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ODDA HOLDS HYPERBARIC MEDICINE CONFERENCE

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The Oman Disabled Divers Association (ODDA) recently held a conference with experts in hyperbaric medicine, crucial in the treatment following diving accidents, at Wave International Hotel in Al Khuwayr.

The conference was the seventh such event to be held by ODDA and aimed at boosting their profile in a bid to get formal approval as an organisation and highlight the importance of hyperbaric medicine in the diving industry.

Patron in chief of ODDA Sayyid Nasr al Busaidi told the audience that he was hopeful that formal approval would be

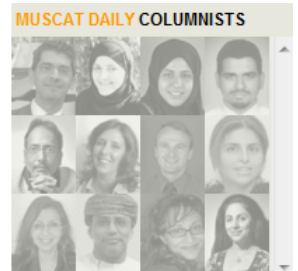
given in the future. "We are still not officially registered as an organisation but I am sure will get there. It has to happen and it will happen and it will be a centre for hyperbaric medicine," he said.

Experts delivered presentations on the benefits of the treatment for patients and the applications it could have in Oman. It was particularly apt for the sultanate given its extensive coast and renowned diving spots.

"Hyperbaric medicine is about breathing oxygen under external pressure. It is one tool in the box for doctors but is not used for all treatments. For diving accidents, hyperbaric treatment is considered the Gold Standard," said Dr Wilhelm Welslau, former president of the German Society for Hyperbaric Medicine.

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