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**Duqm Fishing Port to Boost Exports**

The Special Economic Zone Authority of Duqm (SEZAD) has decided to increase the depth of the fishing harbour by 10 metres instead of 6 to prepare the port to attract large fish vessels operating on high seas, in addition to increasing the economic value of the port, which will become the first port in the Sultanate to reach that depth.

An interview with Oman News Agency (ONA) Chairman of the SEZAD, Yahya bin Said Al Jabri, Chairman of the SEZAD, said that the decision comes in line with the development of commercial fishing in the world, and added that the depth of the harbour is to face the requirements of this sector as there are ships equipped for fishing purposes or for the purpose of exporting fish, which is lowered deeper than 6 metres, hence the idea to increase the depth to 10 metres.

He said that the Duqm zone is working to make Duqm fishing harbour one of the regional ports capable of providing various services needed by large fishing vessels and thus contributing to enhancing the performance of fisheries industries near the harbour, which aims to make Duqm a key centre for fish industry in the Sultanate.

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The work on the fishing harbour is currently progressing and the more than 300 employees are working at the site. The harbour will be ready by the end of next year or the beginning of 2022.

Speaking of the economic importance of the fishing harbour in Duqm, Al Jabri said that the harbour is one of the most important components of the special economic zone. He added that the fisheries sector in Duqm is one of the most promising sectors in the region, as the region has a large stock of fish wealth which takes care of the needs of the region.

He added: "Therefore, since the beginning of planning of the economic zone, the government has endeavored to establish a fishing harbour and a nearby fish industries area so that the harbour and the region will activate services related to fish wealth."

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The event is part of an international move against drug misuse and a number of the UN General Assembly which decided to observe June 26 as the International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit Trafficking in an expression of its determination to strengthen actions and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

Saidul Mohammad bin Humaid Wailani, Minister of State and Governor of Dhofar, would grace the occasion, which is being observed this year under the theme of “We know your purpose.” The event would have an awareness campaign on drug control and awareness raising exercises in Dhofar Governorate, in which issues related with the problem would be raised and answered by the experts in the field.

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The number of commercial/transactions done last year was 53,632 which is an increase of more than 28 per cent compared with those of the year 2017. This increase is an evidence of the growth of commercial activity in the governorate and shows how investors in the governorate to get benefit of various services in the governorate which help diversification of the economy.

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SARAJEVO: Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sarajevo Chamber of Commerce in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The MoU signed to boost investment and trade opportunities and facilitate investor procedures in the two friendly countries on the sidelines of a joint meeting between Omani businessmen and their Bosnian counterparts.

The MoU was signed by Ahmed bin Abdul Karim al Hooti, Board member of OCCI, Head of the Omani trade delegation that visited the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and by the President of the Sarajevo Chamber of Commerce.

It is hoped that it would promote trade relations between the Sultanate and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and encourage direct communication between Omani businessmen and their Bosnian counterparts. — ONA

SHABAB OMAN II WINS AWARD

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Shabab Oman II was feted at the award ceremony which held in the Hague. The event was organised on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

Since setting sail from the Said bin Sultan Naval Base on April 15, Shabab Oman II sailed 6,300 nautical miles upon reaching Port of Iskifen in the Netherlands and is still continuing her 4th international voyage entitled Waves of Peace and Glory in the European continent.

The Freedom Festival for Tall Ships is being held on June 20 to 25 with the participation of 19 sailing vessel representing France, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Brazil, Mexico, Romania, the US and Oman as well as naval vessels from Brazil, Mexico and the Netherlands.

Port to boost exports

Al Jabri said that there are already four factories, three of them have already started production and the forth will be operational this year. Apart from this, four more are under construction, in addition to 12 companies which have signed usufruct agreements with SEZAD to establish specialised factories for sardine, fish, fish oil and fish packaging industries.

As far as the integration of the operations of the fishing harbour and the port of Duqm is concerned, Al Jabri said the SEZAD is working to enable the fishing harbour to carry out commercial operations, but if the need to export larger quantities on board giant vessels, Duqm commercial port will be ready for such operations as it has a deeper draft in comparison to the fishing harbour; as the depth of the port basin is 18 metres and this will help large commercial operations which need larger berths.

He said that the special economic zone is equipped with other facilities serving the fishing harbour, such as Duqm Airport, which can — through cargo building — contribute to faster export of fish and it is close to fisheries industries. — ONA

Congratulations to a leading woman in Islamic Business and Finance

We are proud to congratulate our Chairperson, Sayyida Rawan bint Ahmed Al Said, on being recognised as one of the 10 leading women in Islamic Business and Finance at the Womani 2019 awards by Cambridge IFA.
TRAVEL TO SALalah

LAKSHMI KOTHANATH

Travel enthusiasts of Oman have tried different ways to reach this unique destination. Some are conventional means of transport while others are unique in nature. So let us explore 1,000 km and beyond in the past it would have been done, but the Arabian Sea can also be tricky during this season because that is where the monsoon originates.

There have been adventurers who chose a complete different mix of travelling. International adventurer Thair Abud travelled across Muscat to Salalah on foot (March to May 2013) as part of his overall journey from Graz, Austria to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

THE DOHOFAR GOVERNORATE HAS GREAT TOURISM FEATURES SUCH AS WHITE BEACHES, SOFT SAND, A RANGE OF MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, FLAT PLANES, DESERT EXTENDING TO THE EMPTY QUARTER, WATER SPRINGS, NATURAL FOUNTAINS AND CAVES

The beautiful plains and mountain ranges, the upholstered greenery that tourists throng are water springs scattered throughout the governorate, mainly Rasat, Garra, Hamra, Sahlon, Asham and Darbat. Al Maghuf beach attracts many tourists to see the Cave of Al Harmal and natural fountains. At the Anti-Gravity Point in Taweet, visitors can have the wonderful experience of their cars going up and falling down on natural gear (without any acceleration). The Anti-Gravity Point is located at the beginning of Qalhat, on the road to Mellah City. Dhofar houses many natural caves such as Al Marif Cave near Er Rost, 10 km southwest of the City of Salalah, and the most popular Cave of Rasat, in addition to the Cave of Al Palk Darbat, characterized by natural arches with inscriptions and drawings on the walls. They are unique because of the diversity of hanging limestone deposits on its ceiling. A visit to the caves gives us a rare opportunity to learn about the geological formations of the caves and their evolution over thousands of years. The government and private agencies have made necessary arrangements to accommodate tourists by offering them all facilities and services.
MALAYSIA calls for justice and citizenship for Rohingya

BANGKOK: Malaysia on Sunday said the protracted violence against Myanmar’s Rohingya minority should be brought to justice, in a sharp criticism directed at a normally tame regional power.

Myanmar does not recognize the Rohingya as citizens, instead officially listing them “Bengalis”, short-hand for illegal immigrants from neighbouring Bangladesh.

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The junta and the Ministry of the Interior have called for Myanmar’s protracted violence to be brought to justice. But Myanmar’s army and de facto leader, Gen. San San Yei, have defended the action as necessary to fight back the unrest from Rakhine state, a thinly populated zone with a Muslim majority.

The Myanmar military launched a counter-offensive and has unleashed a wave of violence against the Rohingya minority. At least 13,800 Rohingya people have fled, according to the UN.

ISLAMABAD: The global counter-terrorism watchdog has renewed its call on Pakistan to block the financing of terrorists, warning that limited financial restrictions could be imposed for non-compliance.

The Global Counterterrorism Forum Action Task Force (GCTF) gave Pakistan until October to curb terrorist financing and said a failure to improve its counter-terrorism financing efforts may put the country on its blacklist.

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not only has Pakistan failed to complete basic action plan items within a year deadline, it also failed to complete action plan items due to not enacting new legislation.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan hosted prominent Afghan leaders on Saturday ahead of a fresh round of peace talks between the United States and the Taliban in Doha, officials said.

Pakistan has hosted talks in the past with the Taliban, but those efforts have failed to bring about a lasting peace in the country.

"We support an Afghan settlement that is at peace with itself, and at peace with its neighbors," Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif said in a victory speech.

"Three talks confer on peace, but peace, only peace, can make breakthroughs.\[\text{quote}\]"

Pakistan is seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan.

Pakistan is also playing a key role in securing a potential settlement. The US-South African Peace Process has been shuffling back and forth to the Pakistan capital since President Donald Trump asked Islamabad in December for help in bringing the Taliban to the negotiating table.

The US and Afghanistan accuses Islamabad of backing Taliban fighters charge Pakistan denies.

Pakistan is said to be on the brink of a constitutional crisis with the country’s democratic system facing a critical test.

The new constitution, which was promulgated in 2010, was expected to be passed in a ceremony.

The government has been toppled by a military coup led by General Pervez Musharraf.

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Sudanese protest leaders have held talks with an Egyptian army officer who has been mediating between the ruling generals and the Popular Salvation Front in an attempt to prevent further violence as the government prepares to disperse the protest camp.

The generals denies they ordered the army engineers to break up the protests and only acknowledged they have limited control over their troops.

It is a big victory for the government which has been under pressure to disperse the sit-in to stop the economic vital roadblock. Sudanese activist Khartoum and a nobleman who was among the leaders of the protest movement.

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Seven dead in Cambodia building collapse

PHNOM PENH: At least seven people died on Saturday when an under-construction building collapsed by a Chinese company collapsed at a Cambodian beach resort, officials said, as rescuers scanned the giant rubble heap for survivors.

The building went down before sunrise in the casino-resort town of Sihanoukville in Cambodia, a rapidly developing tourist hotspot awash with Chinese tourist money.

Four people have been confirmed as having died in the accident, including the Chinese building owner, the head of the construction firm and the contractor.

A Cambodian landowner has also been held at provincial headquarters.

The seven-storey building was almost 80 per cent complete when it crashed down early Saturday, the deadliest accident in recent years in Cambodia.

"Now the death toll from the building collapse is seven," Sihanoukville city police chief Thul Norin said, after officials earlier pinned the number of dead at three.

At least 21 people were reported injured — several critically — at this moment. At least three of the dead were Cambodians, including two workers and a transfer worker from China, who has not yet been identified, police said at the police station.

For the spark for the current wave of protests was an attempt to pass the extradition law, which has now been postponed.

ASEAN VOWS TO TACKLE OCEAN WASTE

BANGKOK: With Southeast Asia awash in rubbish, from plastic-choked streets to trashed coral reefs, countries are vowing to curb a problem that is not just an environmental menace — leakage of trash into the oceans — but also a danger for the millions who depend on the region’s marine life for their livelihood.

At a second meeting of the ASEAN Plastic Waste Management Group and the ASEAN Marine Debris Working Group, leaders and delegates from across the region announced plans to adopt six targets to reduce plastic waste by 2025 and by 2030.

They include a commitment to progressively reduce the use of single-use plastic products by 2025, a 75 per cent reduction in the use of single-use plastic by 2030, and a commitment to ensure that all plastic waste generated is properly managed by 2025.

A more ambitious target was a ban on all single-use plastics by 2030, which would go beyond the current draft agreement.

The agreement also sets out a timeline for the implementation of a regional framework to prevent the loss of marine life as a result of marine debris and to enhance the monitoring and enforcement of the agreement.

Under the agreement, countries will also be required to report on their progress every two years, and the group will meet annually to review progress and update the framework.

The agreement, which was signed by representatives of all 10 ASEAN countries, is the first of its kind in the world.

The agreement is expected to have a profound impact on the region’s marine environment, with estimates suggesting that the current rate of plastic waste generation is causing significant harm to marine habitats and ecosystems.

The agreement is part of a broader regional effort to address the issue of plastic waste in the region, which has been identified as a major threat to the health and sustainability of the marine environment.

The agreement could also provide a model for other regions to follow, as countries around the world increasingly recognize the urgent need to address the issue of plastic waste.

It is estimated that at least 90 per cent of the marine debris that enters the oceans is derived from land-based sources, with the majority of this waste being single-use plastic.

The agreement is expected to reduce the amount of plastic waste that enters the oceans, thereby improving marine habitats and ecosystems and benefiting the millions of people who rely on the region’s marine resources for their livelihoods.

The agreement is set to be signed in 2021, with the first meeting of the ASEAN Plastic Waste Management Group scheduled for early 2022.
Indian airlines to re-route flights avoiding Iranian airspace: DGCA

NEW DELHI: Indian airlines will re-route their flights, avoiding Iranian airspace, in compliance with a letter from the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) to the DGCA, the aviation regulator, as a precautionary measure after US President Donald Trump announced on Sunday that the US was pulling out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear deal.

The DGCA has directed all airlines to file alternative flight plans to avoid Iranian airspace.

The DGCA has also asked the airlines to ensure that all passengers (and crew members) are made aware of the changes to flight route before they are boarded.

A DGCA spokesperson said all plans were being put in place to ensure that there were no disruptions to air travel. The DGCA has also made it clear that the airlines are free to use other routes to reach their destination, as per their discretion.

The DGCA had earlier made a request to all domestic and international airlines to avoid Iranian airspace following Trump's announcement.

“DGCA has written to all domestic and international airlines to avoid Irish airspace. Further DGCA has written to all airlines to ensure that the flights are de-routed in such a manner that there are no issues. DGCA is in constant touch with the airline sector and is providing them with all necessary assistance,” the spokesperson said.

Indian airlines are expected to halve their operations in and out of Iran, the civil aviation minister said on May 11, as US authorities pressurised airlines to avoid Iranian airspace.

Indian airlines have a total of around 30 flights a day to and from Iran, the flight information service DDB & R称之为的数据显示，伊朗是目前全球最大的石油出口国，因此，任何对伊朗航线的禁令都可能对全球石油市场产生重大影响。
Electric vehicles could become a genuine alternative

From a global environmental perspective, the alternative energy source appears to be a clear winner, but in practice specific challenges arise that could impact greatly upon the electric car’s experience

In a modern vehicle, and apart from the uncertainty of noise when you start driving, and the lack of an exhaust, looks just like any other car on the road. So now to the main issue of range.

The UK has a decent steel network of charging points, owners are encouraged to have their charging points at home, and even many employers have charging points. If that’s not enough, what for now? By the frequency and number of EVs is critical in providing the right level of full network support for the EVs, we’ve only had the few EVs in use so far, and then connected to the network. It’s a matter of time before we can expect currently, a range of 150 km in a mid range vehicle built unlike a conventional vehicle, you can’t simply pour more in petrol and away you go, so this type of any energy transport planning is moving in time of range.

Linked to this is the current major source of heat in batteries. Even if you could drive 150 km, recharge, then drive another 150 km, and recharge to drive another 150 km, you cannot, because the battery gets hot all the time and the other charging times increase, or the range you have is decreased.

No, Trump doesn’t call ME plan ‘deal of the century’

I have become common in recent months for media reports to say Donald Trump called his proposed Israeli-Palestinian peace plan the “deal of the century,” as an indicator of the US’s efficacy overall. That’s why I use them predominantly as commentaries and city cars.

Now the reality is that technological advances will surely solve these issues. But an important that we are not simply rhetoric and informed about the concept, we need the technology and the US’s efficacy overall. The all the same have been here are energizing and the Middle East is reserved about the ability to provide through institutional support in the way of a coherent OP network. The AEC’s research is mostly right on point, and I have no doubt that the ‘deal of the century’ issue can be technologically resolved, we may be on to a winner here. But you think.

And Elon Musk may be irrelevant, and have a sense of humor, but really?

Laurent Thomet

China has an absolute influence in this area.

China, which is a major source, the Beijing-Pyongyang alliance has forced the UN to be forced to be affected by Trump, regardless of any economic incentives to effect a cease-fire.

Trump has also repeatedly called Xi Jinping his ‘friend’, but their own negotiations to end the US-China tariffs war broke down last month. With Trump’s relationship with Kim on the rocks, Xi has found an opening

In his last Thursday, Xi told Kim that he was “willing to strengthen coordination and cooperation” with North Korea and other parties, and play a “positive and constructive role” in achieving denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, according to China’s state newswire.

After the meeting the term of the deal began to be discussed in Arabic media and online.

In an official KPA leader, once Trump at the White House but refers only to a “historic peace deal” without using the phrase deal of the century. The September the two meant and now and Abbas referred to it in Arabic as the “Deal of the era.” The simultaneous translation of his speech into English and White House transcript, however, referred to it as “Deal of the century.” This is possibly the first time Trump heard the phrase in public.

In November 2017, the official Palestinian news agency labelling it the “Deal of the century.” In December, Abbas cut ties with the Trump administration after the US officially recognised the disputed city of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. The phrase “Deal of the century” became commonly used by Palestinian officials in their campaign, shorthand criticisms for the Trump administration. —AFP

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UK Leadership: Finalists begin grassroots campaign

CHALLENGES: Whoever takes the Tory party leadership will then face the looming Brexit deadline of October 31

LONDON: Britain’s leadership contest was set to start this month’s long nationwide tour on Saturday as Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt each seek to win over grass-roots Conservatives in their bid to become PM. After five rounds of secret voting by MPs in the governing Conservative Party, former London mayor Johnson and Foreign Secretary Hunt are the two final contenders outside an original field of 13 hopefuls. The contest kicks off as the Guardian daily reported police were called to the home of Johnson and his partner Carrie Symonds amid a heated row. According to the newspaper, officers were alerted early on Friday after a neighbour said there had been a loud altercation involving screaming, shouting and there were even reports of Johnson trying to get into the London property. Leeds-based Metropolitan Police said it responded to a call from a local resident but that “all occupants of the address were cooperative”. As rumour favourite in the race to become PM, Johnson will now be hoping to avoid any major blunders while out on the campaign trail, while Hunt will need to pull off a huge upset if he is to win. Whoever takes the Tory party leadership in the week beginning July 22 — and therefore becomes prime minister — will then face the looming Brexit deadline of October 31. The battle is likely to feature jibes from both candidates to get Britain out of the European Union safely and in one piece, succeeding where outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May reportedly failed. But the race might ultimately turn into a popularity contest between Johnson — pragmatic but affable with a tendency for gaffes — and the more diplomatic and low-key Hunt. “Mr. Johnson may stumble. His challenge must attack. It’s an outside chance. But there’s no other way,” The Times newspaper columnist Matthew Parris wrote. “A challenger will soon win on policy,” said the former Conservative MP The 180,000 or so paid-up Conservative members who select the centre-right party’s next leader are generally older and whiter than the majority of Britain’s 66 million citizens. According to commentator Parris, the group comprises “classic ‘blue tribe’” as well as poorer urban workers who are anti-European and more populist in their views. Finally, you have young Conservatives, including students. They are predominantly men and born after 1980. They might be tempted to vote for the right following the drubbing the Conservatives suffered in last month’s European Parliament elections at the hands of Nigel Farage’s newly-formed Brexit Party. Farage and Johnson were the two main contenders in the Conservative Party’s 2016 EU membership referendum that carded the Brexit earth which Mr Farage’s successor must sold. The political deadlock might yet have to be broken by a snap general election and Johnson is widely viewed as one of the Conservatives who can stand up to Farage in a battle of Brexit lenses. A poll for The Daily Telegraph — the paper for which Johnson writes a column — showed six in 10 Brexiteers and six in 10 Remainers supporting the Conservatives should the man known simply as Boris become PM. The same survey showed the Conservatives were more votes to Farage under Hunt’s leadership. Hunt and Johnson will appear Saturday evening to Remainers in central England, for the first of 16 “Saturdays” — occasionally filmed events where candidates field audience questions — days before the third round of voting.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
Times columnist

Climate activists break through police line at German lignite mine

AACHEN, Germany: Climate activists broke through a police line and ran across a field into the Garzweiler lignite mine in western Germany as part of a protest against coal mining and demanding action against climate change. Police would not immediately give an estimate of how many had crossed the line. A reporter on the scene said activists were facing off against police at the edge of the mine. Some 3,000 demonstrators planned a march early Saturday from Katernberg to Judenburg on the southern edge of the mine. They included students of the “ Fridays for Future” protests against climate change, but also families and older protesters.

The demonstrations were organized by the so-called “Inde-Galanuds” group, which describes itself as a “multi-disciplinary protest movement to limit global warming through fixed but flexible phase-out.” “Inde-Galanuds” translates roughly to “time is up.” Some 2,500 people had been expected to participate in the protest, which was to include non-violent acts of civil disobedience to halt operations at the mine, which is Germany’s largest and belongs to energy giant RWE. Another 200-strong rally, which will include speeches, was scheduled to take place later. Since late Friday, some 800 protesters have been blocking train tracks in the region that usually serve as a coal transport route to the Lierow lignite-fired power plant. The “Fridays for Future” protest network is driven largely by schoolchildren and led by Greta Thunberg.

Newly-elected leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Armin Laschet said he would “continue the good work” of outgoing German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is stepping down after a 16-year tenure. Laschet, a CDU member, was chosen by the party’s national congress on Sunday. Several factions of the CDU, including Laschet’s, had already signaled they would support Armin Laschet, a 59-year-old former finance minister who has spent decades in business and politics. President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the new leader’s “fresh perspective” would be important for Germany, where “the country is now at a turning point.” Laschet will face a tough task as he leads the CDU into federal elections in September, which will determine who succeeds Merkel as chancellor. Laschet’s victory was a milestone for CDU, which has faced a string of other losses in recent years. Laschet said he would “work hard” with his party colleagues to shape the country’s future. Laschet’s victory was a milestone for CDU, which has faced a string of other losses in recent years.
WASHINGTON: US cities expecting to be hit by a wave of immigration raids intended to deport recently arrived migrants said in the US States illegally said on Friday they would not cooperate with federal authorities.

In a call with reporters earlier this week, Mark Morgan, the acting director of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), said the agency would target deportation families that have received a removal order from a US immigration court.

The Washington Post reported on Friday that the operation is slated to launch on Sunday and is expected to target up to 6,000 families facing deportation orders as far as 10 US cities, including Houston, Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles.

An official at ICE declined to comment, saying it would not offer details of its immigration enforcement plans.

The cities Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she had heard from ICE officials in Chicago, where the raid was due to occur.

“Buying something from someone with nothing to power it but a big polyethylene ‘false wall’ has never been the stuff of scammers’ dreams for decades but has only recently become so popular,” the official said.

The idea might sounds crazy: people are made from milk, a brand of space with no engine, no fuel, and no time to live. As photons bounce off the momentum of packets of light energy known as photons — in this case from our brain.

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Older smartphone users tend to rely more on their phones’ auto lock feature compared to younger users, said researchers, adding that they also prefer using PINs over fingerprints to unlock their phones.

The study presented at the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems found that older users are more likely to unlock their phones when working at a desk or sitting at home.

“The study is the first to explore the link between age and smartphone use. As researchers working to protect smartphones from unauthorized access, we need to first understand how users use their devices,” said Konstantin Beznosov, Professor at the University of British Columbia.

“By tracking actual users during their daily interactions with their devices, we now have real-world insights that can be used to inform future smartphone designs,” Beznosov said.

The analysis also showed that older users used their phone less frequently than younger users. For every 10-year interval in age, there was a corresponding 25 per cent decrease in the number of user sessions. In other words, a 25-year-old might use their phone 20 times a day, but a 35-year-old might use it only 15 times. The study tracked 134 volunteers, ranging from 19 to 63 years of age, through a custom app installed on their Android phones.

According to the researchers, for two consecutive months, the app collected data on lock and unlock events, choice of auto or manual lock and whether the phone was locked or unlocked while in motion. The app also recorded the duration of user sessions.

The study also found gender differences in authentication choices. As their age, men are much more likely to rely on auto locks, as opposed to manually locking their devices, compared to women.

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Al Dhahirah Power Generating Company (AGC) — the developer of the largest power plant in Al Dhahirah Governorate — has inked the commercial operations of its Bri Power Plant on May 10, 2019.

Ang Ibra Mohamed Al Rasui (picture), Chief Executive Officer of Al Dhahirah Power Generating Company (AGC), said that the 1509MW Independent Power Plant (IPP) is “the third largest plant in Oman with total investment amounting to RO 300 million by local and international investors”.

AGC represents a consortium of Minos & Co Ltd holding 50.1 percent of the shares, ACWA Power and Dhofar International Development & Investment Holding Company (DIHDC) with 49.9 percent and 0.1 percent respectively.

Al Rasui affirmed AGC’s commitment to be part of the economic growth, building national capacity and supporting the sector’s efforts to continue securing quality jobs for Omanis. “We are proud to have welcomed 17 members of Al Dhahirah Power Plant, which will be decommissioned this year.”

He added that the management team of the operation & maintenance company of Bri IPP is nearly 72 percent Omani, and they work under a 100 percent Omani management and supervision system. “Thus, the first power plant in the Sultanate of Oman to commence operations with such a high Omaniisation from the first day”, Al Rasui said.

He stressed that the company has been keen to enhance the economic returns of the project, and engaging the local community by awarding a number of contracts to local companies as well as supporting schools in the governorate with advanced educational resources and providing support to charitable organisations.

AGC’s CEO said that the total contracts awarded to local companies amounted to more than RO 70 million. The plant is operated by a combined cycle system, resulting in generating electricity at a competitive price. Bri IPP’s capacity is already been connected into the national electricity transmission grid to meet the increasing demand for power. In May, Bri IPP supplied the national grid with 727,882 MWh to the national grid, to support Oman’s efforts for economic and social growth.

On this occasion, Ang Mohamed Al Rasui welcomed the support AGC received from Ministry of Oil and Gas (MOG), Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs (MECA), Public Authority for Water (Dias), Authority for Electricity Regulator (AER), Oman Power and Procurement Co (OPPC), Oman Electricity Transmission Company (OETC), and Oman Gas Company (OGC) to be able to complete the project on time and meet the national demand for electricity.

**PROUD WORKFORCE:** Led and supervised by 100 per cent Omani team and the highest Omaniisation rate from day one

**BUSINESS OBJECTIVE:** Oman Shipping Company (OSC) — the wholly Oman-government-owned maritime freight transportation services provider — has plans to invest in a modern container shipping fleet in an ambitious bid to become a significant player in the regional container shipping business.

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“Our objective is to transport one million containers in 2023 as part of a five-year development plan,” said Eng Abdallah Al Manaei, Group CEO — Ayalq Group. “For bulk goods, we aim to acquire 30 per cent of local market. And we hope to enhance linkages with Oman’s three main ports of Salalah, Duqm and Sohar with regional ports shipping, from 100 calls in 2019 to over 400 in 2023. This will enable us to develop Oman as a hub that aggregates ports, shipping and logistics across the entire supply chain.”

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**GROWTH STRATEGY:** PLANS TO ADD LINER AND DRY BULK VESSELS TO MODERN FLEET

**PROMO PHOTO:**

**Oman Shipping to invest in modern container fleet**

**CONRAD PHANU**

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MoCI urges investors to use company bank accounts for dealings

MoCI: The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MoCI) urged investors to use bank accounts of their commercial establishments for their dealings and avoid using personal accounts for the purpose.

Minister Hasab al Huwaini, Head of the Department of Administrative Buffers at the Directorate of Audit and Control in the Ministry of Communications and Industry, said that he noticed that some owners of commercial establishments or companies use their personal accounts in their business dealings, instead of bank accounts of their companies.

He said that the ministry, in cooperation with the Central Bank of Oman and the Higher Committee of Taxation, was continuously monitoring companies operating in the Sultanate to ensure that they open their accounts in the following and present their annual financial reports to the concerned authorities here. This would help the ministry learn about the active and inactive companies and enterprises.

Abdul al Huwaini also pointed out that the livelihood provided by the government should not be misused and not to present the accounts of the companies for the benefit of the people. Avoidance in dealings with Omanization and evasive taxes, thus practitioners adversely affects national economic growth and those who indulge in such acts are exposed for accountability before the law.

MoCI has recently called a number of enterprises and companies to investigate about the possibility of their registration, if they have workers and they have all licenses required to continue their work in a right way, their rational of Omanization as well their evasion of taxes. The Ministry has also called for financial reports to the concerned authorities.

NBO boosts partnership with government sector

NBO: National Bank of Oman (NBO) launched a 5-day training course for selected government officials to further enhance the collaboration with the bank’s key government partners.

The week-long On-The-Job (OTJ) training, which took place over the last few days, brought together government officials to participate in an insider’s view of NBO’s dynamic culture.

Hassan Shoib (pictured), General Manager, Government Banking Office at NBO, said: “We take it upon ourselves to offer the best financial service to our government partners and we are constantly looking for new ways of offering enriching work experience opportunities to our customers so we can support them to fulfill their potential. We give participants the chance to learn, interact and exchange ideas as part of our OTJ programme.”

The OTJ course is part of NBO’s strategy to develop the skills of its partners. It is a new and ever-evolving approach to fostering the partnership between the private and public sectors by developing employees’ potential through such programmes, NBO aims to inspire local talent through exposure to the bank’s operations and management.

Hassan Shoib explained: “At NBO, we are committed to creating a performance-based culture and nurturing tomorrow’s leaders. We believe that our OTJ programme is designed to instill similar values among participants.”

The OTJ was organized in cooperation with the Government Banking Division of Oman’s Central Bank and NBO’s Academy of Excellence continues to sustain partnerships which include employment-based certification courses, employee development and skills-building, while strengthening NBO’s position as the ‘Bank of Choice’.

MoCI: The Ford Expedition raises the bar with its one-of-a-kind collection of features, a 360-degree view, a more immersive and engaging experience of driving. The new Ford Expedition has a completely new look, with a new front fascia that has a chrome grille with a mesh design, new headlights, and a revised interior that is more luxurious and comfortable.

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Ford Expedition wins award for digital transformation

Mr. Al Sayegh, Executive Vice President, Vehicle Marketing, stated: “We are excited to receive this award as it represents the commitment to excellence and innovation that drive our business. This recognition is a testament to our team’s hard work and dedication to delivering best-in-class customer experience.”

The award highlights the effectiveness of the digital transformation strategy implemented by the company, which has resulted in improved customer satisfaction and increased sales.

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The SUV also comes with a new engine and transmission, which improve fuel efficiency and performance. The Ford Expedition is available in three trims: XLT, Limited, and King Ranch.

Sha’ua Meethaq seminar highlights role of Islamic finance

MoCI: The ministry of Islamic banking in Oman from its main offices in Muscat, Sha’ua Meethaq seminar at the College of Sharia Science in cooperation with the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs and in the presence of the majority of the Sha’ua Board and senior officials from Meethaq took place on the subject of Islamic finance, economic development, and the role of Islamic financiers in the country's economic development.

Shabbir Al Qahtan, chairman of the Sha’ua Board and president of Meethaq Islamic Banking, spoke about the role of Islamic finance in the development of the country. Sha’ua highlighted the importance of Islamic banks in achieving sustainable development of the national economy. Sha’ua highlighted the importance of Islamic banks in achieving sustainable development of the national economy. Sha’ua highlighted the importance of Islamic banks in achieving sustainable development of the national economy.
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Fed officials face weak inflation, but split over what it means

WASHINGTON: US Federal Reserve officials were divided over whether to ease monetary policy to battle weak inflation, with some urging a cut in a key interest rate, while others argued that prices could start to pick up next year.

Several officials voiced concern about low inflation and noted that the data were too recent to draw conclusions.

The debate reflects broader disagreement about whether the economic recovery is strong enough to support a sustained rise in consumer prices.

Some officials said they were concerned that weak inflation could undermine the confidence of consumers and businesses, and could lead to further rate cuts.

Others argued that inflation is likely to remain low for some time, given the impact of low oil prices and a strong dollar.

The debate comes as the Fed prepares to make its next policy decision, which is scheduled for March.

If the inflation outlook remains weak, officials may decide to keep interest rates low for longer than previously expected.

In the meantime, the Fed will continue to monitor economic data closely and will be ready to respond to any development that could affect the outlook.

--- Reuters
**The mystery about Quadriga crypto exchange**

Many are now questioning the security procedures used by the exchange and in the case of Quadriga, critical of the lack of contingencies they had in place.

And they don’t.

**STRANGE CONCLUSION:**

For reporters, Cotton has drawn out a meticulous two-week process in which he left all his assets to his wife. Not that setting out a will is unusual, but the timing in this case then lending more credence to the claim that he had indeed passed away.

A question is felt is just so bizarre, as if he had been double that actually died. After all, cases of sudden, unexplained death are not unheard of and in the case of Cotton, he had a serious condition, an affidavit that does not usually result directly in disability but under certain circumstances, can spur with complications that will. Ultimately it appears that his death was mostly ‘all timely’ and the problems it has caused are simply due to negligence and worst mistake. But that final conclusion to be accepted, the essence of the elements of the official story has to add up.

SE Asian leaders throw weight behind trade pact

Seem hard for anyone to address the fact that has not exactly before considering where he alleged death took place. It is not for nothing that India has for years been beleaguered ‘inside’ or ‘outside’. In the right connections for and the right amount of money, one can ‘disappear from existence’.
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Drug to boost growth in kids with dwarfishawords promise

Results of the phase 2 trial published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that the drug, vosortotide, was generally well tolerated by patients.

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Vosortotide is a genetic bone disorder affecting about one in 25,000 infants. It is caused by a mutation in the FGF23 gene that impairs the growth of bones in the limbs, spine, and base of the skull. The most common health complications experienced by children with achondroplasia are spinal cord compression, spinal curvature and bowinglegs. About half of those children will need spinal or other surgery.

Unlike other treatments — such as growth hormone and lengthening surgery — which focus on symptoms, vosortotide focuses on the underlying cause of achondroplasia and directly counteracts the effect of the mutation that causes growth. The study can run over a year across centres in Australia, France, Britain and the US with 55 children assigned to one of four groups receiving daily subcutaneous doses of the drug in increasing amounts. The results showed vosortotide demonstrated dose-dependent increases in continuous growth per year over the first six months, with improvements maintained over the study extension period of another three years.

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Malinga, who finished with figures of 4-63, became only the fourth bowler to take 50 wickets in World Cups.

The team dominated the opening set, with the exception of top-scoring with an unbeaten 85 off 103 balls.

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LEEDS, United Kingdom: Eoin Morgan urged England to revert to type after a shock World Cup defeat by Sri Lanka cast doubt over their ability to reach the semis.

Friday’s 20-run loss at Headingly meant England could have won all three of their final group games against champions Australia, India and New Zealand in order to secure a last four spot.

Worryingly for England, they have not defeated any of that trio at a World Cup since 1992, although they did manage to tie with India in Bangalore eight years ago.

Sri Lanka total of 232-9 did not appear to leave England, yet to win the World Cup with an exponentially small chance on Friday.

But, with veteran paceman Lasith Malinga taking 4-43 and England toiling other wickets even, it proved enough despite Joe Root’s grafting 57 and all-rounder Ben Stokes’ innings 82, with England bowled out for 212.

You look at the basics of a run chase, said Morgan. Partnerships are very, very important. We struggled to get partnerships going.

“We had a couple of individual innings but that’s not good enough to win a game.”

Now England’s second pool loss after a 14-run defeat by Pakistan, but Morgan is refusing to panic.

“We are going to lose games in the group stage. We didn’t deserve to lose the game, we still need to go back to the process that takes us to be a strong side in the world,” he said.

England were hampered in their chase by the outgoing absence of three openers Jason Roy with a torn hamstring.

“Obviously we would love him in the side, he’s a huge strength at the top of the order,” said Morgan.

“We have not lost the game. We lost that down. Every single one is quite significant because every single one could establish a partnership that could win you the game.”

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England’s next match against Australia, who are currently top of the World Cup standings, at Leeds on Tuesday was always going to be a high-profile encounter.

But the stakes for England have been raised by a fourth successive loss to Sri Lanka in a must-win World Cup.

Morgan, however, insisted: “This message is quite simple: we need to do the basics along with the way that we play as well.”

“We get beaten we tend to come back quite strong. We tend to revert to aggression, over-positive cricket. Let’s hope that’s the case on Tuesday.”

England may have risen to the top of the ODI rankings since a first-round exit at the 2013 World Cup by playing an aggressive brand of cricket that revolves around dynamic batters toiling the team to big totals.

But Pakistan’s reverse will reinforce doubts over England’s ability to adapt their game to the demands of low scoring affairs in high-pressure situations — a problem that emerged during a 2017 Champions Trophy semi-final loss to Pakistan.

The way Moeen Ali hit off-spinner Dhananjaya de Silva for six only to hole out at the very next delivery to square the game was an especially worrying sight from the England all-rounder who was appearing in his 100th match at this level.

“England have not played with any experience,” said former skipper Michael Vaughan, commenting for BBC Radio.

“The game was won when Moeen Ali hit a six and he tried to hit another. We hope we are not in an era where in the dressing room you call it that is not good enough.”

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England’s extreme pace will suit Australia when the Ashes test match in a month-vying World Cup contest at Lords next week, all-rounder Glenn Maxwell said.

John Archer currently the tournament’s joint-leading wicket-taker and Mark Wood have combined to torment the batsmen with their express speed and have claimed 15 wickets between them during the tournament.

“I think that sort of pace probably suits our attack a bit more. A bit more pace on the deck, something we’ve a bit more used to,” said the 37-year-old Maxwell.

“Two of them at the same time, up and up, we’re certainly getting enough pressure on our batsmen, he said. We’ve been quite successful that’s quite fair.”

Australians have their own specialists in Mitchell Starc, who is level with Archer with 15 wickets, and Pat Cummins (11).

Manish Pandey scored off 10 balls in their 48-run victory against Bangladesh but admitted the opening, champions were not flawless on Thursday.

“I just feel like we’ve been building and building each game, getting better in different areas,” he said.

“I thought against Bangladesh we were just a bit off at different stages during the game, but that can happen I suppose.”

He has been a potent force in the tournament so far, but we’ve seen a few days to refresh now and get ourselves up for England,” he said.

“A few more jobs to place—we’re vital position to give them a good chance.”

He added: “We’ve had a few less with the bat, which is obviously a concern. We’ve got some options to think of, and the bowlers have been really good.”

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MINNESOTA: Australian Hannah Green picked it to from 60 yards to save par early in her second round en route to a three-shot halfway lead at the Women’s PGA Championship in Chaska, Minnesota on Friday.

Green’s unlikely saw at her third hole, the par-four 10th came after she hit her second shot into a pond to the barely knicked out at Hazeltine National.

“I actually didn’t even notice the hazard yesterday,” she said, while central three-under 69. Green set a crushing the major championship, her averaging score holding up for the rest of the day.

Army was also one shot to the best, but the Thai slipped back with two

in the final six holes for a round of 78.

She was alone in second place, while defending champion Pek Sing-Hyun (71) and New Zealand’s Lydia Ko (70) were equal third on three.

Near the green end of the field, Michelle Wie (62) on the back of her best round 84.

The 29-year-old, reduced to team on Thursday in she spoke about the impact on her career, was attempting to play this week after taking two months off in an effort to allow bone chips and nerve entrapment in her right hand and wrist to heal.

“I was extremely optimistic about the I could play this week and the status of my wrist,” she said.

After Green second shot at the 12th hole ended a period, she saw a re-entrance penalty and assessed the options for her fourth shot.

It was still a tough pitch shot,” she said. “I had to go for it as perfect.

I need to hit it perfectly and I did it. I knew it was going to be close but I didn’t think it had the chance of going in.

“When it went in I just laughed because with the hole shot (from a bunker) on seven yesterday and with the hole-out today, it’s really going my way. So, yeah, just nice to at least have getting some back on the course,” Green has not won on the NFL Tour and has only one top-10 finish this year.

It means even when you play this type of golf at just a regular event you’re pretty proud of yourself,” she said.

“I never put myself in this position in any event so be to

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Hannah Green stands as she finishes her second round of the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club – USA Today Sports.
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MARAK SAMAK
(Sur-Style Peppery Fish Steak Tomato Curry)

INGREDIENTS
SERVES 4 OR 6

- 1/2 cup water
- 2 medium red onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, mashed
- 1 1/2 pounds tuna or swordfish steaks, skin and bones removed, cut into 1 1/2 - 2 inch pieces
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 seeded with stem attached serrano chilli, halved lengthwise
- 1/4 cup ghee
- 1 plum tomato, cored and minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/4 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 teaspoon pepper, and chilli
- 3 plum tomatoes, cored and minced
- 1-2 teaspoons or smallish sikhou, skinned and hallowed, seeded with stem attached
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1 tbs ground cumin
- 24 tbsp ground black pepper
- 10 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 10 tbsp capers
- 1 1/2 medium onions or smallish sikhou, skinned and hallowed, seeded with stem attached, cut into 1/4 - 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 tsp, halled

METHOD
Melt the ghee in a medium pot or sauté pan over medium heat. Sauté the onions until slightly carmelized, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic paste and cook for a few minutes, then add the tomato paste, tomatoes, bell pepper, and chilli. Cook 25 minutes, then add the salt, cumin, bell pepper, cinnamon, and capers. Stir and cook another minute or so. Pour in 1 cup water and bring to a simmer. Simmer, uncovered, until the fish is cooked through, about 10 minutes. Cover and let sit 5 minutes before serving. Serve with basmati rice or noodles like Muradef.

ABOUT THE CHEF
CHEF GASPARE GRECO

GASPARE GRECO is the Executive Chef of Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort and has been the head of the resort’s restaurants and lounges since February 2017. In his current role he oversees the highest level of service in all of the resort’s dining options. Menus include everything from Asian cuisine to South East Asian and traditional English afternoon tea. As a听说 alum, Gaspere previously held the role of Executive Chef for Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort and Villas in the Middle East, where he oversaw the operations of five dining outlets and two bars, spanning from podiums to fine dining. He also oversaw the pre-opening for Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara where he created the Fish concept and designed the menu.

During his tenure he received the prestigious Minor 2016 Award for Excellence for Best Culinary team, beating off competition from 125 Minor Hotels and Resorts with a career spanning over 25 years. Gaspere has traveled the world, heading up kitchens in luxurious hotels in Seoul, Bahrain, Dubai, West Indies, Russia and Canada. He was featured in the SIBO World’s Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby in 2016. Gaspere, a Canadian national, has a financial background and holds both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Diploma in Hotel Management from Centennial College in Toronto. He also has a bachelor’s degree in International Administration Management from Centennial College's School of Business.

A NEWLY DISCOVERED version of Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres’ Orientalist masterpiece, Women of Algiers, went on display for the first time in Paris on Thursday. The lost study for the painting by the French Romantic painter which supported generations of art critics including Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh and Paul Cézanne was discovered in a Paris apartment 6 months ago. Since then experts have been working at restoring the painting and carrying out an X-ray and infra-red tests on the picture. Like the much larger version in the Louvre, it shows a reclining wealthy woman and a black servant. The canvas disappeared after it was sold in 1837 by the French diplomat Charles-Edgar de Moray, with whom the painter went to North Africa in 1832, shortly after the French conquest of Algeria. Delacroix, who was brought up by Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, known as Talleyrand – one of the most famous diplomats in European history – and was introduced to de Moray by the ambassador’s official mistress, the actress Mademoiselle Mars. The painting was presented to the museum by the artist's daughter and granddaughter. The lost study could be sold at auction for a million euros (up to $1.2 million).

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Philippe Lipari de Monte, who recently discovered the work in the Parisian apartment of a female collector. It was later sold under the hammer by Delacroix expert Virginia Cauchi-Perla, who believed it was probably painted in 1833 or 1834, a few months before the artist presented his masterwork at the Paris Salon. Mendes said the painting, which will be shown alongside others “outside Europe” after it comes to London this week, is a “very important and essential marker in the long gestation of… this major painting.” The “major discovery” comes a week before a “lost” Caravaggio will go under the hammer in London. This “major discovery” comes a week before a “lost” Caravaggio will go under the hammer in London. This “major discovery” comes a week before a “lost” Caravaggio will go under the hammer in London.
Six Royal Opera House performances you should not miss

The Royal Opera House has announced its season for 2019-2020 during its official announcement last week. They refer to this year’s season as a “landmark season of cultural treasures with diverse productions from the world’s performing arts sector.”

Some of their offerings include a great mix of operas and the Magic Flute is one of the most spectacular operas to come. Mozart’s piece is performed by the Royal Opera House, London, and Markus Werba is Papageno. Night, Antonio Poli plays Tamino, and Markus Werba is Papageno. Night, Antonio Poli plays Tamino, and Markus Werba is Papageno.

Die Zauberflöte

Opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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Performed by Teatro di San Carlo

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Kodo

Japanese Drummers

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The Royal Opera House Muscat promises a landmark season for 2019-2020 bringing a total of more than one hundred curtain raises starting September. From family-friendly productions to great orchestras and artists, we handpicked six of the must-see performances that will surely impress the critic in you... P27