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BROTHERLY COUNTRIES

His Majesty receives written message from Kuwait Emir



MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a written message from Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jabir Al Sabah, Emir of Kuwait. The message is related to the bilateral relations and supporting areas of joint cooperation between the two brotherly countries, as well as countries of the region.

The message was received by His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, when he received here yesterday Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Mohammed Al Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, who conveyed greetings of Sheikh Nawaf and best wishes to His Majesty the Sultan.

The meeting reviewed the growing relationship between the Sultanate and Kuwait, stemming from the strong bonds bind-

ing the two brotherly countries' peoples.

The meeting also touched on a range of current issues pertaining to means of supporting the GCC march, in addition to the latest regional and international developments and matters of common concern.

The Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs underlined the fraternal and historic relationship, as well as the constructive cooperation between the two countries. He underscored the importance of expanding fields of joint cooperation in different spheres to support the existing ties and enhance the exerted efforts in this regard. The meeting was attended by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister and Dr. Suleiman Abdullah Al Harbi, Ambassador of Kuwait to the Sultanate. **-ONA**

COMMITTED TO SERVE THE NATION

PACDA personnel are available round-the-clock to rescue and assist people and get them to safety in a diverse range of situations

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Emergency service personnel in Oman stayed ever-committed to helping the population when they needed assistance last year, taking part in more than 17,000 operations where their help was needed.

Whether it was getting people to safety from a fire, rushing a family to hospital because they needed urgent medical care, saving a child from drowning, or painstakingly scouring large expanses of land and water to find people reported missing, officers at the Public Authority for Civil Defence and Ambulance were available round-the-clock to help those who required it.

Today (March 1), PACDA will represent Oman in marking World Civil Defence Day, renewing its dedication to serving the country and its people. Held by the International Civil Defence Organisation every year, the day honours the efforts made by civil protection agencies in safeguard-



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CIVIL DEFENCE

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Incident type	Cases in 2019	Cases in 2020	% change
Ambulance services	12,892	11,834	-8.2%
Fires	3,864	3,409	-12%
Rescues on land	1,973	1,397	-29%
Rescues in water	369	361	-2.2%
Search and rescue ops	18	24	33%
Accidents involving hazardous materials	4	7	75%

Source: Public Authority for Civil Defence and Ambulance (PACDA)

ing people's lives and property. The slogan for this year's event is 'Strong civil defence to preserve the national economy.'

"This is for the huge role civil defence agencies around the world have played in protecting their countries' economic capabilities and resources," explained Brig. Gen. Salim bin Yahya Al Hinai, Director General of Civil Defence. "In Oman, this is evident in the duties PACDA carries out, with the General Administration of Civil Defence setting up the

safety and security requirements for all facilities in the country.

"The industrial, residential, commercial, and mixed-use zones, where we ensure safety protocols, are observed through periodic surprise inspections and follow-up visits," he added.

"Our specialists make sure all safety devices, such as alarms and firefighting equipment are up to mark. On the basis of the activities people wish to carry out, they need to make sure they set up operations at the right

place, and follow all the necessary safety codes."

With Oman currently embarking on an economic expansion plan aimed at diversifying revenue and providing a decent and sustainable standard of living to all, under its Vision 2040 initiative, PACDA has cut down the time taken to provide business owners with civil protection licences, and shortened waiting times between site inspections. 53,657 licences were issued in 2020. **>A4**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Temperature rise signals approach of summer

1 Parts of Oman recorded temperatures of nearly 35 degrees Celsius, a sign of approaching summer. Joba, near Muhut in Al Wusta, recorded the highest temperature in the country on Sunday. **>A3**

WORLD

US one-shot vaccine

2 With the US authorising a single-shot COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, the number of vaccine choices there is now three. **>A6**

MARKET

Boost to IPO activity

3 Oman's reforms to privatise government assets are expected to lead to an increase in initial public offering (IPO) activity. **>B1**

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Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5.14am

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERALS

Fuel prices for March hiked

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The fuel prices in the Sultanate has been hiked from Monday.

According to the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, M91 will cost 200 baisas per litre, M95 will be 214 baisas per litre while a litre of diesel will cost 222 baisas.

An official from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, confirmed to Times of Oman the hike in fuel prices for March 2021.

The fuel prices for the month of February were as follows: M91 used to cost 188 baisas per litre, M95 was 202 baisas per litre while the diesel price was 209 baisas per litre.



CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION

Oman, Kuwait review bilateral relations

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister held a session of consultations with Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Mohammed Al Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait on Sunday.

The session reviewed the strong relations binding the two countries. The two sides stressed their keenness on boosting the constructive cooperation between the two countries to serve joint interest.

They reviewed some regional and international issues, besides exchanging views to enhance the GCC joint action in light outcomes of Al-Ula Summit, which was held in Saudi Arabia last month. Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al Sabah, and his accompanying delegation left after a two-day visit to the Sultanate. **-ONA**



STRONG TIES: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister with Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Mohammed Al Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait on Sunday. **-ONA**

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SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY

Omani physician wins Michael Davidson award

TEXAS: Dr. Qassim Saleh Al Abri, Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery Specialist, Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), has won the Michael Davidson Structural Heart Surgery of the United States Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS).

STS, a reference in surgical operations, seeks to promote cardiac and thoracic surgeries and scientific development worldwide.

The award eternalises Dr. Michael Davidson who was murdered in 2015 performing his duty in this type of profession in which he scaled new heights. The award advances the mission initiated by Dr. Michael to improve the specialty of heart surgery.

Dr. Qassim said, "The annual



benefit from the expected outcome. A specialized committee picks up the best of the plans. This year, the arbitrators decided to grant the award to me and to a physician from Boston."

Dr. Qassim Saleh Al Abri graduated at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, SQU in 2011. He was one of the best performers in his batch.

He was selected to join the SQU Hospital's department of cardiovascular surgery in 2011. In 2014, he was dispatched to study the specialisation of heart surgery at Miguel University, Canada. In July 2020, he completed the study and obtained Fellowship of Canadian Surgeons College in October 2020. **-ONA**

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WEATHER

Temperature rise signals approach of summer season

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Parts of Oman on Sunday recorded temperatures of nearly 35 degrees Celsius, a clear sign that hotter weather is approaching.

Joba, near Muhut in the governorate of Al Wusta, recorded the highest temperature in the country on Sunday, February 28, at 34.6 degrees Celsius, according to the Directorate General of Meteorology at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Mudhaibi was a close second at 34.5 degrees, followed by Bidiyah (34.4. degrees) and Salalah (34.1 degrees). Al Qabil recorded temperatures of 33.8 degrees Celsius.

In single digits

The village of Saiq in the foothills near Jabal Akhdar was the coldest place in the country, reporting temperatures of just 9.2 degrees Celsius. It was the only place to record temperatures in single digit.

Dhank (10.2 degrees), Yanqul (10.5 degrees), Mhadhah (10.8 degrees) and Sunaynah (11.7 degrees) are all among the coldest

places to be on Sunday.

The capital, Muscat, meanwhile, reported lows of 22 degrees and a high of 26 degrees Celsius. Across the governorates, Khasab showed lows of 18 and highs of 25 degrees, Buraimi posted a high of 25 degrees and a low of 15, and Ibri had a high of 30 and a low of 20 degrees Celsius.

In Nizwa, temperatures of 33 degrees (high) and 18 degrees (low) were reported, while people in Al Ashkara saw a high of 28 and a low of 22 degrees. In the southern Dhofar region, Thumrait reported a high of 28 and a low of 18 degrees.

Meanwhile, in Sur, a high of 29 and low of 24 degrees was recorded, and Sohar posted temperatures of 27 and 17 degrees.

In Ibra, a high of 33 and a low of 19 degrees were seen, while on the island of Masirah, people enjoyed a low of 24 degrees, but had to deal with highs of 32.

Rustaq showed a high of 27 and a low of 20 degrees, while in the Wusta governorate, Haima reported temperatures of 30 and 17, and Duqm had a high of 31 degrees Celsius and a low of 21.

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ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

Economic reforms to help Oman lower its debt: IMF

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Reforms aimed at promoting economic diversification will help decrease Oman's debt to GDP, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

An IMF mission held in Oman between January 17 and 31, 2021, as part its bilateral discussions with members, reviewed economic developments and the country's future outlook. Focus was placed on the impact of COVID-19, low oil prices, and policies to help recovery and the times to follow afterwards.

IMF staff estimate that total government debt to GDP will decrease to 60 percent over the

medium term. Oman's real GDP is expected to grow by 1.8 percent in 2021, and 7.4 percent in 2022. Similarly, its non-oil GDP is likely to expand by 1.5 percent in 2021, and 2.3 percent the following year.

"Oman responded rapidly in 2020 to contain the spread of COVID and has taken several measures in 2020 to mitigate the impact of lower oil prices," said a statement from the Ministry of Finance, listing the estimates put forth by the IMF.

"The Medium Term Fiscal Balance Plan will help achieve fiscal sustainability and also mitigate structural weaknesses in public finance," it added.

PUBLIC PROSECUTION



Oman's Public Prosecution launches e-Connection with designated courts

MUSCAT: The Public Prosecution Department on Sunday inaugurated the first stage of a project for electronic connection with the Council of Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary, so that lawsuits are transferred electronically to the designated courts with effect from March 2021.

The first phase of the project will achieve the transfer of lawsuits electronically from the Public Prosecution Department to penal departments in all courts of the Sultanate with effect from Monday. The project will terminate the processing

of lawsuits through paperwork and pave the way for the use of computers and other electronic devices (laptops).

The programme was launched by Sayyid Khalifa bin Said Al Bussaidi, Chairman of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the Council of Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary and Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Judiciary Council.

First phase

The first phase of the project will provide statistically accurate data to study the course of action, distribute work and propa-

gate indicators. The specialised committees will undertake the completion of subsequent stages of the project later in line with a specific time-frame.

Oman 2040

The project comes within the framework of Oman Vision 2040's institutional electronic transformation, and it will serve as a basic pillar for the promotion of judicial action.

The ceremony was attended by Attorney-General Nasr Khamis Al Sowa'ee, judges and public prosecution agents. - **ONA**

TRAINED TEAMS

<FROM A1> PACDA conducts many awareness drills

A number of drills are organised with regional civil defence stations to ensure readiness and fast response times to emergencies requiring PACDA's intervention. Among the key operations carried out are firefighting services, emergency medical response, search and rescue - both at sea and on land, and the handling of hazardous materials.

"We carry out basic services that simply cannot be dispensed with. Some of our most important services are firefighting and ambulance services," said Salim Al Hinai. "Our trained firefighting teams need to often use spe-

cialised heavy machinery, equipment, and vehicles such as cranes to combat various types of fires in the country."

"Related to this is our ambulance service, which is tasked with providing urgent and critical medical care to people injured in road accidents, as well as providing their services to preserve people's health, when needed," he added.

PACDA's paramedics are among the personnel most called on: they were required to assist in 11,834 incidents in 2020, down from 12,892 in 2019. Similarly, firefighters were called to the scene of 3,409 fires in 2020, a de-

crease from 3,864 blazes the previous year.

Salim Al Hinai reserved special praise for PACDA's ambulance teams for their commitment to duty in helping keep the coronavirus pandemic at bay. "They deal with many incidents during the pandemic, to help and support the health-care authorities in their efforts."

"The Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19 had activated the medical response sector in the country under the national system for emergency case management, during the pandemic," he added.

Asking people to remain cau-

tious, particularly while exploring Oman's outdoors, which are often frequented by nature lovers and hiking enthusiasts, he said, "There are many springs, wadis and long stretches of beach in our country, so people who aren't cautious here do risk drowning in the water."

"Our search and rescue teams also help people who are stranded on the slopes of mountains, or have fallen into wadis while hiking," added Al Hinai. "These are often difficult to reach by regular means of transport, so I ask people to stay careful while exploring the country."

CAAJ

Mobile courts soon to solve labour disputes in Sultanate

MUSCAT: The Council of Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary (CAAJ) in cooperation with its partners, mainly the Ministry of Labour, is working on a number of initiatives. The initiatives included the launch of "mobile courts" initiative or "the mobile courts departments" in cooperation with the Implementation Follow-Up Unit of Oman Vision 2040.

Judge Yousef bin Hamoud Al Filaiti, Head of the Directorate General of Planning at the Council of Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary and Chairman of the Implementation Follow-Up Unit of Oman Vision 2040 at CAAJ,

said that the initiative would help in providing solutions and timely settlement of labour cases and disputes and bring litigation services to industrial areas.

In a statement to Oman News Agency and Oman TV, he said that the CAAJ has taken the initiative for creating a department concerned to look after labour cases and disputes in all courts of the Sultanate. In cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, there would be "evening courts" sessions to deliberate over labour disputes in courts to be launched in due course, he added.

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In the northern Governorate of Musandam lies Kumzar. Nestled in an isolated bay close to the Strait of Hormuz, this village is only accessible by boat. It is a favourite tourism destination for its magnificent coastal scenery as well as for having some of the best diving spots. Overlooking the Straits of Hormuz, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, the village is approximately around seven hundred years old and currently the town's population is around five thousand. In Kumzar, it's all about fishing.

"The inhabitants live largely by fishing for nine months of the year, netting barracuda, tuna, kingfish and hammour," according to Oman's Ministry of Tourism. The inhabitants of Kumzar speak the Kumzari language which is said to be a mix of Portuguese, French,



Arabic and Indian words.

According to Oman's Ministry of Tourism, "The Strait of Hormuz was in the centre of the Kingdom of Hormuz in ancient times. This strait, which 20-30 oil tankers traverse per day, is one of the world's major waterways and the busiest in maritime activities."

"The Strait of Hormuz is located in the Governorate of Musandam. On the Arabian Gulf and separates the Arabian Gulf on the one hand, and the Gulf of Makran, the Sea of Oman, the Arabian Sea

and the Indian Ocean on the other. This meeting point is called the "Gate of the Lion's Jaws".

"Overlooking the Strait of Hormuz from the north is Iran (province of Bandar Abbas) and from the south the Sultanate of Oman (Musandam) which oversees the maritime traffic, as the navigable section of the Straits is within its territorial waters."

"Spreading across the Strait is a myriad of mountains and rocks forming several islands such as Salamah Wa Banatiha Island, Musandam Island and Birds Island."

"In spite of the importance of the Straits and the density of traffic in it, certain areas have been allocated to tourist ships so that the public can enjoy the beautiful scenery and experience the adventure of passing through one of the world's most important waterways."



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GOOGLE HASH CODE CONTEST

Omani team bags 1st place at Arab level

MUSCAT: A team of students (Rakeezh) from the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Muscat, took first place at the level of the Arab world and the 22nd global position in the 2021 Google HashCode Contest, which saw a turnout of 9,000 teams from around the world.

The Omani team consisted of four students majoring in program engineering. They were Ahmed Salim Al Alawi, Ammar Ali Al Hudaifi, Khalfan Sulaiman Al Busaidi and Lo'ay Hudaib Al Habsi.

The competition, in which international programmers participate, judges the participants' potential and capability to come up with innovative solutions to complex programmatic problems in Google within a limited timeframe. Due to the current circumstances dictated by coronavirus, a virtual version of the contest was launched on 25 February 2021. **-ONA**



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ANTI-CORRUPTION

SAI takes part in meeting

MUSCAT: The State Audit Institution (SAI) took part in the 19th meeting of the GCC Committee of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Agencies. The meeting was held through video conferencing at the

GCC Secretariat General in Riyadh with the participation of member SAI's at the committee. The agenda highlighted views of member states relevant to activating mechanisms to implement guiding

principles of exchanging expertise among agencies. The meeting discussed academic programmes proposed in the field of integrity promotion and fighting corruption.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	
Dear Shareholders, On behalf of the Board of Directors of your Company, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Company and to present to you the 23rd Annual Report, including the Financial Statements and the Auditors' Reports for the year ended 31st December, 2020. Performance of the Company Your Company's Revenue was RO 520,290 in 2020 compared to RO 2,596,113 in 2019. Net loss for 2020 is RO 794,376 compared to Net Loss of RO 108,204 in 2019. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation and consequent to significant drop in occupancy, the hotel was closed for business effective 26th March 2020. The hotel was also affected due to the heavy downpour during May / June 2020, damaging critical assets and equipment, which are being repaired / replaced under an insurance claim. The hotel has re-opened for business from 30th December 2020 onwards. Dividend In view of the losses, the Directors do not recommend any dividend for the year 2020 (2019: Nil). Current pandemic situation Due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation and consequent to significant drop in occupancy the hotel was closed for business effective 26th March 2020. The hotel was also affected due to the heavy downpour during May / June 2020, damaging critical assets and equipment, which are being repaired / replaced under an insurance claim. The hotel has re-opened for business from 30th December 2020 but with limited operations. Management reviews frequently various steps to address the unstable conditions in order to minimise losses and improve the liquidity situation. Various capital projects planned earlier are on hold and discussions are ongoing with the hotel operators to defer such investments until the situation improves and stabilizes, when a re-assessment of the options can be considered. Omanisation The Company continues to pursue a policy of in-house training of promising and young Omani employees. The Company is maximizing its efforts to meet the targets. Acknowledgements On behalf of the Board of Directors of Salalah Beach Resort SAOG, we would like to express our congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq for success in leading Oman and its people towards further progress and prosperity. Appreciation We also thank the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism for implementing various initiatives to encourage growth in tourism sector. We also wish to thank all the staff of the hotel, management of Hilton International Group, shareholders, customers, suppliers, bankers etc. for their continued support. For and on behalf of the Board of Directors Of Salalah Beach Resort SAOG Mohammad Ghuloom Ahmad Khoori Chairman Date : 17th February 2021 Note: The complete accounts either in Arabic or English as requested will be send by mail within 7 days on request to any shareholder. The complete accounts has already been uploaded and available for public view on MSM website.	2020 RO ASSETS Non-current assets: Property, plant and equipment Total non-current assets Current assets: Inventories Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents Total current assets Total assets EQUITY AND LIABILITIES EQUITY Share capital Special reserve Legal reserve Revaluation reserve Accumulated losses Total equity LIABILITIES Non-current liabilities: Deferred tax liability Staff terminal benefits Total non-current liabilities Current liabilities: Trade and other payables Total current liabilities Total liabilities Total equity and liabilities Net assets per share	2019 RO 8,795,437 8,795,437 32,091 254,369 1,271,322 1,557,782 10,353,219 6,250,000 39,800 793,132 2,371,647 (1,159,863) 8,294,716 526,827 127,785 654,612 609,515 609,515 1,264,127 10,353,219 1,454
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020		
	Year ended 31 December 2020 RO	Year ended 31 December 2019 RO
Revenue from operations	520,290	2,596,113
Direct costs	(1,000,013)	(1,830,914)
Gross (loss)/profit	(479,723)	765,199
General and administrative expenses	(472,070)	(913,745)
Other income/(expenses) – net	4,768	(6,316)
Loss from operations	(947,025)	(154,862)
Finance income	10,830	31,784
Loss before tax	(936,195)	(123,078)
Income tax	141,819	14,874
Loss for the year	(794,376)	(108,204)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(794,376)	(108,204)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(0.127)	(0.017)

INVITATION TO TENDER



Sohar Aluminium LLC (SA), PO Box 80, PC- 327, Sohar, Sultanate of Oman hereby invites qualified Suppliers/Contractors for the following tender:

Tender No. :	MM21-001
Tender Title :	Sale of used Mobile Equipment, Display Screens and FTC Duct Sections
Scope :	Sohar Aluminium invites vendors who are interested in purchasing the used /scrap Forklifts, Sweeper, Under Pot, Trailer, Display Screens and FTC Duct Section.

Tender No. :	RFP 21/007
Tender Title :	Provision of Pot Relining Material Transportation and Pot De-lining Services
Scope :	Sohar Aluminium Invites Vendors who can supply equipment's and consumables to carry out the Pot lining material transportation, Loading and unloading of materials including waste bins inside SA premises and De-lining Services. Detailed scope will be issued to the interested bidders.

Kindly send your email and company profile to: tender@sohar-aluminium.com
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Ministry of Defence

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Defense invites MOD registered suppliers to participate in the following tender:

SUBJECT	TENDER NUMBER	LAST DATE FOR INQUIRIES	LAST DATE TO OBTAIN TENDER	TENDER DOCUMENT PRICE PER COPY RO.
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY OF NAVIGATION AIDS IN SBSNB & MNB AND REQUIRED SPARE PARTS	09/2021	11/03/2021	16/03/2021	25 RO
PAINTING OF RNO SHIPS AND BOATS	10/2021	18/03/2021	23/03/2021	150 RO
TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF BREAD	11/2021	23/03/2021	30/03/2021	900 RO

- Tenders documents and terms may be obtained on payment from the office of the Secretary of the Tender Committee, gate No. 14 of MAM Camp between 0900 to 1300 hrs on the working days.
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NEW VACCINE

US approves Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use

WASHINGTON: The United States authorised Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use on Saturday, adding a third vaccine to the US arsenal to fight the pandemic as the death toll due to the infection crosses 5.11 lakh.

It is the first single-dose Covid-19 vaccine available in the US, and is one that "checks nearly all the boxes", CNN reported. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the nation's third coronavirus vaccine. The official emergency use authorization for Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) single-dose vaccine comes after an FDA advisory panel voted 22-0 to recommend authorization on Friday.

The United States has reported more than 28.5 million confirmed Covid-19 cases and over 511,000 reported deaths. The demand of vaccines still far exceeds



supply, these vaccines can't come soon enough.

"A third safe and effective vaccine is very welcome news," Andy Slavitt, the White House's senior for Covid Response, tweeted on Friday. The vaccine, made by Janssen, J&J's vaccine arm, is safe and effective, and it's considered flexible. It's a single dose, and it doesn't require special storage.

The vaccine is authorized for people ages 18 and older.

"We need a vaccine that can be quickly mass-produced," Dr Greg Poland, head of the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, said Friday. "We'd want to see a reasonable duration of efficacy and protection."

"The Janssen vaccine candidate checks nearly all the boxes."

The vaccine was tested in more than 44,000 people in the US, South Africa, and Latin America. **ANI**



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11 KILLED

Gunmen kill 11 people at a party in Mexico

MEXICO CITY: Unidentified gunmen riding in a truck in the western Mexican state of Jalisco opened fire on Saturday, killing at least 11 people who were attending a party, authorities have said.

Prosecutors in Jalisco said in a statement that police found the bullet-ridden bodies of 10 men on the sidewalk in front of a home in Tonalá, a municipality in the Guadalajara area.

The body of a boy was found inside the residence, while a woman and another boy were being treated for injuries at a local hospital.

Jalisco state is one of the epicenters of Mexico's drug-related warfare. **BW**



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Big win for Barcelona, Getafe end losing streak

Ousmane Dembele and Leo Messi scored the goals as Barca produced a serious display in defence and midfield



MADRID: FC Barcelona kept their La Liga title hopes alive with a 2-0 win away to Sevilla on Saturday afternoon.

Ousmane Dembele and Leo Messi scored the goals as Barca produced a serious display in defence and midfield to limit Sevilla to very few options in attack.

Dembele put Barca ahead after being put through by Messi in the 29th minute and Messi doubled the lead with five minutes remaining.

Barca had chances for more goals in a win that will give them morale for their Copa del Rey return leg against Sevilla next Wednesday, but they will worry about injuries suffered by Pedri and Gerard Pique, while Ronald Araujo lasted just minutes before

limping off after his return from an ankle injury.

Kike Barja's 77th-minute goal gave Osasuna a 1-0 win in their local derby away to Alaves, who have slipped to fourth from the bottom after three consecutive defeats. Alaves have lost six games from eight since Abelardo Fernandez took over as first-team coach.

Getafe will breathe easier after a 3-0 victory at home to Valencia ended a run of five defeats from six games which had seen them drop towards the relegation zone and put the future of coach Jose Bordalas in doubt.

Mauro Arambarri opened the scoring in the 39th minute and Juan Mata doubled Getafe's lead shortly after Valencia defender Mouctar Diakhaby was sent off for a professional foul.

On-loan midfielder Carles Alena completed the scoring four minutes from time to complete a good day for Getafe that keeps the pressure on Valencia.

Saturday kicked off with Huesca continuing their improved form with a 1-1 draw away to Eibar with both goals coming in the last 10 minutes.

Sandro Ramiro put Huesca

ahead in the 81st minute, but hopes of a vital three points were erased by Pape Diop's header two minutes later which gave at least some reward for Eibar's attacking intent during the 90 minutes.

The round of matches kicked off with Levante and Athletic Club warming up for Thursday's Copa del Rey semi-final with a 1-1 draw with both goals coming from the penalty spot as Roger Marti opened the scoring for Levante 10 minutes before halftime and Raul Garcia canceled that goal out after the break. **Xinhua**

TEST PLAYER RANKINGS



Rohit moves to 8th spot in ICC rankings

DUBAI: India opener Rohit Sharma has progressed six places to a career-best eighth position in the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings after a fine performance in the low-scoring third Test against England in Ahmedabad that the home side won by 10 wickets to take a 2-1 lead in the four-match series.

Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin have also made rapid strides while England's Joe Root and Jack Leach too have moved up after shining with the ball in Ahmedabad. Rohit top-scored in the first innings with 66 and remained unbeaten on 25 in the second to move ahead of compatriot Cheteshwar Pujara among others. His rating points aggregate is 742, 20 more than his best of 722 in October 2019 when he was ranked 10th. Player of the match Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin have also made solid gains after helping carve

out a crucial win that helped India remain in contention for the ICC World Test Championship final.

In bowling rankings, Ashwin has moved four spots and he now sits at the third spot in the Test rankings.

Left-arm spinner Patel's 11-wicket match haul has helped him gain 30 slots to reach 38th position while off-spinner Ashwin's seven wickets have lifted him four places to third position.

England spinner Jack Leach has entered the top 30 for the first time, moving up three places to 28th after taking four wickets. Captain Joe Root's maiden five-wicket haul has lifted him 16 places to 72nd among bowlers while he is now joint-13th among all-rounders. Opener Zak Crawley's knock of 53 in the first innings has helped him advance 15 places to 46th in what was the only notable gain for any of their batsmen. **ANI**

FUNCTION

Oman hockey coach, umpires felicitated

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Two top Indian umpires, who have been invited by the Oman's Olympic Hockey Association for the HM the Sultan Qaboos Cup Hockey since 2008, visited the Sports Olympics And Hockey Museum at Rex Road on Friday.

Being in the top league, Javed Sheikh and Raghu Prasad are the World Cup and Olympic umpires for hockey.

They are among the most talented umpires who rose to the top

of the world hockey.

SAS Naqvi, former technical adviser Oman Olympic Committee and National Hockey Coach of India and Oman, felicitated Javed Sheikh and Raghu Prasad with special mementoes.

They were accompanied by Abdul Rehman Al Raisi, former international umpire and Oman National Hockey Coach and Khaleel Al Balushi, international umpire. They too were honoured for their outstanding contribution to hockey in Oman.

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sandeep Goud's superb all-round performance helped Muscat CT to an exciting 4-wicket victory against Arm Alpha in a Premier Division 50-over League game at OC Turf 1 in Amerat on Saturday.

Alpha was shot out for 187 in 46.3 overs due to brilliant bowling by Ayaan Khan (3 for 17 and Sandeep (2 for 26). Sanuth Ebrahim (50 and Aqib Ilyas (36) were the main scorers for Alpha.

In deep trouble at 86 for 5, Muscat rode on a vital 73-run sixth wicket partnership between Sandeep (47 not out) and Sid-

dharth Bukkapatnam (41) to seal the win in the 45th over, scoring 192 for 6. Muscat now has 16 points from 9 games with 8 wins and 1 loss with Al Turki NMC and IT Works both having 12 points each from 8 matches.

Renaissance win

Muhammed Bilal's magnificent 4 for 26 was the highlight of Renaissance's nail-biting 10-run win over Al Turki NMC in a Premier Division T20 League match at OC Turf 1 on Saturday. Sufyan Mahmood topscored with a fluent 49 off 40 as Renaissance posted 150 for 6 on the board. Mehran Khan took 2 for 13.

Al Turki's chase was derailed by Muhammed Bilal's superb spell, restricting it to 140 for 8 in 20 overs. Prateek Athavale (51) and Jitenkumar Ramanandi (35) were its leading scorers.

Zeeshan stars in ACT victory

Muhammed Zeeshan's sterling show by bat and ball powered ACT to a thrilling two-wicket victory against Arabian Region Travel and Tourism (ARTT) in an A Division 50-over League game at OC Turf 2 on Saturday. Batting first, ARTT's 236 for 9 included 61 by Zeeshan Siddiqui, 58 by Pranav Mehta and 49 by young Adeel

Abbas. Rajesh Devashya and Muhammed Zeeshan bowled well, taking three wickets each.

ACT's successful chase was led by solid knocks from Iftikhar Ahmed (65) and Muhammed Zeeshan (47) as it surpassed the total in 48 overs, scoring 237 for 8. Zeeshan Siddiqui was the pick of ARTT bowlers, taking 3 for 33 while Muhammed Mohsin bagged 2 for 57.

Rahul helps in LC Tech win

Rahul Rajeev's solid 57 guided LC Tech to a comfortable 5-wicket win over Bank Muscat in a B Division 30-over League match at Muscat Municipality ground 1.



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MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSM index closed at 3,612.37 points, up 0.29 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.06 per cent at 540.54 points. Arabia Falcon, up 10.00 per cent, was the top gainer while OIFB, down 50.0 per cent, was the top loser.

Oman's privatisation efforts, reforms to boost IPO activity

The Aman REIF IPO on the Muscat Securities Market, which raised \$52.5 million, was the first Middle East and North Africa (Mena) IPO of 2020, according to the EY Mena IPO Eye Q4 2020 report

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's reforms aimed at privatisation of government assets are expected to lead to an increase in initial public offering (IPO) activity over the coming years, a report reveals.

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The next IPO for the Sultan-



EY MENA IPO REPORT: The next IPO for the Sultanate, Oman Real Estate Fund units, was listed on Sunday for trading in the parallel market on the Muscat Securities Market (MSM), with a capital of OMR65.5 million divided into 654.8 million units. - File picture

ate, Oman Real Estate Fund units, was listed on Sunday for trading in the parallel market on the Muscat Securities Market (MSM), with a capital of OMR65.5 million divided into 654.8 million units.

The report further added that one of the most anticipated listings from Oman is of OQ (formerly known as Oman Oil and Orpic Group), the government-owned global integrated energy company. They had announced in late 2019 that they were planning to IPO 20 per cent to 25 per cent of their shares in 2020; however, the listing did not materialise during 2020 due to the volatility in oil prices and the

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the fourth quarter (Q4) 2020, they announced plans to invest in alternative energy projects in Oman to further enhance their IPO story.

Matthew Benson, EY MENA Strategy and Transactions Leader, says: "A decline in economic growth and significant disruption across various industries caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, together with a decrease in demand for oil, had a considerable impact on Mena stock performances in 2020."

"Markets were also impacted at a global level. Market volatility in the first half of the year was higher than at any time since the global

financial crisis, although it quickly subsided, and the latter half of the year presented some strong IPO market performances."

"As 2021 begins, we believe that continued fiscal stimulus measures, an abundance of liquidity and growing confidence in COVID-19 vaccination programmes will sustain positive IPO momentum," he further added.

Also, Oman announced several measures aimed at reducing their spending and raising revenues primarily through taxes. A value-added tax (VAT) of 5 per cent will be implemented in April 2021, and Oman is also expected to start implementing

an income tax on high earners by 2022, an unprecedented move in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, the report said.

Gregory Hughes, EY Mena IPO and Transaction Diligence Leader, concludes, "Although Mena IPO activity remained relatively quiet in 2020, several regulators across the region announced positive regulatory changes during the year that bode well for future and existing public companies."

"As we start 2021, there are reasons for renewed optimism, and we see a strong IPO pipeline in key Mena markets and expect activity to pick up gradually during the new year. We have also seen some interest in mergers with US-listed Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs) in recent months following some limited activity in this area in the last two years from the region," he added.

Mena IPOs

According to the EY Mena IPO Eye Q4 2020 report, the region saw nine IPOs raise proceeds of US\$1.86 billion, a fall of 40 per cent in total issuances and 94 per cent in total proceeds when compared with 2019. Out of the nine issuances, six were in the real estate sector, of which two were real; estate investment trusts (REITs), with the remaining in the health care, consumer staples and insurance sectors.

Despite a subdued annual picture, Q4 2020 rebounded after

a quiet second quarter (Q2) and one IPO in the third quarter (Q3), with four IPOs in the Mena region raising US\$925 million in total. Although the number of IPOs decreased by 33 per cent and proceeds were down 97 per cent compared with the same quarter in 2019, Q4 did have the highest proceeds of 2020.

Globally, IPO numbers continued to pick up with 1,363 IPOs taking place in 2020, a 19 per cent rise when compared with the previous year. Additionally, proceeds increased by 29 per cent from 2019, rising to \$268 billion – the highest proceeds since 2010's record of \$290.2 billion raised via 1,361 IPOs. Despite a drop of nearly 30 per cent earlier in 2020, the Tadawul recovered to end 2020 with a positive index return of 3.6 per cent, which was aided by the recovery in crude oil prices.

The Egyptian Exchange (EGX) saw the biggest decline among the observed indices, having lost 22.3 per cent. The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) and Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) both ended the year relatively flat, while the Dubai Financial Market (DFM) and Boursa Kuwait indices both fell by 10 per cent and 13 per cent respectively during the same period.

Equity markets in the Mena region experienced high volatility and average daily trading values increased significantly across the main exchanges.

OABC WEBINAR

Webinar to highlight trade financing solutions between Oman and US

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In line with its mission to foster the development of trade and commercial activity between Oman and the United States, the Oman American Business Centre (OABC) will host an informational webinar on March 3 from 5 - 6 pm, entitled 'Introduction to the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM),' in partnership with the US Embassy Muscat.

The session will feature opening remarks by Asila bint Salim Al-Samsami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion, and US Ambassador to Oman Leslie Tsou and a presentation by Rick Angiuoni, Business Development Specialist and Regional Director of Africa, EXIM.

Angiuoni will discuss the International Buyers Programme, with loan guarantees and direct loans for international companies, long-term financing of up to 14 years, and details on specific opportunities: for example, EXIM can support up to 85 per cent of the contract amount (depending upon US content) after a cash payment of at least 15 per cent.



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: The session will cover loan guarantees, long-term financing, and other opportunities for companies in Oman. - Supplied picture

As the event is free of charge and opens to all individuals and organisations within Oman's public and private sector, the OABC is encouraging those with interest in trade financing or importing US goods and services to please register and attend.

"The OABC is bringing a unique opportunity to Omani companies by introducing them to the US EXIM Bank," says Ali Daud, Chairman of the OABC. "As the official affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce in Oman, OABC's mission is to support the strong

commercial relationship between Oman and the US and to regularly highlight the unique ways in which Omani businesses can take advantage of the US-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

"Twenty countries in the world today have an FTA with the US, including just 4 in the Mena region. In addition to importing and exporting products from the US duty-free, Omani companies can access incredible financing opportunities through EXIM, allowing them to grow their businesses and increase their competitive-

ness in the region. We are honoured to partner with the US Embassy Muscat to host this valuable presentation."

What is EXIM?

The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM) is the official export credit agency of the United States. EXIM supports the purchases of US-made capital equipment and ancillary services by creditworthy international buyers that cannot obtain credit through traditional trade finance sources. EXIM offers trade financing solutions and helps turn business opportunities into real transactions.

EXIM does not compete with private-sector lenders but provides financing products that fill the gaps in trade financing. It assumes country and credit risks that the private sector is unable or unwilling to accept. EXIM also helps to level the playing field for US companies by matching the financing that other governments provide to their exporters. In more than 85 years of operation, EXIM has supported more than \$400 billion of US exports to international markets.

AGREEMENT

Ahli Islamic to offer comprehensive suite of Takaful services

MUSCAT: Ahli Islamic has signed a strategic agreement with Al Madina Takaful to offer a range of Takaful insurance products - travel, home, motor and domestic helper; that will ensure protection and cover for customers under the bank's portfolio.

Yousuf Al Rawahi, Deputy General Manager and Head of Ahli Islamic says, "Ahli Islamic is delighted to partner with Al Madina Takaful to offer innovative Takaful solutions to its customers across Oman. We are committed to providing the most beneficial proposition for our customers based on their diverse requirements and it is with these customized plans that we are ensuring that their needs and expectations are met and fulfilled."

The partnership with Al Madina Takaful is expected to widen the bank's portfolio of products, thereby addressing the full range of its customers' safety and welfare needs. Ahli Islamic's insurance portfolio provides a variety of Takaful insurance products that can be tailored to safeguard policyholder's assets and property from financial risks.

The Home Takaful coverage includes protection against natural calamities and offers optional building insurance cover. Travel Takaful ensures that family vacations or business trips are completely secured with 24/7 worldwide protection. A comprehensive Motor Takaful covers the loss or damage of an insured vehicle. It also offers compensation for third-party damages, such as a driver's legal liability arising from the use of the insured vehicle, and UAE extensions and emergency roadside assistance. The Domestic Helper Takaful provides life and medical cover for domestic helpers and ensures financial assistance to the insured member or his/her family in case of any eventuality.

Usama Al Barwani the Chief Executive Officer of Al Madina Takaful, said, "We are grateful towards the Ahli Islamic team for this strategic association. We are confident that it will enable better quality and secure life for the people of Oman. With Ahli Islamic's extensive network and customer base, we strive to reach out and serve a wider audience segment."

SUMMIT

Top companies announce partnership with OER Manufacturing Summit

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Raysut Cement, Al Maha Ceramics, Sohar Aluminium and Moon Iron and Steel Co (MISCO) have signed up as partners for OER's Manufacturing Summit and Awards 2021, a flagship event by the Sultanate's premium business magazine, which will take place in Muscat later this year.

Eng. Ahmed bin Hassan Al Deeb, Deputy Chairman, Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) will be the guest of honour at the Summit.

Madayan, MIZAH, Credit Oman and Oman Manufacturers Association (OMFA) are the endorsement partners of the Summit, which is organised by UMS Events. Raysut Cement is the strategic partner while Al Maha Ceramics, Sohar Aluminium and MISCO have signed up as the asso-



MANUFACTURING SECTOR: OER's Manufacturing Summit will train the spotlight on the opportunities and challenges facing the manufacturing sector in Oman. - Supplied picture

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OER's Manufacturing Summit will train the spotlight on the op-

portunities and challenges facing the manufacturing sector in Oman. It will do a deep dive into unlocking the potential of the sector, creating job opportunities and negotiating new found challenges

i.e. logistical disruption, shrinking international export markets and enhanced global and regional protectionist policies. OER's first of its kind Manufacturing Summit will bring in government officials, C-suite executives, consultants and analysts to discuss a cross-section of issues impacting the manufacturing sector in Oman, possible solutions and the way ahead.

The manufacturing sector is one of the priority sectors identified by Tanfeedh or The National Programme for Enhancing Economic Diversification. The sector is also a key sector for the creation of job opportunities within the country. Oman offers a strong value proposition for manufacturing with a wide range of industrial estates and special economic zones (SEZs) adding to the attraction. Madayan, the nodal agency for industrial estates which manages

and operates eight industrial cities in Sur, Suhar, Raysut, Nizwa, Buraimi, Rusayl, Samail, Ibri in addition to Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM) and Al Mazunah Free Zone attracted RO6.6bn worth of investments in 2019. Oman's geostrategic location is also a considerable advantage with the country's three principal sea gateways in Sohar, Duqm and Salalah connecting it to some of the world's busiest trading routes and most dynamic markets. On the other hand, the COVID-19 pandemic and a challenging economic situation owing to low global oil prices have led to a host of challenges for manufacturing companies such as - supply chain disruption, vanishing export markets, increased downtime, sustaining business and the need for a skilled workforce.

A number of manufacturing companies have undertaken In-

dustry 4.0 initiatives such as digital transformation, smart manufacturing and flexible production. These changes have led to process improvement, increase quality management an enhanced safety. The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to hasten the pace of adoption of the Fourth Industrial Revolution practices. Negotiating the impact of the economic downturn, strengthening supply chains for minimal disruption, mitigating shrinking export markets and protectionist tendencies, the necessity of adopting 4.0 industrial processes and attracting skilled manpower and Omanisation will be the key topics of discussion.

Manufacturing sector Excellence Awards 2021 will also be presented at the summit. The awards will recognise exceptional organisations and individuals in the sector.

MARKET

MSM index ends higher

Services index was down by 0.03 per cent before closing at 1,549.88 points. Ooredoo was up by 1.46 per cent. Phoenix Power and Sharqiyah Desalination were down by 2.13 per cent and 0.69 per cent respectively. — **United Securities**

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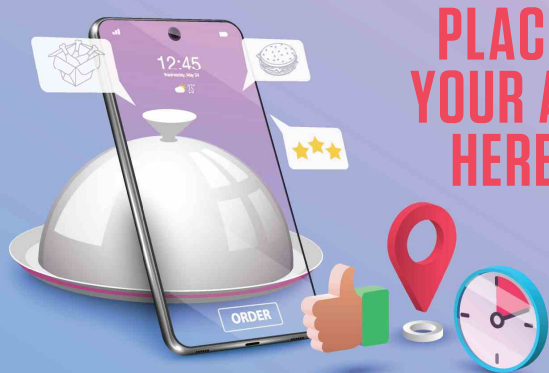
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ROUND-UP

New super sports car Maserati MC20 makes its debut in Oman

MC20 is the first step in the new era, paving the way for the future of Maserati with its innovation, uniqueness and audacity

MUSCAT: The Maserati MC20, the brand's new super sports car, made its debut in Oman. After its regional debut in the UAE in January, the car makes its first appearance in Oman.

The MC20 private preview in Oman was held at Alfardan Motors, where a number of top VIPs, guests and media enjoyed exclusive one-on-one private viewing sessions. The event followed a thorough COVID-19 safety protocol, in line with Oman's Supreme Committee advisories on the pandemic.

Domenico La Morte, General Manager, Maserati Middle East and Africa, said, "We are proud to launch the MC20 and Fuoriserie Program in Oman, as part of the roadshow in the Middle East and Africa. With the MC20, we inaugurate a new era in the only way we know: with audacity, energy and always focusing



on our goal to deliver one of the most exclusive experiences to our clients."

MC20 is the first step in the new era, paving the way for the future of Maserati with its inno-

vation, uniqueness and audacity. The supercar's strikingly elegant design is achieved by finely balancing a series of opposites: a blend of craftsmanship and engineering, elegance and perfor-

mance, racing spirit and pleasure at the wheel.

The MC20 is a car with incredible aerodynamic efficiency, which conceals a sporty soul, with the new Nettuno engine, a 630 horse-

power V6 with a torque of 730 Nm that delivers 0-100 km/h acceleration in under 2.9 seconds and a top speed over 325 km an hour.

The brand's new era also embraces the personalisation of its cars. The new Maserati Fuoriserie programme offers clients the opportunity of a unique experience in the new "car tailoring" shop, which will be at the Modena headquarters. To help customers to find their way around the thousands of possible combinations, three collections are available as a starting-point: Corse, Unica and Futura. Each collection expresses the brand's power and represents its values, uniting breath-taking performance with elegance and innovation.

A one-off Quattroporte, designed thanks to the creative collaboration between the Maserati Centro Stile and the Garage Italia team, will be part of the Fuoriserie Program roadshow. It is designed by combining pure white with rainbow mica that reflects the entire colour spectrum

The MC20 and Quattroporte Fuoriserie will be available for private viewing in the Maserati Oman showroom, located in Al Azaiba, from February 25 until February 28. The Maserati MC20 is expected to arrive in dealerships in the MEA region in Q4 2021.

COMPACT SUV



All-new Volkswagen T-Roc: Powerful and charismatic arriving soon in Sultanate

MUSCAT: Premium Motors, the official dealer for the Volkswagen brand in Oman is all set to bring the all-new T-Roc to Oman. Located at Alfardan Heights at Ghalla, Premium Motors is spread across three floors and designed in accordance with global standards and corporate identity.

As the first compact SUV from Volkswagen, the T-Roc majors on style, practicality and personalisation and it set a new benchmark in the booming SUV segment. The vehicle represents a playful take on Volkswagen's current design language and establishes a new expressive DNA, it boasts one of the strongest engines in its class, bags of equipment, and a dynamic drive to deliver a superior driving experience. The Volkswagen T-Roc will be arriving in Oman from March / April 2021 and starting price will be OMR 7,450.

The all-new T-Roc 2021 is the newest member of the growing line-up of Volkswagen SUVs. Featuring a new look, striking design, improved powertrain technology, and great safety features, the new T-Roc aims to deliver more of what a compact SUV buyer in Oman wants, with Volkswagen's advanced TSI technology delivering a combination of high performance with an economically friendly price tag."

Aiming to shake up the compact SUV segment, by offering German-engineered quality, a strong performance engine, complemented with unique bold design from the interior to the exterior; including contrasting roof options to colourful interior dash options, and all the advanced technology you need for pure, unrivalled performance.

The design of the T-Roc follows an expressive Volkswagen SUV

DNA, which is similar to that of the Tiguan and the Touareg. The T-Roc exterior has been fully updated with Volkswagen's new design language, featuring halogen headlamps, LED rear lights, U-shaped LED daytime running lights, a contrast coloured roof and a panoramic sunroof. It excites with a progressive design that is both fiercely individual, as well as cohesive with the rest of the Volkswagen family.

The interior features a new, largely digitalized, connected cockpit, and large touchscreen infotainment system. Sophisticated technology comes with ease, with the wireless charging point, digital radio DAB+, 300W Beats sound system with sub-woofer and Discover Media Navigation all add to the excitement of the drive.

Christian Nehme, General Manager of Premium Motors Oman said, "With the Volkswagen T-Roc, we are reaching out to customers looking for a compact SUV who demand the newest and best in terms of design and technology."

He added, "We are confident that the T-Roc will add significant value to our portfolio as it builds on Volkswagen's unparalleled capabilities including distinctive design, quality, safety and technology. The car will also sit as our entry-level model to the brand, offering customers a superb value option for a compact SUV that has all the modern-day technical requirements expected by our savvy, youthful customers. We look forward to launching this car to the market and completing our SUV portfolio line up with the full range from compact right through to our largest models, the Teramont and our flagship, the Touareg."

PROMOTION

Grand Millennium Muscat offers more delightful experiences, rewarding stays

MUSCAT: Grand Millennium Muscat, a luxury five-star hotel located in the heart of Muscat, has recently introduced "More with Millennium" that offers a discount of up to 20 per cent on Flexible (Available) Room Rate, guests can also have an additional 10 per cent discount if registered as their 'My Millennium' member and earn 2,000 bonus points when booking for a minimum for two nights. This offer includes a set of comprehensive measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all guests while staying at the hotel.

Guests can book directly until December 31 and can register as a My Millennium member at Grand Millennium Muscat's official online portal to enjoy more savings and also to take advantage of a wide range of exciting complimentary benefits such as a free upgrade by a minimum of one category (subject to availability), full 24-hour stay benefit with check-in at any time and kids up to 2 years old stay free on existing bedding as well as delectable dining discounts up to 25 per cent to create new unforgettable memories with your loved ones when you stay with us.

Luca Medda, Cluster General Manager at Grand Millennium Muscat, stated, "We aim to deliver an exceptional guest experience while maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Grand Millennium Muscat's focus is providing an excellent guest experience and ensuring our guests are well looked after; and as such, spontaneous giveaways allow us to keep bringing special moments to our guests at Millennium."



SAVINGS CULTURE

Bank Muscat continues Al Mazyona prize draws

MUSCAT: In line with its vision "To serve you better, everyday" and commitment to partnership in promoting a strong savings culture in Oman, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, conducted a number of draws recently at its head office at Airport Heights in Muscat.

The scheme is contributing majorly to the development of Oman and encouraging financial prudence amongst the general public.

The draws were promoted on the bank's social media channels to raise further awareness about the importance of savings amongst the general public.

The monthly draw for different governorates for January 2021 saw 420 winners win OMR 500 each. All customers maintaining a minimum balance of OMR 100 were entered into the



monthly draws for different governorates. The draws also saw 10 lucky women customers win OMR 1,000 each in the Zeinah monthly draw while 100 youths won OMR 100 each in the Shababi monthly draw. All Zeinah customers who maintained a minimum balance of OMR 100 and Shababi customers with a minimum balance of OMR 10 were entered into the monthly

draws for their respective categories. Prize draws were also held for Children's account holders having a minimum balance of OMR 50, and 100 lucky winners won OMR 100 each.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Tamman Al Mashani, DGM - Institutional Sales and Product Development, Bank Muscat, said: "Bank Muscat is very happy to share joy and happiness amongst its customers with its first set of prize draws for the year. As a result of continuous innovation every year, the Al Mazyona savings scheme has witnessed massive growth and is the largest prize draw scheme in Oman. Its innovative customer segmentation based on geographic, lifestyle and demographic segmentation ensures that Bank Muscat customers from across the Sultanate have more

chances than ever of winning attractive prizes by simply saving more in their accounts."

Al Mazyona is the longest-running savings scheme, offering the largest total prize money in the country. The scheme will offer OMR 11 million to 7,470 winners throughout 2021, with the number of winners up by 12 per cent compared to last year.

It will feature several special draws including an Eid Al Fitr draw, a National Day draw, a Mid-year draw and an End of Year draw. Special prizes have been reserved for high savings customers as well as for women, youth and children. Bank Muscat has been playing a major role in popularising the concept of savings by conducting the draws transparently and promoting them across the local media as well as social media channels regularly.



ROUND-UP



Zubair SEC takes part in 2021 Higher Education Institutions Induction Forum

The forum was held under the patronage of Dr Abdullah bin Khamis Ambusaidi, Education Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education in the presence of Dr Fathia Khalfan Sulaiman Al Saddi, Director General of Education of Al Buraimi governorate

MUSCAT: Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC) participated in the 2021 Higher Education Institutions' Induction Forum, organised by the Directorate General of Education in Al Buraimi governorate in cooperation with the Career Counselling Platform.

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The forum was attended by chairpersons and members of the board of directors of more than 30 higher education institutions in Oman. The forum, which began on February 21 will continue until March 4 barring public holidays, featured more than 30 presenta-



tions and workshops.

The forum began with the speech by the patron of the ceremony followed by a presentation from Ali Al Braiki, founder of Career Counselling Platform who is also a member of Zubair SEC. The presentation included a brief about the services provided by the platform to graduates and upcoming graduates.

Thereafter Ali Shaker, Adviser, Business Development and Strategic Partnerships, Zubair SEC presented a paper on the basics of entrepreneurship and its importance. He elucidated the services rendered by the Zubair SEC and

how aspiring entrepreneurs can benefit from the centre. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session on the important role entrepreneurship plays in changing society and about the services provided by the Zubair SEC.

Ali Shaker said, "Zubair SEC is keen to participate in such forums to emphasise the role and importance of entrepreneurship among school and college graduates. Such forums are a great source of inspiration for young people aspiring to be entrepreneurs. We all know that entrepreneurship plays a very important role in enhanc-

ing a country's economic growth. When entrepreneurs build businesses successfully, they positively shape the economy. Our education system must concentrate on the development of entrepreneurship and innovation, in line with Sultanate's strategy not to rely on employment only in the public and private sector."

Praising the concept of the forum, Ali Shaker said, "Forums that focus on career and entrepreneurship helps students think outside the box and nurture unconventional talents and skills. It instils confidence among youth who are

about to enter the labour market after graduation. I would like to congratulate Zubair SEC member and owner of Career Counselling Platform Ali Al Braiki for collaborating and organising this forum in cooperation with the Ministry of Education on a relevant topic. As a centre focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation, we look forward to providing the necessary support to develop such concepts and projects that are of great benefit to the Omani society and youth."

Zubair SEC member Ali Al Braiki, a career guidance specialist at Roudhat Oman School and the

owner of the Career Counselling Platform, commended the participation of Zubair SEC in the forum.

He said, "The paper submitted by the centre introduced students to entrepreneurship. The presentation and Q&A that followed will help them to develop their ideas and help them to be more creative and self-confident in whatever they embark on. Teaching and engaging students in entrepreneurship help prepare youth for future opportunities in addition to learning advanced studies and curricula offered by higher education institutions."

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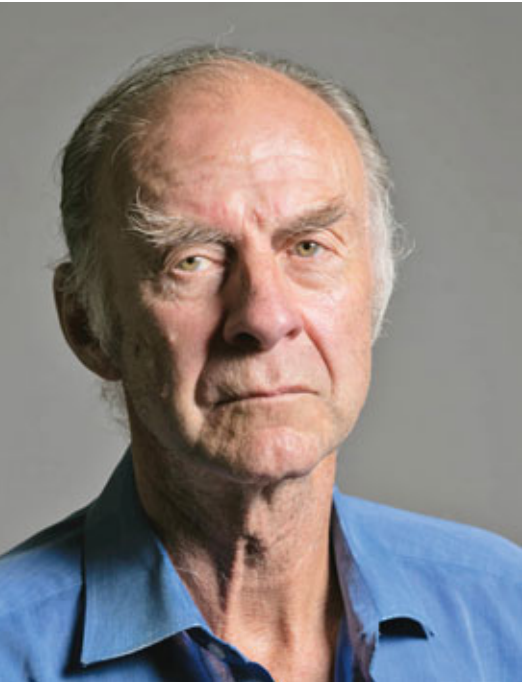
Next edition of Viewpoints to highlight 'Conquering Human Limitations'

MUSCAT: Continuing to bring global experiences to the local market, the latest virtual edition of Viewpoints – Sohar International Chairman's forum, is back with yet another compelling session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, starting at 7pm on the Zoom platform.

Chaired by Mohammed Mahfoudh Al Ardhi, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Sohar International, the 11th edition of Viewpoints will host Sir Ranulph Fiennes and delve into an interesting and currently relevant subject of 'Conquering Human Limitations', explaining the human capabilities and boundaries, offering new dimensions to the subject.

Delving into the choice of this topic, Al Ardhi said, "Our world today has changed significantly. Everywhere, individuals and businesses have adapted to the new normal continuing to carry forward daily life, demonstrating utmost agility and resilience. The forthcoming forum will be an ideal session highlighting the many limitations posed by this ever-changing social and economic environment and mankind's resolve in coping with difficulties that the current crisis has placed on all. The session aims to shed light on some thoughts on how the human race can and has been able to conquer and overcome limits and boundaries for many years."

Anyone interested can register



for this virtual session free of cost simply by visiting Sohar International's website (www.soharinternational.com) and following the registration links. The session will provide an opportunity for participants to engage with the guest speaker with their valuable inputs and questions.

"After witnessing the success of the previous editions of Viewpoints, we are delighted to host Sir Ranulph Fiennes, as a guest

speaker, who brings with him experiences and adventures of a lifetime, that have tested the agility and resilience of the human race. His many endeavours have pushed his courage to the very limits and his pioneering spirit will surely strengthen and encourage everyone. Sir Ranulph has truly tested the limits of human endurance, particularly in unusually difficult situations. Throughout these engaging sessions, we hope to bring

the best global learnings to the local population of Oman, who can adapt these insightful thoughts to pave the way for a better future of this country," he added.

In the last few years, Viewpoints has witnessed a great turnout of the audience, for hosting the best of international experts as speakers. The intriguing conversations have put Viewpoints as a benchmark in events focused on building leadership equity.

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