answer what leads a cell to its terminal fate, we are closer to being able to restore colour vision for people who have damaged photoreceptors,” explained Jackie Hsu, ASUS Corporate Development Editor, that offer APIs for applications and to engage with customers automating almost all interactions (of companies) with customers. “About 85 per cent of interactions will be automated by 2025.” This world today where everything is done with basic web tools and mobile apps people to gather data real in time, this data has become something measured in milliseconds and the time needs to be spent in a more thoughtful way to engage with customers. “You can’t wait to deal with the Witts any more upfront?” What’s your problem! All of that will get automated as we move forward,” the Oracle CEO noted. According to Hurd, Cloud and integrated technologies such as AI are cost-effective and has more innovation. Hurd also highlighted another technology — Blockchain — which the Cloud major believes would be the future of almost all applications where it can be part of exchange of secure information. Oracle said that Machine Learning (ML) and advanced AI are already integrated in all of those applications. The same will be true of Blockchain, she added. “We are going to extract data from an application and you’re going to rent it to a solution called Blockchain to not only help you manage transactions on the blockchain, but also how the market is going to react. You’re going to be directly embedded into the applications themselves,” Hurd told reporters. All Cloud apps to integrate AI by 2025: Oracle CEO

GLOBAL computer hardware and consumer electronics company Asus showcased a new lineup of motherboard, graphics cards, displays, networking devices, mini PC and peripheral, and launched products for home, business and gaming.

Among the products launched at “Incredible Intelligence 2018 Asia-Pacific” event in Kualalumpur were an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered second-generation of its successful Zenbo robot platform — “Zenbo Junior” — “BQG Maxima XI Apex” motherboard and “BQG Strix XG4V85” gaming monitor. Zenbo Junior enables developers, system integrators and business partners to create and deploy robotic solutions for various business applications and to engage with customers seamlessly, said a company spokesperson.

“Zenbo Junior provides comprehensive development tools, including the Zenbo SDK and Dialogue Development Editor, that offer APIs for multiple sensors and allows developers and system integrators to create specialized robotic applications faster and easier,” explained Julius Hui, ASUS Corporate Vice-President and General Manager, Worldwide Sales — Open Source Business Group. It is also equipped with a permission management system that can be customized to suit various scenarios. For educational use, Zenbo Junior provides multiple programmable robots and tools that enable students to develop a solid foundational understanding of robotics and AI concepts while creating fun, and for teachers, it comes with Classroom Management Console that enables distribution of teaching materials and assignments.

Facebook now allows users to add songs to photos

OFFERING its over two billion monthly users ways to express themselves, Facebook has introduced music features, including an option to add a song to photos and videos, and they share on Facebook stories. As Facebook and Instagram integrate with Sony’s new Music Unlimited service, users would also be able to add songs to their Profile as well. Adding a song to a status update or an Instagram post, in the same way, the feature functions on Instagram.

Chinese amphibious aircraft completes successful flight

CHINA’s home-grown amphibious aircraft AG600, claimed by Beijing as the world’s largest, carried out its maiden flight Developed and built by the state-owned aircraft giant Aviation Industry Corporation of China, the seaplane claimed by Beijing as the world’s largest, carried out its maiden flight in the province, at 8.51 am, and stayed airborne for about 15 minutes to develop into a full-fledged model. In particular, in colour visions and other parts of the retina. In particular, they also want to grow a new macula in a lab that might lead to the treatment of macular degeneration in the future. “If we can answer what leads a cell to its terminal fate, we are closer to being able to restore colour vision for people who have damaged photoreceptors,” added lead author Klena Egede.

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All Cloud apps to integrate AI by 2025: Oracle CEO

BETTING big on the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to drive innovation in the tech space, Oracle CEO Mark Hurd (president) predicted that all Cloud applications will be integrated by 2025. All becomes more valuable when it is embedded into an application, Hurd said in his keynote address at the annual user conference “Oracle Open World 2018” in San Francisco.

“The risk of more comments, I’m going to give you more predictions. By 2025, this (AI) will be integrated into all of those applications. The same will be true of Blockchain. Every new application that we launch will be doing the same thing, which is extracting data from an application and you’re going to rent it to a solution called Blockchain to not only help you manage transactions on the blockchain, but also how the market is going to react. You’re going to be directly embedded into the applications themselves,” Hurd told reporters. According to the Cloud major, the shaping integration of Internet of Things will be automated almost all interactions (of companies) with customers. “About 85 per cent of interactions will be automated by 2025.” This world today where everything is done with basic web tools and mobile apps people to gather data real in time, this data has become something measured in milliseconds and the time needs to be spent in a more thoughtful way to engage with customers. “You can’t wait to deal with the Witts any more upfront?” What’s your problem! All of that will get automated as we move forward,” the Oracle CEO noted. According to Hurd, Cloud and integrated technologies such as AI are cost-effective and has more innovation. Hurd also highlighted another technology — Blockchain — which the Cloud major believes would be the future of almost all applications where it can be part of exchange of secure information. Oracle said that Machine Learning (ML) and advanced AI are already integrated in all of those applications. The same will be true of Blockchain, she added. Facebook now allows users to add songs to photos

OFFERING its over two billion monthly users ways to express themselves, Facebook has introduced music features, including an option to add a song to photos and videos, and they share on Facebook stories. As Facebook and Instagram integrate with Sony’s new Music Unlimited service, users would also be able to add songs to their Profile as well. Adding a song to a status update or an Instagram post, in the same way, the feature functions on Instagram.

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Oman sports minister honoured at AHF Gala

SINGAPORE: A gutsy Sloane Stephens recovered from early embarrassment to storm past Karolina Pliskova yesterday, setting up a mouthwatering WTA Finals decider against Angelique Kerber.

The Czech autumned 0-6, 6-4, 6-1 in an hour and 55 minutes in Singapore.

Pliskova had burned through against a dejected Stephens.

It was an unexpected result after Pliskova's early dominance through power and precision to blitz through the first set in 31 minutes.

After surviving an early break points, the one-way traffic continued in the second set with Pliskova breaking in the second game against a dejected Stephens.

The humiliation ended for Stephens when she broke Pliskova's previously impregnable serve in the third game and then started to find her range.

Pliskova first served deserted her as a composed Stephens forced a decider and her momentum continued by capturing a break to serve and hold at 40 to secure the third set.

The 26-year-old recovered in a tense tiebreak to force a decider and then started to feel the ball better, Stephens said after the match. "I'm really proud of my fight."
Federer squeezes into Basel semifinals

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Indoors semifinals on Friday, the top-seeded Federer struggled into the Swiss to the schools during working days.

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**MANNIA:** Former England manager Steve McClaren has been hired to lead the Philippines’ football team following the departure of three former football greaterry Butter earlier this year.

**Philippine team manager Dan Palami said the Swede would coach the Azkals for the next two AFF Suzuki Cup and the Asian Cup in January.**

“Now of the legendary coaches of all time, coach from England would be coaching the Azkals for the Suzuki Cup and the Asian Cup,” Palami said in a video posted on the team’s Twitter page. “He will be a great addition to the team and I’m sure the players will learn a lot from him.”

**The contract terms of Eriksson, 70, have not been disclosed.**

He fills a void left by the abrupt departure of Butcher, who resigned as head coach in August without ever taking charge of a single Asian match.

Butcher, a veteran of three World Cup finals with England, who had managed in England, Scotland, Wales and Australia, lasted less than 50 days on the job before deciding he could not carry out his plans for the team. Eriksson in 2001 became the first foreigner to lead English football, and has since also coached Mexico and the Ivory Coast before taking up his current role in Sweden, Portugal and China. — AFP

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**LIVERPOOL:** Fabrizio Romano of Sky Sports ahead of United’s clash with the Red Devils. Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho has made a slow and stuttering start to his life in English football. The 25-year-old, signed from Monaco for £39.9 million in pre-season, has made a slow and stuttering start to his life in English football. He was very good, very good,” said Klopp of Fabrizio who celebrated his 25th birthday on Tuesday.

“Let’s see what happens. Only time will tell.”

**The present for his birthday was not that he was in the line-up. It was that we played your favourite system with a double-six! He played really well and it was good to see.**

“We were very aggressive and everything was there. For his first game a week ago, his second start from the beginning, it was very good, really good. ‘It is quite impressive what people use. Always help a player if you play a good game — it helped and helped him. That was the start, it’s let’s carry on,” the German boss added.

**WORLD THREE**

Xherdan Shaqiri also played in Klopp’s three-man midfield alongside England legend Alex Frederickson who has become an integral part of Liverpool’s senior team. During every league and Champions League game this season.

“The match was tough but I think it was a difficult role and playmakers David and Ronaldo Silva alongside him — is considered by many to be the most impressive midfield combination in the world, Liverpool depth and versatility can certainly offer a challenge to any team in Europe. — AFP

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**Mourinho’s years at Man United will reject new United deal**

**MANCHESTER, United Kingdom:** Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho is “not confident” that goalkeeper David De Gea will sign a new contract when his current Old Trafford deal expires.

“The 27-year-old Spanish international is now regarded as one of the best keepers in the world at his age, having joined English giants United from Atlético Madrid in 2011. He was, however, close to joining Real Madrid before a proposed move to the Bernabéu collapsed in 2015. De Gea, however, has now decided to stay with the club and will sign a new contract when his current deal runs out in the summer of 2018.

“Man United have not won the Premier League title since legendary manager Alex Ferguson retired in 2013 and Mourinho’s men are nine points adrift of leaders Manchester City, the reigning champions, heading into this weekend’s fixtures.

“De Gea staying at Old Trafford is a big plus for us, a big plus for the club,” said Mourinho.

**Mourinho insisted De Gea was the type of player United had to replace if they were to compete for the title.**

“My contract is only one: everybody knows how good he is, everybody knows how important he is for Manchester United,” he said. “And if Manchester United wants to be better than it is now, obviously that would be very important to keep David.” — AFP

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**FABINHO FORMS CARDIFF DILEMMA FOR KLOPP**

Liverpool striker Sadio Mane (right) celebrates with Fabrizio (left) after scoring their fourth goal during the UEFA Champions League Group C match against Red Star Belgrade at Anfield in Liverpool. — AFP

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**LONDON:** Unai Emery has implored his Arsenal stars to be better than they had been when they squandered a 1-0 lead at Sporting Lisbon in the Europa League. Palace are out of their rut so quickly. We spoke in the dressing room before the start of the match today about our objectives. And one objective is that.”

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“Until now are bringing a top-four finish. What is needed is that the players are used to the pressure and Henderson, with a strong left foot, is a useful menace. If he is no longer required to see quite so much action. Under Sven-Goran Eriksson, they have been revitalised since appointing Manchester City’s Joe Mourinho as head coach last year.

For Arsenal to set a new club record for successive victories, they must beat Palace, then defeat Blackpool in the FA Cup, before returning to the Europa League with a European rematch.

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**REVITALISED**

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**JORDAN Henderson has days as an automatic starter ahead of Liverpool’s midfield look over although the England international offers brilliant options and cover.**

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DURANT STARS IN WARRIORS’ WIN OVER KNICKS

LOS ANGELES: Kevin Durant scored 25 of his 41 points in the fourth quarter as the NBA champion Golden State Warriors manhandled the New York Knicks 128-100 on Friday at Madison Square Garden.

“I just tried to be aggressive and score,” Durant said. “I thought our third quarter was pretty bad. I tried to give us a spark by scoring in the fourth and it got us going.”

Durant said being the defending NBA champions means every team is trying to knock you off that lofty perch.

“They challenged us tonight. It’s better to be the hunted and get everybody’s best game. It brings out the best in us,” Durant said.

He finished 17 of 24 from the floor, including five of nine from three-point range, and added nine rebounds.

Durant said his pre-game preparations were not the way he likes it.

“I want to shoot good shots and shoot the shot I practice every day and shoot with confidence. I want to prepare right before the game so I can come out here and be myself when the lights turn on,” Durant said.

Durant could become a free agent at the end of the season and the Knicks are considered to be one of the teams interested in wooing him.

He received a loud ovation when he entered the court on a building near the famed arena arguing him to sign with the Knicks.

Golden State outscored New York 47-38 in the fourth quarter.

Stephen Curry added 29 points and sank on 3-pointers, giving him at least five from beyond the arc in every game this season.

Curry delivered his career best performance of 54 points at Madison Square Garden in 2013.

Kevin Durant scored 24 points for the Knicks, who have dropped five in a row after a season-opening win over Atlanta.

Frank Ntilikina scored 17 points and Trey Burke had 15 for the Knicks, who jumped out to a 10-18 lead.

Kawhi Leonard finished with 20 points and 12 assists as Toronto added to their perfect start with a 116-107 win over the Dallas Mavericks.

Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points and Toronto on a franchise record with its sixth straight win to start the season.

“Really good,” said Raptors coach Nick-Nurse of Lowry. “He’s been outstanding and we knew it would be hard. We knew we’d have to pick up the pace and he’s more clearly.

Toronto has now surpassed the 5-0 start they compiled in the 2015-16 season.

Lowy has recorded 10 or more assists for a career-best fourth straight game and is the first Toronto player to achieve this since Jose Calderon had five in a row 10 years ago.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 points, Danny Green had 15 and Serge Ibaka finished with 11.

Dallas’ Baxter has 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Mavericks, who trailed by 17 points in the first quarter.

Kyle Lowry finished 13 under par overall, three strokes ahead of playing partners Rose and Reed at two-under 70 to end Saturday at the third round of the WGC-HSBC Champions tournament.

Two weeks before his 20th birthday, Xiong fired five birdies to card 69 at the par-72 Taiwan Championship.

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Crowd favourite Hsu hopes to bring it home in Taiwan

TAIPEI: Home favourite Hsu Wei-ling bounced back from a first hole bogey Saturday to share the lead with the USA’s Nelly Korda going into the final round of the LPGA Taiwan Championship.

She sank six birdies and two bogeys on her way to a one-under 69 for a share of the lead after 54 holes.

Hsu, who shot a career-best 67 in the second round, moved to nine-under par and two strokes ahead of Nelly Korda after two days of play.

Xiong, who moved to the World Golf rankings at age six with his mother and uncle, won the junior world title while in high school and was named the 2018 US Golfer of the Year playing for the University of Oregon.

Starting on the back nine, Xiong sank a 55-foot eagle putt from the fringe at the par-5 11th before taking his long bogey at 12, missing a 12-foot par putt.

Xiong responded with a tap-in birdie at the par-3 14th, just shy on a 50-foot birdie putt.

And after missing a 36-foot birdie putt in Thursday’s opening round, another of the long putts that ruined any notion of roundhouse putts.

They really kind of take off the pressure on a day like this when it’s windy and the pressure is not as accessible,” Xiong said.

Xiong could become the youngest US PGA event winner since Jordan Spieth after qualifying in all 14 of his prior events.

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“Perfect” iron off the tee on the par-5 14th, just shy on a 50-foot birdie putt at the par-4 6th. 

Also at 209 was former world number one Lydia Ko, who shot a career-best 68 and bogey-free.

Ko has been back in the swing with six consecutive top 10 finishes and finished in a strong tie for runner-up at the inaugural Bank of America LPGA event in Shanghai. — AFP

FINAUL fights off defending champ Rose in Shanghai

SHANGHAI: Justin Rose will have one more day to try to catch leader Tony Finau after the American fought off a challenge from the defending champion in the final round of the WGC-HSBC Champions tournament.

Finau posted an albatross two-under 70 to sit at 13 under par over 54 holes to extend his lead over playing partners Rose and Masters champion Patrick Reed, who also each carded a 70.

Justin Reed and Rose at 10-under were American Xander Schauffele, who posted a 69.

Finau, who tried with a three-stroke lead, is known on the tour for his uptight approach to the game, and it came in handy after

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I n Gabon, the majesty of kevazingo tree, its tropical hardwood highly valued in Asia for sparkling furniture, is also held to be sacred by generations of forest dwellers in equatorial Africa.

Chopping down the kevazingo tree can grow to more than 300 years old, has been outlawed in Gabon since March, but that hasn’t saved environmental fears.

A loophole in the law allows the sale of the prized wood if felled trees were abandoned or caused from illegal loggers which environmentalists say only encourages further exploitation.

This ban on felling the tree is intended to “limit trafficking in this wood,” explains Simplice Nteme, the National Director General of Waterways and Forestry, which cover 65 per cent of the land area.

But for Martial, a 54-year-old resident of Nyong, capital of the northern Mbonge-Mbom region, it hasn’t changed.

“They tell us that the kevazingo is no longer cut, but we see more baskets with kevazingo logs leaving the forest to go to the capital Libreville,” he said.

The government inside is taking more heavy measures which that is considered “abandoned” after lying on the ground for another forest manager being chased down.

Who can cut down a kevazingo tree and then leave it there?”

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Parsley Risotto with crispy red baby hammour fillet and wild mushroom ragout

SERVES 4 PERSONS

INGREDIENTS

- 300 gram carnaroli rice
- 1.5L fish stock or fish cubes.
- 50 gram olive oil
- 50 gram butter
- 60 grams mix wild mushrooms
- 50 grams shallot
- 30 ml olive oil
- 300 grams carnaroli rice

PREPARATION

1. Chop up the shallots.

2. Sautee them in olive oil until browned, then remove them with a slotted spoon to a plate, leaving the remaining oil in the pan.

3. Add the rice to the same pan and stir for 4 to 7 minutes until it becomes translucent. Keep stirring to avoid sticking.

4. Add a ladle of simmering fish broth and stir before the liquid gets absorbed, because the grana may break if it becomes too dry.

5. Stir and cook while continuing to add broth until the rice al dente stage.

6. As the rice gets cooked, wash the parsley and blanch it in hot water for a second before draining it in ice-water. Once it’s cool, squeeze out the water and chop the parsley into small pieces.

7. Once the risotto is perfectly cooked, stir in the parsley, olive oil, and a spore of parsley puree. Then cover the risotto, and turn off the flame. Let it sit for 2 to 3 minutes.

8. Cook the fish fillet in a non-stick pan with a drizzle of olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Blanch the parsley to cook the fish on the side, to get it nice and crispy.

9. Place the fish in a bowl, top it off with the fish fillet and some wild mushrooms, and serve.

10. Cut the parsley and add it to the fish fillet to serve.

COOKING TIPS

- If you want your risotto firm, time the addition of the fish broth so that the rice will finish absorbing the broth when it reaches the al dente stage, and if you want a softer risotto, time your addition of the broth so there will be some liquid left.

DID YOU KNOW?

While boiling rice is a universal method of cooking, the Italian phenomenon ‘cooking and creaming rice’ is a perfect blend of creaminess which allows for a perfect consistency in the risotto.

CHEF VITO FORNELLI

WITH A CUMULATIVE 14 years of experience, Italian Chef Vito worked for 8 years as an executive chef in Bahrein before he moved to Oman. Today, he is the Operation Executive Chef of Grand Millennium Muscat and Millennium Executives Apartments, leading an army of other chefs and staffs of which Bahrein — Muscat’s home-green seafood restaurant with a modern twist — is one of the pet projects.

Although he’s first time in Oman, he finds the country very nice and warm and hopes to give people an opportunity to taste balanced dish in terms of taste, quantity and quality unempolled with a beautiful texture and course served with rice.

Very accommodating towards his guests, he welcomes everyone to visit him and give feedback once they try the food.

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Identity thief

Young, who has been living in Lebanon for nine years, mission to revive the memories and history in the country through art helps young people to appreciate historical and cultural heritage. He hopes his next exhibition will be in Beirut's Holiday Inn, a hotel that became a casualty of the war over the next 15 years. The hotel was turned into a rubbish dump and a drug rehabilitation centre. A great storyteller, he grew up exploring the different forces with Ahmed al Jaabri's Oman Adventures group, the future of the country and if especially the Omani children are engaged in outdoor activities — tents, mats and food ration for the camp leader.

Hamida hoped that every child pays a visit to the house than outside causes a lot of violence. It has been the best place to do that, Ahmed said.

While the rest of the group came for the view and the adventure, for Hamida, it was a teaching opportunity for his son.

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