

HM SENDS GREETINGS

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Azali Assoumani of the Union of the Comoros on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments to President Assoumani, wishing him good health and happiness. His Majesty also wished the people of Comoros further progress and prosperity. - **ONA**



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HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN GREETES PRESIDENT OF MALAWI

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Dr. Lazarus Chakwera of the Republic of Malawi on his country's Independence Anniversary. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes to President Chakwera and the people of his country. - **ONA**



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OMAN HM sends message to King of KSA

1 His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a written message to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. **>A5**

SPORTS Legends League Cricket to return

2 After the success of its season 1, Legends League Cricket is back with 2nd season from September 20, 2022 to October 10, 2022. **>A8**

MARKET OMR30mn pact for fin fish farming project

3 The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources signed a usufruct agreement to establish a project for fin fish farming in Muscat worth OMR30mn. **>B1**

HM THE SULTAN HEADS TO UK

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik left on a private visit to the United Kingdom (UK) on Tuesday morning. May the Almighty Allah protect His Majesty the Sultan wherever he might be and grant him good health and wellbeing! - **ONA**



MEETING

Sayyid Shihab receives Japanese Ambassador



MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received in his office at Al Murtafa'a Garrison on Tuesday Jota Yamamoto, Ambassador of Japan to the Sultanate of Oman. The two sides reviewed the relations between the two countries and exchanged views on various matters of common interest. - **ONA**

OMAN GEARS UP FOR EID AL ADHA



**Over 269,000
livestock animals
were imported
in Oman**

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Preparations are being made to celebrate Eid Al Adha over the long weekend, as people gear up to welcome the traditions associated with the holiday.

With the Eid holidays running from Saturday, 8 July, to Tuesday the 12th, a number of arrangements have been made to celebrate the five-day weekend, which starts on the coming Friday.

Traditional practices will come to the fore this Eid, as they do every year. The Habta souq, a mainstay of the holiday, has been given special attention, with regional authorities earmarking spaces close to local landmarks such as castles, forts and other historical sites, for the celebrations to be organised.

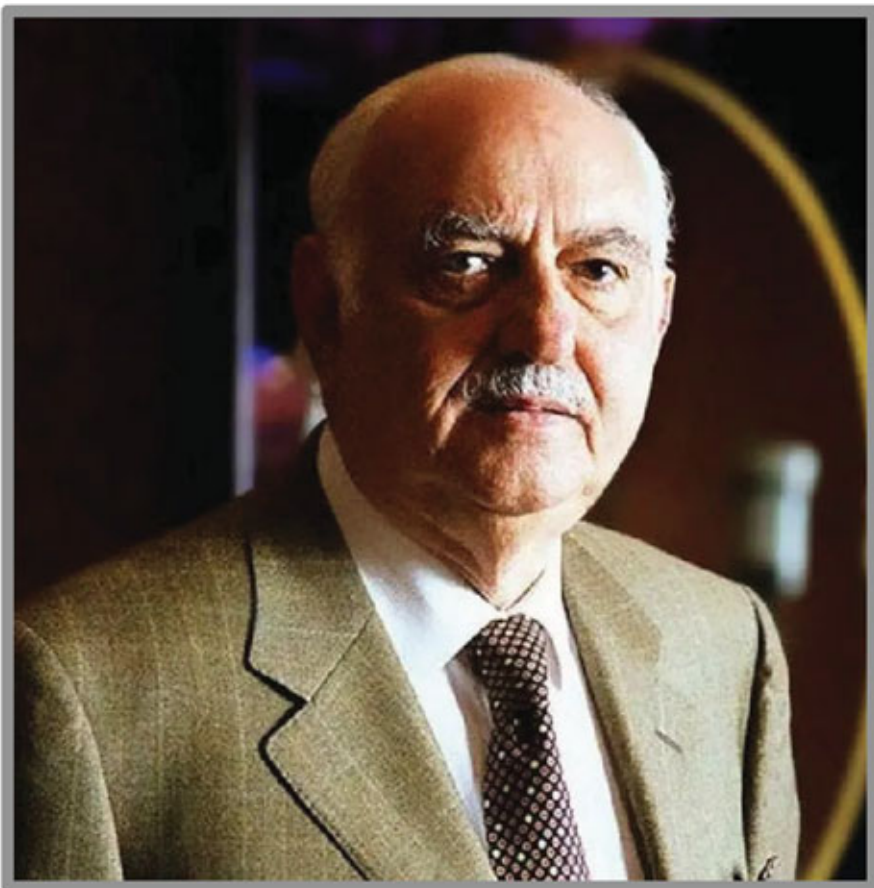
The Habta market represents an important time for traders, who welcome both people who live in the surrounding areas, as well as those who go to their hometowns to celebrate the holiday with their families. It is also a congregating point for livestock traders, with the traditional sacrifice being one of the most important aspects of Eid Al Adha.

So much so that this year more than 269,000 livestock animals have been imported into the country to ensure an uninterrupted supply of meat for the upcoming

celebrations.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources said it was "working on permanent coordination with companies to import livestock, provide all facilities and simplify procedures and conditions for the process of issuing licences to import different varieties of livestock, to ensure the continuation of the supply chain for animal products for the preparations of Eid Al Adha."

During Eid Al Adha, nationals who work away from their hometowns often travel back to their home to celebrate with their extended families. While many will be looking forward to getting on the road once work ends on Thursday evening to begin their extended weekend, they have been asked to not let that excitement translate into haste while they are behind the wheels. **>A6**



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**ROP celebrates
the graduation
of specialised
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officers**



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Asr.....	3:35pm
Maghrib.....	7:03pm
Isha.....	8:25pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	3:59am

OMAN'S FIRST INTEGRATED TOURISM COMPLEX

Al Mouj Muscat drives tourism growth with over 2,000 hotel rooms upon completion

MUSCAT: Al Mouj Muscat welcomes 3.9 million visitors annually and through outstanding leisure experiences, Oman's first Integrated Tourism Complex (ITC) is delivering on its promise of developing tourism in the Sultanate, thus contributing to major economic growth.

Al Mouj Muscat, a world-class destination, attracts local, regional and international tourists through its award-winning golf course, lively marina and an array of ocean front culinary experiences. This comprehensive destination is home to leaders in the hospitality industry with international hotel names basing their properties in the heart of the mixed-use destination.

Leaders in hospitality

Hotels are a key feature of Al Mouj's sophisticated tourism infrastructure, with two international hotels now operational, the Kempinski Hotel Muscat and Mysk by Shaza that together, offer 582 rooms. As well, the 5-star St. Regis Resort is in opening phase and set to offer 440 rooms, along with the Al Mouj Rayhaan by Rotana which will have 251 rooms. Three additional hotels are in planning phase and with a total of seven hotels on project completion, the total number of rooms and suites available will rise to over 2,000.

Carsten Wiegandt is the General Manager of the Kempinski Hotel Muscat which opened its doors in 2018. Kempinski Hotels is Europe's oldest luxury hotel group and Carsten explains why Al Mouj was the right location for the brand: "Al Mouj Muscat has created the perfect balance of authentic Omani hospitality, memorable leisure experiences and lifestyle aspiration. Our travellers tell us that they appreciate the natural beauty of Oman, and that Al Mouj offers a true sense of community. This environment is unique, and I



am confident that it will attract growing numbers of regional and international visitors."

Championship Golf Course

Al Mouj Golf is a travel and tourism success story in its own right, with the Greg Norman-designed course earning global recognition as a World 100 championship course and consistently being placed in the top two in the Middle East owing to its exceptional playing attributes and magnificent oceanside setting. As well, it is the nation's first PGA course and has hosted the Oman Open, a European Tour golf tournament, for three years and is on the European Tour.

Building on its popularity with local golfers, across the Middle East and internationally, the club is investing in a series of major facility and building upgrades that will lift the playing experience even higher. Given the estimated total economic impact per annum of golf travel to Oman has the potential to exceed OMR1.7 million, Al Mouj is confident it will play a major part in driving interest, helping to develop the sector further.

5-time accredited Gold Anchor Marina

Another jewel in Al Mouj's crown is its show-stopping Gold Anchor Marina which surrounded by luxury residences, is also expanding and upon completion will accommodate 400 berths. It provides an unrivalled setting for yacht owners and boating enthusiasts, who have a superb team of experienced Marina staff and support services at their disposal.

In addition to being able to welcome more vessels, Al Mouj Marina established the marine and is currently home to 17 sea tour operators. These local independent enterprises benefit from the vibrant destination's footfall and overall support for them has been instrumental in growing the highly popular area of marine tourism.

Sailing, diving and snorkelling enthusiasts are well-served by the accredited businesses that are strategically located in the vibrant destination. Al Mouj Muscat's supportive and pioneering approach has both created jobs and resulted in over 1,850 marine tour trips departing annually from the marina.

Added to this is a calendar of unique and exciting events such as whale shark watching that have won international accolades including Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards and allow visitors to enjoy truly memorable experiences.

Oceanfront culinary experiences

The oceanfront destination is also a well-established and vibrant hub for shopping and dining out, boasting over 85 international and independent retail brands located in architecturally beautiful malls and open spaces close to its marina. From coffee shops and take-out food trucks, to high-end indoor restaurants and family-friendly waterfront cafes, Al Mouj Muscat's operators cater for a broad range of tastes and occasions with an array of international cuisines offered.

Sports tourism

It is by creating opportunities for exceptional experiences that Al Mouj has played a major part in developing sports tourism, a growing and increasingly important feature of Oman's tourism



Carsten Wiegandt
General Manager, Kempinski Hotel Muscat

“Al Mouj Muscat's Impact Campaign highlights the positive contribution the ocean front lifestyle & leisure destination is having on Oman's tourism sector

tourists from around the world.

Al Mouj Muscat is a key destination, attracting international events such as the Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series, which generated a total economic impact of OMR10 million. Through every Omani Rial that was spent during this prestigious event, there was a return of OMR11 and the event itself was broadcasted live to 140 territories.

"Since inception, we have delivered sustainable tourism, maintained our global presence, and implemented innovative ways to deliver lasting value to our community, our stakeholders, and the Sultanate of Oman."

Al Mouj Muscat was established in 2006 as a joint venture between Majid Al Futtaim Properties, OMRAN and Tanmia. It is home to 8,000 people from 85 nations and has delivered significant socio-economic benefits, including growth in job creation, development, foreign direct investment, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises as well as the tourism sector.

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Omantel to digitally empower major projects in Dhofar region

Omantel inked a number of pacts in Dhofar governorate with important national entities to implement customized smart solutions



MUSCAT: Omantel is boosting Oman's march towards a digitally enabled and flourishing society with its ICT offerings driving digital transformation in important sectors. Smart solutions riding on Omantel's expertise, experience and integrated ecosystem are enhancing the efficiency of operations in these vital cogs of the economy and leading to faster growth and amplified returns. As the nation's digital transformation enabler, Omantel inked a number of agreements in Dhofar governorate with important national entities to implement customized smart solutions. "It gives us immense pleasure to be chosen as the partner of choice in projects of national importance. Omantel has been the main enabler for the country's digital transformation. Over the years, it has consolidated its capabilities to deliver Smart City solutions through technological and infrastructural acquisitions. We have been the first in the market to make smart solutions accessible, and have proved their efficacy in different sectors," said Talal Said Al Mamari CEO of Omantel. He further added, "These MoUs are a testament of the trust the nation puts in Omantel and further reiterate our solid established presence in the ICT sector. We are grateful and proud for being chosen as partners in growth." Omantel's scalable smart solutions have been achieved through the establishment of mOmkin, a dedicated company for IoT solutions and acquisition of NXN to provide Smart City consultancy and solutions in the country and in the region. Omantel is the first operator to launch a nationwide IoT network with leading use cases. Omantel believes in the importance of innovation and the provision of new products and services that meet the needs of its customers and is constantly investing in the latest technologies such as data centers, cloud services, IT solutions, blockchain, IoT, SDWAN wide area network, big data, analytics, cybersecurity and participatory services. Omantel has been able to respond quickly to the requirements of new emerging markets and has reduced the time it takes to innovate ICT solutions and put them into action for the usage of both, individuals and organizations.

Dhofar Municipality
As part of the MoU, Omantel will provide Dhofar Municipality with



and among the biggest in the Middle East. As a result of continued efforts, the port has been able to achieve the global recognition of being ranked second in the world in terms of productivity," said Mohammed AlMashani, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at Port of Salalah. He also added, "Our partnership today with Oman's leading telecommunications company, Omantel, will enhance our regional position and will enable us to use Omantel's 5G and AI technologies in the port's day-to-day operations which will enhance productivity and improve safety."

Dhofar Integrated Services



Under the MoU, Omantel will provide Dhofar Integrated Services with smart digital solutions; enabling it to offer an unmatched experience in Dhofar Governorate. Eng. Ali bin Issa Shammās, CEO of Dhofar Integrated Services, said: "Dhofar Integrated Services provides essential services to the people of Dhofar. We are keen to harness Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies to further improve the services offered to our clients. This agreement will provide pioneering smart digital solutions to upgrade call center services through the integration of AI-powered Chat Bot, introducing smart meter application, drone surveillance of the company's stations and remote locations and smart helmets. All these will enhance the experience of our subscribers while improving safety in the work environment. To continue the growth and development of Dhofar Integrated Services, we are delighted to partner with Omantel, which, through its innovative solutions and services as well as network efficiency and wide coverage, has proven to be the right digital partner."

Omantel is Oman's first and leading integrated telecommunications services provider, enabling the digital society to flourish, allowing new ways of doing business and delivering a world of information, news and entertainment. While striving to ensure optimum customer satisfaction, Omantel plays a key social role to provide the required support and subsidy to all sectors of the Omani society.



with modern technologies to improve efficiency in several areas like traffic control, population density control at some locations. Together, we will adopt new systems and programs that will boost our push towards creating great experiences for people through digitization and humanization of cities."

Dhofar University

Smart City solutions and innovative digital services. Commenting on the cooperation, Dr Ahmed bin Mohsen Al Ghassani, Chairman of Dhofar Municipality, said, "We are delighted to sign this Memorandum of Understanding with Omantel as part of our joint efforts to achieve objectives towards digital transformation and smart cities. Through this agreement, we seek to replace conventional processes



Under the MoU, Omantel will offer Dhofar University tailor-made ICT services that suit its requirements. Professor Dr. Amer bin Ali Al Rawas, President of Dhofar University, said, "The fields of higher education, scientific research and innovation have greatly benefited from ICT technologies, and we at Dhofar University, are keen to keep pace with the latest development and adopt solutions that promote a knowledge-based society. The University, through this strategic partnership with Omantel, will implement innovative solutions, like smart libraries, that will significantly contribute to the advancement of higher education and scientific research, thus further enhancing the quality of education at Dhofar University."

Port of Salalah
Through its accumulated exper-



tise in IoT and artificial intelligence, Omantel will enable Port of Salalah to utilize smart solutions in its upcoming projects; this will boost productivity and provide enhanced safety for the port's workers. "Port of Salalah is Oman's largest



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ROP celebrates the graduation of specialised officers

NIZWA: Under the patronage of Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, the Royal Oman Police celebrated the graduation of the 49th batch and 50th batch of specialised university officers of the college and a number of sessions on development of skills of police officers.

The function was held yesterday at the military parade ground of the Police College of Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences in Nizwa.

The celebration was attended by Lt. General Hasan bin Mohsin Al Shraiqi, Inspector General of Police and Customs, a number of ministers, commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) and senior officers of Royal Oman Police

and other military and security apparatuses.

On arrival of Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior at the military parade ground, the column of graduates performed the military salute.

Then, the graduates chanted the anthem of Royal Oman Police, took the oath of allegiance and repeated thrice "Long live His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik", the Supreme Commander.

After performing the military salute to Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, the leader of the column asked permission for the column to leave the military parade ground as a signal for conclusion of the graduation ceremony.



On the conclusion of the event, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior gave away certificates of graduation to

the officers and honoured the top graduates, the supervisory and training staff of the two batches.



New, spacious and picturesque park to come up in Seeb area



Times News Service

MUSCAT: A new park, scheduled to come up in Seeb, will feature a skating rink, bicycle paths, children's play areas, multi-use sports pitches and equipment for sports and games that can be used by members of the public.

Laying of the park which will span 152,400 square metres when complete has already begun. It will offer environmental, aesthetic and recreation benefits to local communities. Situated in a lively location surrounded by residential, commercial and urban facilities, the park will be supervised by Muscat Municipality, and is to be designed in accordance with the latest technique and sustainability standards.

Visitors are sure to take notice of the 3,200-metre-long walking and bicycle path; the overhead bridges that can be used for both foot and bicycle traffic; children's games and play areas; equipment

for physical sports as well as seating arrangements for people to enjoy the surroundings with their friends and families. Also planned are multi-use sports pitches, a skateboarding park, cafes, zones for shopkeepers to sell their goods, prayer rooms and parking lots. It is hoped that the implementation of this project will run over a 24-month period.

The project is part of Occidental Oman's community partnership efforts, and highlights the value placed by Muscat Municipality to strengthen its partnership with the private sector through the implementation of projects, services and shared facilities that serve communities across all categories.

"In this regard, Muscat Municipality wishes to thank Occidental Oman for such pioneering community initiatives, and hopes to further cooperate with the private sector institutions," added the government body.



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EID AL ADHA

< FROM A1 Long weekend

“Of course, everybody is keen to start their long weekend, but sometimes, you see people acting crazy on the road because they want to get to their destination as soon as possible,” said Ali Al Barwani, former CEO of the Oman Road Safety Association. “Please drive properly on the road. If you do not, you are endangering yourself, your family and other drivers

and pedestrians as well.”

Celebrate the holiday
It being a common practice for people to travel to other parts of Oman, as well as overseas, to celebrate the holiday, 21 hotels managed by national tourism development body Omran have offered discounts to entice visitors under their ‘Within Oman’ scheme.

ILLEGAL FISHING NETS SEIZED
The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources in a statement said that it has seized 30 illegal fishing nets in the Wilayat of Duqm, Al Wusta Governorate.

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Omran launches new campaign to promote domestic tourism

The campaign provides a wide array of special packages for all citizens and residents to enjoy leisure experiences across the group’s hotels and resorts

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of its ongoing efforts to boost the local tourism, Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran Group) has launched the fourth edition of its ‘Within Oman’ tourism promotion campaign, which provides a wide array of special packages for all citizens and residents to enjoy leisure experiences across Omran

Group’s hotels and resorts. The emphasis of this year’s edition is on inspiring individuals, families, and groups of friends to enjoy and discover new places and things to do, as well as take part in leisure and adventure activities at 21 hotels and resorts throughout the Sultanate. The campaign’s deals are available to visitors till the end of September, and there are four major packages with flexible accommo-



dation options and hospitality services to choose from.

Boost domestic tourism
Commenting on the campaign launch, Mohammed bin Khamis Al Ghufaili, Chief Operations Officer of Omran Group, said, “The ‘WithinOman’ campaign aims to boost domestic tourism and attract tourists to spend the peak summer travel period at the

Group’s hotel assets around Oman. The variety of perks and services offered at participating hotels and resorts will make the tourist season enjoyable for both individuals and families.”

“The Group provides well-turated and special offers to make the most of Oman’s distinctive accommodations, hospitality services, and facilities in order to promote local tourism.



Revive, Enjoy, Relax, and Chill are the four packages offered under the promotion”, he continued. ‘Revive’ package (OMR30) is part of the campaign and is available at Crowne Plaza Muscat OCEC, City Hotel Duqm, Sohar Beach Resort, Atana Stay Ashkhara, Atana Khasab Hotel, Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, Barcelo Mus-sanah Resort and Sifawy Boutique Hotel. ‘Enjoy’ package (OMR45) is

available at Atana Musandam Resort, DusitD2 Naseem Jabal Akhdar and Masirah Island Resort. ‘Chill’ package (OMR 65) can be availed at Intercontinental Hotel Muscat, Crowne Plaza Duqm, Salalah Rotana Resort, Crowne Plaza Salalah, Alila Hinu Bay and Fanar Hotel & Residences. ‘Relax’ package (OMR 75) is available at W Muscat Hotel, Alila Jabal Akhdar and Al Bustan Palace, A Ritz Carlton Hotel.

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35,005 REACH

CDAA, ROP urge people to take precautions during rain
A story on weather alerts by ROP and CDAA had reached 35,005 people and had 1,353 link clicks on Facebook.

MOST WATCHED VIDEO ON FACEBOOK
1,600 VIEWS

The Midday Minute news wrap video
The Midday Minute news wrap video had 1,600 views and reached 2,700 people on Facebook.

MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON INSTAGRAM
2,110 VIEWS

The Morning Minute video on sand dunes on road
The Morning Minute video on sand dunes on road had 2,110 views and 93 likes on Instagram

HEAVY TO MEDIUM RAINS

Emergency services called upon to rescue people as rains lash Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Emergency services in Oman were kept busy while heavy rains lashed parts of the country, being called upon to rescue people who had got stranded because of the rough weather, while constantly monitoring climatic conditions to keep the public informed.

Heavy to medium rains fell across most of the governorates of Oman on Tuesday, leading to heavy flow of water in wadis.

The Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA) informed people in a number of regions in Oman to keep clear of fast-flowing wadis, including Wadi Mistal in Wilayat Nakhal in South Al Batinah, Wadi Al Wasit near Nizwa, Wadi Muqwa in Wilayat Izki and Wadi Al Dhababneh in Wilayat Bahla, all of them in Al Dakhiliyah.

One of the rescues carried out by the CDAA involved the extraction of four people, after their vehicle had gotten stuck in a wadi near Al Hamra.

A number of other wadis, including Wadi Khos, Wadi Mari, Wadi Al Samar, Wadi Al Khabib, Wadi Fada, and Wadi Dutt, all of them in Wilayat Dhank in the Dhahirah Governorate, as well as Wadi Al Marri in Wilayat Yanqul and Wadi Al Rawda in Wilayat Ibri also had fast-flowing waters in them, because of the rains.

In North Sharqiyah, Wadi Da’ada in Wilayat Al Mudhaibi and Wadi Al Samar in the Governorate of Buraimi, were also feeling the effects of the rains.

“The authority calls on motorists to not risk crossing wadis, so as to preserve the safety of all,” said the CDAA in an advisory.

From 3 July to 9am on 5 July, Wilayat Izki recorded the highest amount of rain in Oman at 42mm, followed by Wilayat Jabal Akhdhar (35mm) in Al Dakhiliyah. Wilayat of Dima wa Ta’een (32mm) and Wilayat Ibri in Ad Dhahirah.

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Suspect detained after shooting at US parade leaves six dead

CHICAGO: Police arrested a 22-year old man suspected in a deadly shooting at a July 4th parade in Highland Park, a suburb of the US city of Chicago, police said.

The man was “taken into custody without incident” after he was spotted driving on a highway near Chicago, police told the Chicago Sun-Times.

At least six people were killed and 30 wounded in the shooting, authorities said on Monday.

The Highland Park chief of police told a press conference early Monday evening that authorities had identified a white male who comes from the area as a “person of interest” in the shooting.

Police also released a description of the suspect’s car and license plate.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman Christopher Covelli earlier said authorities believed there was only one shooter and warned that he should still be considered armed and dangerous. **ANI**

Sri Lanka is ‘bankrupt,’ says PM Wickremesinghe

Wickremesinghe said the island nation’s bailout talks with the IMF were reliant on finalising a debt restructuring plan

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka is bankrupt and its unprecedented economic crisis is set to last until at least the end of next year, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe told lawmakers in parliament on Tuesday.

Wickremesinghe said the island nation’s bailout talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were reliant on finalizing a debt restructuring plan with creditors by August.

He said that recent discussions with the IMF sparked hope “but



this time the situation is different. In the past, we have held discussions as a developing country.”

Worst economic crisis in living memory

“We are now participating in the negotiations as a bankrupt country. Therefore, we have to face a more difficult and complicated situation,” he said as he explained a possible roadmap for recovery from Sri Lanka’s worst economic crisis since it gained independence from Britain in 1948.

“Due to the state of bankruptcy our country is in, we have to

submit a plan on our debt sustainability to them separately. Only when [the IMF] are satisfied with that plan can we reach an agreement.”

The island nation’s 22 million people have suffered months of surging inflation and lengthy power cuts after the government ran out of foreign currency to import essential goods.

In light of the news, the UK government warned against travel to the island nation, saying it was experiencing “shortages of basic necessities including medicines, cooking gas, fuel and food.”

Debts of more than \$50 billion With debts of more than \$50 billion (€48.5 billion) owed to foreign creditors, Sri Lanka is fast running out of gasoline, medicine and food.

Last month, the Sri Lankan government rationed the supply of fuel to essential services such as transport, health and food deliveries in an effort to “conserve the little reserves we have,” the government said.

Schools are closed all week, and the government has asked employees not working in essential services to stay home. **ANI**

ACCESSION

NATO allies sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland

BRUSSELS: North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s (NATO) 30 allies signed accession protocols for Sweden and Finland on Tuesday, kickstarting the process to admit the two Nordic countries into the alliance. Foreign Minister of Finland Pekka Haavisto and Foreign Minister of Sweden Ann Linde attended the signing ceremony, Xinhua reported.

“With 32 nations around the table, we will be even stronger and our people will be even safer, as we face the biggest security crisis in decades,” declared NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in a press conference after the signing ceremony. As per the reports by Xinhua, NATO’s 30 members formally invited Finland and Sweden to join their alliance at the NATO Summit held last week in Madrid, Spain, just seven weeks after both countries handed their applications in response to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. In the first instance, the accession process was blocked by Turkey, however, after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Finland and Sweden, Turkey lifted its veto. **ANI**



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LEGENDS LEAGUE

Legends League Cricket to be back in September

Times News Service

NEW DELHI: After the success of season 1, Legends League Cricket is back with 2nd season from September 20, 2022 to October 10, 2022 which would feature 4 privately owned franchisees. Virender Sehwag, Irfan Pathan and Yusuf Pathan are to play in the upcoming Legends League Cricket, second season will be played in Muscat, Oman.

The first season of Legends League Cricket had former cricketers from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, England, among other cricket nations divided into 3 Teams representing India, Asia and Rest of the World. Cricket fans all across the world saw the Legends of Cricket sweat it out at their competitive best during the first season.

Virender Sehwag said, "I love to be in the cricket field. I missed the playing 1st season of LLC but it would be great to go back into the field with the LLC season 2."

Irfan Pathan said, "Excited to announce that I'll be back in action playing Legends League Cricket in September. Aur iss baar kuch naya bhi hone wala hai... so I



am really looking forward to be in Oman."

Yusuf Pathan said, "Practice makes you perfect. And I'm perfecting my shots for action packed season 2 of the Legends League Cricket. It was fun in January, and I am getting ready for September."

Raman Raheja, CEO, Legends League Cricket said, "We have 4 franchisees owned teams, playing 15 matches between September 20 to October 10, 2022 at Oman. Currently we have 110 Top class players in the pool who would be put in 4 teams through a Player Draft process in early August 2022. So about 80 top players, essentially Legends of Cricket, would be playing in the upcoming

season. Players like Sehwag, Irfan & Yusuf Pathan amongst others from India, Australia, England, Pakistan, SA, Sri Lanka, etc are going to be playing together. The format is such that it would make us an International T20 League with highest number of International Cricketers in the playing eleven"

On Sehwag and Pathan brothers confirming their participation, he added "We are happy to have them in the league. With this year season, we are going to make a bigger impact not only on the viewers but also some handsome gains for the players' fraternity as well. We expect the league to further add to the huge fan following in the years to come."

CRICKET

Al Safar Tigerians crowned champions of T10 Indoor Bash

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman Cricket, hosted T10 Indoor Bash 2022 powered by Dhair Al Ghobaira Trading. It was held from 16th-24th June 2022 with 9 participating teams - Abeer Warriors, Design Group, AKCT, Deccan Chargers, Al Safar Tigerians, Desert XI, Team Deccan, MTCL and MECC.

The league stage matches were played on 16th and 17th of June, by the Eliminators on 23rd of June and Qualifiers and Finals on 24th of June.

The tournament was poised in a fashion such that every team got



2 matches to move into the next round. 6 teams out of 9 qualified for the next round out of which the top 2 teams directly qualifying for the qualifier whereas the teams ranked 3rd to 6th played one off games to book 2 remaining

births in the qualifiers.

The Qualifier 1 was played between Desert XI and MTCL in which Desert XI beat the later by 6 runs. The Qualifier 2 was played between Design Group and Al Safar Tigerians in which the Tigerians chased down 34 runs in the last over.

The final was played between Desert XI and Al Safar Tigerians. Electing to bowl 1st, the Tigerians got hold of Desert XI's batsmen teeing them down to just 28. Al Safar Tigerians chased the target in the 8th over. Ishtiaq Rashed was adjudged Player of the Final for his brilliant spell of 2 overs - 1 maiden - 1 run and 2 wickets.

WIMBLEDON

Sania Mirza, Mate Pavic reach mixed doubles semifinals

LONDON: India's Sania Mirza and her Croatian partner Mate Pavic beat fourth-seeded Canadian-Australian pair of Gabriela Dabrowski and John Peers to seal their place in the mixed doubles semi-finals of Wimbledon 2022.

The duo of Mirza and Pavic made it to the next round with the 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 win over Dabrowski and Peers. The Indo-Croat pair will take on Robert Farah and Jelena Ostapenko in the semifinal clash.

Meanwhile, Ajla Tomljanovic after two hours and 34 minutes of dizzying all-court rallies, overcame French No.1 Alize Cornet 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to book a spot in the quarterfinals at All England Club once again. Tomljanovic is the first Australian woman to reach back-to-back Wimbledon quarterfinals since Jelena Dokic reached the quarterfinals in 1999 and the semifinals in 2000. **ANI**

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES
The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by September 2022 reaching \$111.01, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by \$2.01 from the price of Monday, which was \$108.44. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER
The MSX index closed at 4118.76 points, up by 0.06 per cent from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.14 per cent at 455.48 points. Galfar Engineering, up 9.62 per cent, was the top gainer while Gulf Mushroom Products, down 4.22 per cent, was the top loser.

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN



Treasury bills worth OMR111 million issued

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR111 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 91 days, from July 6 until October 5, 2022.

The average accepted price reached OMR99.450 for every OMR 100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99.430 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 2.20785 per cent and 2.22009 per cent, respectively.

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 2.25 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 2.75 per cent.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. - **ONA**

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES

OMR30mn pact signed for fin fish farming project

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources signed a usufruct agreement to establish a project for fin fish farming through floating cages in Muscat worth OMR30 million.

The project, to be set up on a marine zone of 1.5 million metres, will be implemented this year. It aims to farm various high quality fish that have an economic value. The production capacity for the first phase of the project is expected to reach 3,000 tonnes through a floating cages system. The project also includes logistic units. - **ONA**





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MSX index ends higher

Galfar Engineering, up 9.62 per cent, was the top gainer while Gulf Mushroom Products, down 4.22 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4118.76 points, up by 0.06 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.14 per cent at 455.48 points. Galfar Engineering, up 9.62 per cent, was the top gainer while Gulf Mushroom Products, down 4.22 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Galfar Engineering were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover. A total number of 528 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.26 million, with more than 9.19 million shares changing hands. Out of 42 traded securities, 15 advanced, 13 declined, and 14 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR275,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR258,000, followed by domestic investors for OMR18,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6583.33 points, down 0.08 per cent. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Taageer Finance, Al Sharqia Investment, Ominvest and Al Anwar Investment were up by 4.76 per cent, 4.65 per cent, 2.35 per cent, 2 per cent and 1.25 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Batinah Development Company, Global Financial Investments, Bank Nizwa, HSBC Bank Oman and Ahli Bank were down by 3.77 per cent, 1.49 per cent, 1.05 per cent, 0.83 per cent and 0.82 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 5823.21 points, up 0.97 per cent. Prices of Galfar Engineering, Construction Materials, Oman Fisheries, Voltamp Energy and ASaffa Foods were up by 9.62 per cent, 6.76 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 3.81 per cent and 2.07 per cent respectively. Services Index was up by 0.6 per cent before closing at 1585.59 points. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,118.76	4,100.18	4,118.76	4,116.13	2.64	0.06
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,588.74	6,561.17	6,583.32	6,588.74	-5.41	-0.08
Industry Index	5,823.20	5,769.18	5,823.20	5,767.29	55.92	0.97
Services Index	1,585.59	1,569.14	1,585.59	1,576.19	9.40	0.60
MSX Shariah Index	455.73	453.63	455.48	454.86	0.62	0.14
MSX TR INDEX	5,191.91	5,168.49	5,191.91	5,188.59	3.32	0.06
FINANCIAL TR IDX	6,894.37	6,865.53	6,885.71	6,894.37	-8.66	-0.08
SERVICES TR IDX	1,639.47	1,622.46	1,639.47	1,629.74	9.72	0.60
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,043.51	5,987.44	6,043.51	5,985.47	58.03	0.97

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
9,194,291	1,260,538	528	22,330,555,969	15	13	14	42

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, JULY 5

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	157,634	72,339	4	0.440	0.460	0.440	0.460	0.432	0.028	6.481	0.460	0.440	0.474	0.100	108,748,600
OM0000003281	TAAGEER FINANCE	115,574	10,254	5	0.086	0.090	0.086	0.090	0.086	0.004	4.651	0.090	0.085	0.090	0.100	23,279,520
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	407,000	35,312	21	0.085	0.088	0.085	0.087	0.085	0.002	2.353	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.100	7,830,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	3,100	949	2	0.306	0.306	0.306	0.306	0.300	0.006	2.000	0.306	0.302	0.306	0.100	204,519,820
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	50,000	5,400	3	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.106	0.002	1.887	0.108	0.104	0.109	0.100	15,120,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST & FIN.	311,800	39,599	15	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.126	0.001	0.794	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.100	30,099,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	164,919	34,633	8	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.000	0.000	0.210	0.207	0.210	0.100	341,448,735
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	10,000	3,400	1	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.100	42,465,306
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	5,218	548	1	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.105	0.102	0.106	0.100	313,956,540
OM0000003968	QOOREDOO	41,060	13,546	11	0.324	0.330	0.324	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.330	0.324	0.330	0.100	214,811,296
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	12,340	6,491	4	0.526	0.526	0.526	0.526	0.529	-0.002	-0.379	0.526	0.518	0.530	0.100	1,974,192,427
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	64,554	26,725	3	0.414	0.414	0.414	0.414	0.416	-0.002	-0.481	0.414	0.414	0.416	0.100	91,080,000
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	32,619	3,955	4	0.122	0.122	0.121	0.121	0.122	-0.001	-0.820	0.121	0.119	0.124	0.100	235,908,553
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	4,880	4,216	4	0.864	0.864	0.864	0.864	0.872	-0.008	-0.917	0.864	0.864	0.880	0.100	248,000,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	90,000	5,980	5	0.067	0.067	0.066	0.066	0.067	-0.001	-1.493	0.066	0.066	0.067	0.100	13,200,000
Total	15	1,470,698	263,346	91												

Parallel Market

OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	5,223,741	589,185	253	0.109	0.114	0.109	0.114	0.104	0.010	9.615	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.100	23,140,455
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION M.	34,800	2,749	5	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.074	0.005	6.757	0.079	0.075	0.079	0.100	4,937,500
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	509,143	56,084	54	0.107	0.114	0.107	0.113	0.106	0.007	6.604	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.100	20,574,859
OM0000001081	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	254,392	22,214	23	0.085	0.090	0.084	0.088	0.084	0.004	4.762	0.088	0.086	0.090	0.100	10,725,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	668	88	4	0.100	0.109	0.100	0.109	0.105	0.004	3.810	0.109	0.100	0.109	0.100	8,872,900
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	218,045	31,882	15	0.144	0.147	0.144	0.147	0.142	0.005	3.321	0.147	0.146	0.156	0.100	12,495,000
OM0000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	6,636	963	3	0.145	0.148	0.145	0.148	0.145	0.003	2.069	0.148	0.131	0.148	0.100	17,760,000
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	20,000	1,620	3	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.080	0.001	1.250	0.081	0.080	0.082	0.100	16,200,000
OM0000002150	MUSCAT FINANCE	425,905	28,635	17	0.067	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.066	0.067	0.100	20,578,804
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	53,578	6,108	5	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.114	0.116	0.100	341,584,064
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALIN.	9,220	1,060	1	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.115	0.115	0.000	0.100	11,247,248
OM0000004735	SEMOBOP SALALAH	28,000	1,820	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.065	0.066	0.100	62,047,177
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	71,086	3,402	5	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.047	0.048	0.100	34,291,504
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	788	251	1	0.318	0.318	0.318	0.318	0.318	0.000	0.000	0.318	0.316	0.318	0.100	22,384,020
OM0000004517	HSBC BANK OMAN	90,756	10,891	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.121	-0.001	-0.829	0.120	0.118	0.120	0.100	244,037,535
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	108,976	10,240	9	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.095	-0.001	-1.053	0.094	0.094	0.095	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	49,197	4,133	2	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.085	-0.001	-1.178	0.084	0.084	0.093	0.100	2,820,002
OM0000008710	BAKRA DESALINATION	2,000	282	1	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.143	-0.002	-1.399	0.141	0.141	0.142	0.100	10,648,602
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	193,813	9,692	7	0.051	0.051	0.050	0.050	0.051	-0.001	-1.961	0.050	0.050	0.055	0.100	73,130,073
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	70,018	3,222	9	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.046	0.047	-0.001	-2.128	0.046	0.044	0.050	0.100	31,044,822
OM0000002366	AL BATINAH DEV.	100,000	5,100	5	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.053	-0.002	-3.774	0.051	0.051	0.055	0.100	1,530,000
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM P	350	88	2	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.261	-0.011	-4.215	0.250	0.245	0.250	0.100	10,401,318
Total	22	7,471,112	789,685	426												

ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Sezad forum focuses on sustainable environmental development

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) organised the first Environment Forum, with the collaboration of a group of companies specialised in providing environmental services and consultancy, and other corporates operating in the zone.

The forum was presided over by Eng. Ahmed bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Deputy Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz), and attended by Sheikh Zahir bin Ali Al Sunaidi, Deputy Wali of Duqm, representatives from the Environment Authority and other dignitaries in Sezad.

The first edition of the Environment Forum is aimed to strengthen and develop the cooperation between various entities and companies, operating in Sezad, in the field of environment protection and preservation. This forum



serves as a platform to share the expertise of different entities in promoting sustainable environmental development and find new and innovative mechanisms to solve potential environmental problems and challenges. In addition, the forum aims to highlight the need for joining efforts to promote environmental preservation and reduce the potential environmental impacts resulting from the various construction and in-

dustrial activities in Sezad.

On the other hand, the forum shed light on the role played by the Sezad, represented by the Environmental Regulatory Department in cooperation with environmental services companies, with regards to preserving the environment, protecting biological diversity, and assessing the environmental impacts of all economic activities and projects in the zone.

Middle East Al Ahlia Beverages appoints Al Reef as its distributor



MUSCAT: Middle East Al Ahlia Beverages, leading producers of world-renowned soft drinks & beverages like Coca-Cola, Thums Up, Sprite, Fanta, Schweppes tonic water and soda, Arwa pure drinking water has appointed Al Reef, leading importer and dis-

tributor of FMCG products in Oman as the distributor for its products in Sohar, Musannah, Ibri, Al Kamil and Nizwa.

In an official launching ceremony held on July 4 attended by the senior management members of both companies, Mohamed Akeel,

Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Coca-Cola Beverages (UAE, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain) and Rajiv Warrar, Chief Executive Officer GCC of Choithram Group of Companies of which Al Reef is sister concern in Oman, jointly flagged off the business operations.

INTEGRATED SET OF FACILITIES

Mazoon Dairy employs best farming practices to manage its dairy cows

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of its aim to enhance quality standards and provide fresh and healthy products to the local market and the region, Mazoon Dairy is working to implement the highest international standards in managing its dairy cow farms by employing the latest technologies in the field of animal care.

Mazoon's farm in the Wilayat of Al-Sunainah, in Al Buraimi Governorate, contains an integrated set of facilities equipped with the latest technologies that guarantee a fresh, high-quality product from raw milk. These facilities include a number of uniquely designed barns that ensure the temperature remains stable throughout the year at 25 degrees Celsius, which is ideal for cows.

Dr Khalfan Ali Al Tamsi, Farm Support Manager at Mazoon said, "Our farm has 16 barns equipped with the latest technologies. Each barn accommodates 600 dairy cows. In addition to the barns, there is an integrated automated milking parlour, which has a capacity of 1,000 cows per hour and is characterised by an automated sterilised production line without human intervention during the various stages of milking.

"In addition to the milking parlour, there is also an integrated laboratory which supervises the examination of fresh milk sam-



ples to ensure their high quality before sending them to the manufacturing stage."

"On the other side of the farm, there is a feed depot with the latest automated equipment to mix the feed and nutritional supplements that the cows need for balanced healthy growth, which is ultimately reflected in the quality of the milk. Next to the feed depot, there are calve incubators, which take care of young calves and raise them as required until they grow and reach the stage of insemination," he added.

Abdulhamid Al Sarmi, Quality Assurance and Quality Control Manager said, "Our strategy is based on enhancing our market share by providing high-quality products without any harmful in-

dustrial inputs to health, which has, in turn, contributed over the past few years to enhance the company's reputation among competitors. This is in line with our aspiration of enhancing food security in this sector through a local company such as Mazoon Dairy."

The company's operations began in 2019, and during this period, the size of the company's cattle herd grew from 3,400 heads to more than 10,000 heads by the end of May 2022, which enabled the company to cover the needs of the local market.

The company also plans to increase the size of this herd to 25,000 heads by 2028 to cover the increasing demand in the local market, in addition to the company's plans for regional expansion.

CRYPTO FUNDS

India's position on crypto currency vindicated by global trends

SINGAPORE: India's conservative position on not encouraging crypto currency is being rapidly vindicated by the negative experiences of various crypto funds with the latest being Singapore's Three Arrows crypto fund.

Experts say that India correctly predicted the adverse economic headwinds and perhaps saved a lot of people from economic ruin. Last week, Singapore-based crypto hedge fund, Three Arrows Capital (3AC), was reported by various media sources to be in trouble. It is one of the high-profile crypto investment firms that has run into difficulties recently as the crypto market valuation plunged. It has fallen by about a third since it hit its peak sometime in November last year.

In the latest sign of the impact of the crypto market downturn, both Bloomberg and Reuters quoted sources that said that 3AC has entered liquidation after failing to make payments on a loan of 15,250 bitcoin (approximately \$324 million) and \$350 million worth of USDC, a stablecoin.

Reuters reported that its sources told it that a court in the British Virgin Islands, where 3AC's fund is incorporated, issued the liquidation order on June 27. — **ANI**

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MINDFUL INTERACTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS

CAN BRING ABOUT MORE HARMONIOUS, HEALTHY WORKPLACE

A new study suggests the real pay-offs emerge when an individual's mindfulness is translated into mindful interactions and relationships. Such interactions infused with intentionality, compassion and presence can bring about more harmonious and healthy organisations.

"An understanding of how individuals bring mindfulness with them to work, and how these practices may contribute to interaction and relationship quality, is especially relevant as work landscapes are ever-changing and interdependence is increasingly becoming the norm," said Christopher S. Reina, Ph.D., an associate professor of management and entrepreneurship in the VCU School of Business.

In the study "Your Presence is Requested: Mindfulness Infusion in Workplace Interactions and Relationships," which was published in Organisation Science, Reina and management professors Glen E. Kreiner, Ph.D., of the University of Utah; Alexandra Rheinhardt, Ph.D., of the University of Connecticut; and Christine A. Mihelcic of the University of Richmond explore how individuals bring mindfulness to work and how it infuses their workplace interactions.

These practices may be formal, such as engaging in a mindful pause before beginning a meeting, or informal, such as listening to someone with a high level of attention.

The qualitative study draws on the experiences of actual leaders to explain how they bring mindfulness into the workplace. Pri-

mary data sources included interviews and on-site participant observation. The researchers conducted 30 formal interviews with managers, professionals and consultants who practice mindfulness in the workplace, and more than 50 informal interviews with a wide variety of individuals who apply mindfulness principles at work.

"Interestingly, interviewees noted how other individuals around them had noticed the emotional effects of their mindful behaviors on interactions and relationships," Reina said. "We found initial evidence that our interviewees' efforts toward bringing their mindfulness into the workplace were seen by their colleagues as having a positive effect."

High-quality connections are shown to improve individual functioning, and positively affect group outcomes, such as psychological safety and trust.

In addition to mindfulness arising within an interaction, the study also found that mindfulness practices could be used to set individuals up for success in future interactions, such as when preparing for a difficult or important conversation.

"Mindfulness reminds us that our thoughts and emotions are complex," Reina said. "They are contextualized by prior events experienced within a social environment, and within this social environment, individuals must be aware of both their own and others' thoughts and emotions in order to navigate these complexities with skill and compassion." -ANI

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EID HABTA - THE TRADITIONAL MEETING POINT OF OMANIS

The Habta peaks on the 7th day of Dhul-Hijjah. On this day, all members of the community visit the souqs to collect their Eid supplies, notably Omani men's costumes, khanjars (daggers), canes and women's jewellery and decorative articles.

MUSCAT: In the run-up to Eid Al Adha and, upon the advent of the Dhul-Hijjah 10-day socio-spiritual festivity climaxing on Eid Al Adha celebration, Omanis flock to Habta, the traditional souqs or daylight market places peculiar to their respective governorates. The authorities have designated large areas, typical adjacent to castles, forts or other historical sites that portray various manifestations of delight. There, many traders generate economic revenue from the seasonal shopping.

The Habta constitutes a timely opportunity for livestock breeders, who turn out in large numbers to sell goats, sheep, cattle or camels that are highly sought after during Eid days. Auctioning is the most common style of trade.

The Habta is in particular a happy time for children who revel in selecting games, garments and sweet selections of Halwa and confectionaries. The event instills a panoramic of Omani habits and traditions inherited from generations of their ancestors.

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The Habta is typically utilized by the Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises as expos for organized selling of its products collected from entrepreneurs, artisans and 'productive' families. -ONA



SAILING SCHOOLS

Sur to host Oman Sailing Championship from July 17



MUSCAT: The Wilayat of Sur in the Governorate of South Al Sharqiyah, will host Oman Sailing Championship 2022 during 17-24 July where sailors from all Oman Sail sailing schools will compete for a place in the Oman National Team.

Organised by Oman Sail and held under the authority of the Oman Maritime Sports Committee, athletes from the Sail Free programme will also be in action in the RS Venture class for the first time in championship history, alongside the Diam24 - also making its first appearance at the championships - Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and iQFOiL classes.

Saleh Al Jabri, Oman Sailing Championship Project Manager, said, "Oman Sailing Championship is an exciting opportunity to bring talented sailors together

75 sailors are expected, representing Oman Sail's sailing schools at Al Mouj Muscat, Marina Bandar Al Rowdha, Mussanah and Sur

from our four sailing schools to gauge progress and identify the top performing athletes capable of representing Oman. This year's championship introduces the Diam24 class, a high-performance trimaran used in international competition, and the RS Venture which will be used at the upcoming RS Venture Connect World Championships held in Oman."

He added, "Our aim is to help sailors perform to their full potential and prepare our teams to compete at home and abroad to enhance the reputation of Oman as a sailing nation."

In total, 75 sailors are expected, representing Oman Sail's sailing schools at Al Mouj Muscat, Marina Bandar Al Rowdha, Mussanah and Sur. All sailors will be able to take part in four days of training prior to the championships before another four days of competition.

There will be 20 races and no more than five each day in the iQFOiL competition and 12 with a maximum of three in all other classes. The top three sailors in each class will receive prizes and be considered to be part of the Oman National Team for upcoming national, regional and international competition.



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ROUND-UP

Make every journey memorable in impressive SUV Ford Explorer

Improved off-road capability comes courtesy of intelligent four-wheel drive and an available new Terrain Management System that features seven easy-to-engage drive modes

MUSCAT: Ford's Explorer is a capable and impressive SUV that is loaded with technology and features to make the most of every journey. Improved off-road capability comes courtesy of intelligent four-wheel drive and an available new Terrain Management System™ that features seven easy-to-engage drive modes. Standard features include a power liftgate, 8-inch digital touch

screen with SYNC® 3, and a comprehensive package of driver assist and safety technologies. The Explorer is packed with the very latest innovations from Ford. Every Explorer comes standard with Ford Co-Pilot360™, a suite of driver-assist technologies including Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking, which includes Pedestrian Detection, Forward Collision Warn-



ing and Dynamic Brake Support; Blind Spot Information System with Cross-Traffic Alert; Lane-Keeping System; Rearview camera with built-in lens cleaner and Auto

headlamps with auto high-beams. Other available Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist+ technologies include Evasive Steering Assist, which provides steering support

to help avoid a collision; and Post-Impact Braking provides braking after a collision to lessen injury and damage caused by a secondary crash event. Explorer also is available with Ford's all-new Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control which automatically slows the vehicle down when traffic ahead slows. It also helps keep the vehicle centered in its lane. The Explorer's 8-inch touch screen mounted in the centre of the dash with navigation maps fills the entire screen for easy viewing, or split the space with audio information. The screen provides a quicker, more responsive interaction with the updated SYNC 3 system. Standard SYNC 3's more intuitive layout gives drivers compatibility with available Apple CarPlay® feature. A wireless charging pad is available that allows customers to recharge compatible mobile devices, and up to four USB ports, including new type-C outlets, charge next-generation mobile devices. Up to five 12-volt outlets and a 230-volt outlet are also available. For music lovers, Explorer offers an available 980-watt, 12-speaker B&O premium audio system. The Explorer is equipped with a revised 2.3-litre turbocharged EcoBoost® engine that produces 300 horsepower and 420Nm of torque. The engine is matched to an all-new 10-speed transmission and Intelligent All-Wheel-Drive system. With its quick-shifting 10-speed automatic transmission, Intelligent Four-Wheel Drive plus a Terrain Management System featuring seven selectable drive modes, the new Explorer is built to tackle virtually any adventure. Sand mode comes standard on all models. In Oman, Ford vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.

BEAT THE SUMMER

Use Panasonic ACs for effective and comfortable cooling this summer

MUSCAT: Beat the summer heat with Panasonic air conditioners that are designed to provide a comfortable cooling experience for the Oman region. The V, PV & TU series, with robust specifications, can withstand an operating temperature ranging up to 54°C - 55°C, coupled with elegant design & durable specifications, the air conditioners are ideal for the region. In addition to providing powerful and fast cooling, the TU series' energy-saving twin cool compressors enable the customers to save on electricity bills. Panasonic's V series features nanoe-Gand the ultimate filtering function to remove 99.9% dust. The nanoe-G generates 3 trillion negative ions per second, which can remove up to PM2.5 bacteria and viruses. Meanwhile, the In-



telligent Eco Sensors (ECONAVI) realise energy savings of up to 35%. The range comes with the Jet-stream feature offering 25M long airflow enabling powerful cooling. This is combined with the Aerowings that pack a pair of powerful wings to send air further. The large-

diameter fan generates stronger airflow with two independent motors controlling the sub-flap and bigger flap separately, compressing and concentrating cool air. The V& PV series model's maximum pipe capacity is 40m, and the maximum height difference is 30m which is

industry No. 1. Panasonic's TU series is equipped with a twin-cool inverter compressor, making this model energy-efficient. Thus cost-saving on electricity bills to customers* ensuring consistent cooling throughout the summer. Dipendu Goon, General Manager, CMD, Panasonic Middle East and Africa, commented, "Panasonic has been using advanced technologies to improve air quality for over 60+ years and reinforces its commitment by providing unique technologies to the region. Our Omani customers, who live in one of the countries where round-the-clock cooling is required due to the hot climate, will appreciate the added value that the V, PV and TU models offer in terms of energy savings and durability."

TECHNICAL LEARNING COURSE

Shell celebrates graduation of Nawafidh's first batch

MUSCAT: Oman Shell celebrated the graduation of Shell Nawafidh's first batch of Omani students. Shell Nawafidh is a six-month structured and integrated technical and soft skills comprehensive learning course for university students or fresh graduates of science and engineering. Conducted in partnership with the German University of Technology (GÜtech) and Outward-Bound Oman, the main objective of Nawafidh is to enable and empower participants to lead the transition into the emerging energy markets through technical training, relevant discussions and workshops, and networking with industry professionals. The holistic learning programme not only helps Omani students and fresh graduates develop their technical abilities and improve their leadership skills but also enhances their potential, enabling them to take on diverse and important roles in the energy industry.



As part of the graduation ceremony, Shell commended each of the 37 graduates of Nawafidh in the presence of the chief guest, His Highness Dr Fahad Al Said, Vice-Chancellor, Sultan Qaboos University and Walid Hadi, Shell's Country Chair and SVP Oman. Malak Al Shaibani, General Manager – Corporate Relations & ICV, Oman Shell, said, "Our aim

is to power progress and adapts to the changing energy markets. It is vital that tomorrow's energy leaders are provided with the opportunities they need to gain knowledge and skills pertaining to newer and cleaner energy sources and solutions. The focus of the programme is on learning the latest technologies and applications related to these new

sources of energy, which is in line with Oman Vision 2040 and its energy diversification goals. "We thank the participants for their interest in the Nawafidh programme and their enthusiastic participation online amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic. Along with our partners, we look forward to welcoming the new batch to a new and even better version of the programme." Commenting on how Shell Nawafidh benefited them, one of the graduates said, "Nawafidh is the right platform to learn the latest on emerging energies and their application in Oman through live projects. Shell Nawafidh's leader forums and workshops were ideal for gaining exposure and helped me develop a strategic and creative way of thinking, both of which are essential to forging a successful career. What's more, I have developed valuable technical and soft skills, which I know will help me as I take the next step in my career."

SMART MOBILITY TECHNOLOGY

Hyundai IONIQ 5-based Robotaxi: A step into future



MUSCAT: The transformation in the future of mobility can only be achieved by the constant search for ways to quicken our vision of 'progress for humanity'. With leading the new wave of autonomous technologies, we aim to devote our attention to developing the future of robotics and continue on our long journey. Hyundai Motor Company's Robotics LAB has been devoted to the continuous research and development of robots based on Hyundai's vision of progress for humanity. After years of experience, our effort comes with surprises of what technology can provide for us. When we partnered with motional, the global leader in autonomous technologies and a devel-

oper of AVs, we aspired to expand the possibilities of combining our smart mobility solutions with motional's innovative technologies in autonomous driving and robotics. The merged effort has resulted in the birth of the IONIQ 5 robotaxi, as the model for a safe, reliable, and accessible mobility solution that can transform our expectations of the future of smart mobility technologies. We aim to achieve our next step in the concept of smart cities, by the mass production and commercialization of the IONIQ 5 robotaxi on a global scale. The fast growth in smart city infrastructure is opening new opportunities to reduce traffic and make a safer and greener driving experience, to

eventually improve the quality of life for everyone. As we observe the shift towards sustainable smart cities, we stand to commend the development that cities like Abu Dhabi and Dubai are taking on, as being ranked as the smartest cities in the MENA region according to the 'Smart City Index 2021'. We are looking to expand the impact by mass-producing our mobility solutions to accelerate the transition in the region. The expectations of what technologies are offering to us are changing fast and unpredictably. But what we wish for is that it is always for the benefit of humanity. Our plans in the area of autonomous technologies are not limited to automotive applications but

extend to reach further possibilities such as investing in logistics robots to enhance efficiency and establish logistics automation as well as service robots, which have broad usage potential beyond commercial use in areas such as public security and safety, and other sophisticated services such as caregiving for patients at hospitals. OTE Group is the exclusive dealer for Hyundai in Oman offering excellent sales and after-sales service support, underpinned by a nationwide service network, that's on par with global standards. The writer Hyoung Jung Im, is the Head of Hyundai Motor Company Middle East and Africa Headquarters.

PERFECT EID AL-ADHA GETAWAY



A Maldivian and Arabian-inspired Eid getaway with The Ozen Collection

MUSCAT: The perfect Eid Al-Adha getaway with your family and friends this summer is to immerse in a world of refined elegance at the tropical islands of Bolifushi and Maadhoo in the Maldives. Celebrate Eid Al-Adha in Maldivian and Arabian spirits with The Ozen Collection. Choose from two breathtaking resorts, Ozen Reserve Bolifushi and Ozen Life Maadhoo that will have you and your loved ones charmed by the scenic views and carefree stays. There is nothing better than enjoying a peaceful vacation yet celebrating the Eid spirit on the expansive white beaches and secluded Reserve and villas.

Ozen Life Maadhoo - The night of Arabia and life of Maldives At Maadhoo island, balmy days will be riched with a Maldives Inspired Life for a special Eid holiday. Glimpse local culture through traditional arts, dances, and performances such as Eid Color Run, and Eid Foari along with the local tale as old as time, Bodu Mas. Kids can enjoy locally inspired activities at the Kids Club like palm leaves origami, face painting and henna tattoo. After sunset, delight in The Night of Arabia theme with Tanoura Dance, Fire Dance and Live Arabic Music as you celebrate with your family and friends. The highlight is a grand Arabian Buffet set on the beach with

Maldivian local fresh catch and an array of other Maldivian and Arabic dishes at The Palms restaurant. End the celebrations by watching the perfect family-friendly movie night screening of Aladdin in "The After Dinner" with live stations to enjoy. **Ozen Reserve Bolifushi - A majestic Eid escape** At Ozen Reserve Bolifushi, the resort offers guests bespoke experiences and a timeless escape tailored to your needs in the most stunning tropical backdrop. The 4-day Eid celebrations will have special activities for you and your family to explore while creating everlasting memories. Settle in a gastronomic adventure with an Arabian Night Eid Gala Dinner in Vista del Mar, Eid lunch in Sangu Beach, a Maldivian "Hukuru Ufaa" inspired night, sundowner mocktails by the beach, and end your stay with an "Eid Dinner" in Sangu Beach offering modern Arabic cuisine featuring the finest recipes from Morocco, Tunisia, and Lebanon. To elevate your stay further, explore the most exclusive accommodation at the resort "Royal Reserve" with a main 'Sanctuary' and two guest villas offering you ultimate seclusion and privacy to enjoy with family and friends. The 3000m2 Reserve features three bedrooms and a private pool, with the option to convert it into a five-bedroom bungalow with two pools.



ROUND-UP



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Al Maha unveils free vehicle safety check

Under the campaign, Khareef visitors driving along the Nizwa – Salalah road will now have the opportunity to get a free 9-point vehicle safety check and report to ensure their vehicle is in proper state to undertake the trip safely



MUSCAT: Al Maha Petroleum Products Marketing Company, in association with Precision Tune Auto Care, has announced the launch of its 'Drive Safe' campaign. Under the campaign, Khareef

visitors driving along the Nizwa – Salalah road will now have the opportunity to get a free 9-point vehicle safety check and report to ensure their vehicle is in proper health to undertake the trip safely.

Speaking on the occasion, Hafidh Bait Hadid, Head of Sales Division said, "As a customer-centric company, we are indeed happy to present this free public safety service to motorists whose vehicles will cover a long distance to reach Salalah. All motorists are welcome to take advantage of our "Drive Safe" campaign and get their vehicles checked."

The Drive Safe checkpoints will be available at Al Maha stations in Ghaba and Haima beginning July 5. The service will progressively be extended to cover Al Maha stations at Bahjat Haima, Thumrait, and New Salalah during this Khareef season. Vehicle owners will be able to see a temporary facility set up specifically for this purpose as they drive into these stations. The 9-point safety check covers engine oil, transmission fluid, wiper fluid, brake fluid, coolant, battery, tyres, lights and wipers.

PROMOTION



Al Ahlia Insurance's Ramadan campaign concludes with 99 lucky winners

MUSCAT: Al Ahlia Insurance Company, one of Oman's oldest and leading general insurance providers, recently concluded its very successful Ramadan promotion campaign.

The campaign, which ran from March 27 to May 26, offered customers, who bought motor insurance from Al Ahlia during the promotion period, a chance to win weekly prizes such as an iPhone 13 or a refund on their premium of up to OMR 45.

The weekly draws were held with the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Trade and saw 10 winners each week winning their premium back, while one lucky winner was the recipient of an Apple iPhone 13. The campaign had 99 winners in all, who went home with exciting gifts and incentives this Ramadan.

Commenting on the promotion, Praveen Kumar, CEO, Al Ahlia Insurance Company, said, "I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all the winners of our Ramadan promotion, and I thank them for choosing Al Ahlia as their motor insurance provider. Our customers are the cornerstone of Al Ahlia's success and growth, and it gives us immense pleasure to offer value additions to create a satisfying and holistic customer experience. There is no better time than the festive period of

Ramadan, to say thank you to our valued customers."

Bader Sabah Al Lawati, Head of Digital and Marketing Communications, Al Ahlia Insurance Company also congratulated the winners and said, "It always gives us immense satisfaction when customer-driven campaigns receive positive responses. As a leading insurance service provider, we are committed to ensuring that our customers continue to receive a superior standard of care when they choose our products."

Established in 1985, Al Ahlia offers a wide range of retail & commercial insurance products and services through its omnichannel distribution of 17 own branches, 36 exclusive agents, a dedicated call centre, and a convenient online platform. Al Ahlia has been at the forefront of launching innovative propositions and is committed to investing in technology to provide customers with unmatched service support. Some unique propositions launched by Al Ahlia are 'Insurance on WhatsApp', 'Online SME Platform for Broker Partners', 'Automated Claims Intimation', 'Chatbot for Customer Service' etc. Al Ahlia's product range includes property, casualty, motor, construction, marine, speciality lines, SME solutions, travel, personal accident, and home products.

MURIYA'S FLAGSHIP DESTINATION

Soak up spectacular Khareef season at Hawana Salalah

MUSCAT: Hawana Salalah, Muriya's flagship destination, is celebrating the return of guests for Dhofar's spectacular Khareef season. With the onset of rain and cool temperatures, visitors can enjoy the governorate at its best, exploring waterfalls, misty mountains and gushing springs, all up from their base at Hawana Salalah.

With Freehold residences, 4- and 5-star hotels, an array of atmospheric restaurants, plus activities and events all season long, including extended hours at Hawana Aqua Park, there's no better place to soak up the celebratory atmosphere this time of year.

Karim Boushra, Area Destinations Director at Muriya, said, "After two years of restrictions on travel, the Khareef season is back in full swing. Activities ramp up over the next three months, when over 50,000 tourists from across Oman, the GCC and beyond are expected to visit. As the area's largest tourism destination, we present a welcoming proposition, boasting a variety



of experiential offerings and luxury stays. Whether coming for a family holiday or a getaway with friends, Hawana Salalah promises to make it a memorable experience."

As part of the Khareef season, Hawana Salalah will host the first edition of the Salalah Eat Festival from August 4-13. Salalah Eat will

feature the largest food festival in Oman and bring together over 80 food stalls and trucks from local food and beverage providers covering a wide range of Small & Medium Enterprises, as well as home businesses for 10 days of food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family.

Muriya, the developer of Hawana Salalah is a partnership between the leading government arm for tourism development in Oman, Oman Tourism Development Company (Omran), and the internationally acclaimed developer of fully-integrated towns, Orascom Development Holding (ODH).

NEW CAMPAIGN

Nespresso kicks off summer grounded in Brazilian vibes



MUSCAT: Nespresso's summer 2022 collection has arrived, making waves with a tropical Brazilian-inspired range and fronted by Alessandra Ambrosio as the campaign's muse.

Inspired by the delicious flavours of the tropics, lime and mint take centre stage resulting in the refreshing new Barista Creations Liminha over Ice and Exotic Liminha over ice flavoured coffees.

The sunlight lemon yellow and tropical leaf print that adorns Nespresso's latest summer designs also pays homage to Brazil's vibrant landscape, ready to unite coffee lovers globally through positivity and good vibes this season.

In addition to embodying positivity and good vibes, the campaign encourages coffee lovers to make time for wellness practices, for a more mindful summer outlook. Summer is the ideal moment to implement new routines, and whether that be a regular morning espresso alongside yoga practice, or an iced coffee whilst reflecting and journaling, coffee is the

grounding element that helps to sustain these rituals. To channel this mindful energy, Nespresso will put forward positive mantras throughout the summer season, with two of them – 'Brew, Breathe, Bloom' and 'Inhale, Exhale, Enjoy' to be featured on limited edition coffee mugs.

Commenting on her involvement with the Nespresso summer campaign, Alessandra Ambrosio said, "Summer is my favourite time of the year and as a Brazilian, I'm so proud to be the face of a campaign which is inspired by my home country. I love the concept of coffee marking important moments of reflection throughout the day. I'm so excited to be a part of such an uplifting campaign and to work with Nespresso to bring to life these delicious recipes, summery accessories, and quality coffee – and the Liminha over Ice is Brazilian summer in a cup!"

Refreshing summer drinks celebrating Brazil's vibrant flavours

This year's refreshing additions to the Nespresso Barista Creations

for Ice range are tropical lime and mint sensations that'll keep the heat at bay. The Liminha over Ice and Exotic Liminha over Ice is inspired by zesty Brazilian flavours and are accompanied by brand-new innovative recipes for an indulgent iced coffee moment to enjoy in the height of summer. The new coffees are available alongside the seasonal Barista Creations for Ice black coffees and the popular Barista Creations for Ice Coconut Flavour and Tropical Coconut Flavour who are making a comeback.

'Inhale, Exhale, Enjoy' with a selection of summer-inspired accessories. Launching this summer and signed by Alessandra Ambrosio are two Limited Edition Coffee Mugs complete with sleek, sunny designs. Each one of the mugs showcases one of Nespresso's summer mantras for both hot and cold coffees to be enjoyed in style.

Also available in Oman, the classic Nomad Travel Mug has been launched in a brand-new ocean blue colour, for summer fun on the go.





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