

OMAN CONDOLES TRAIN DERAILMENT IN EGYPT

MUSCAT: The Sultanate has expressed condolences and sympathy to Egypt, its government, people and families for the victims of the train derailment in Toukh city, said a statement of the Foreign Ministry yesterday. The Sultanate also wished the injured a speedy recovery. **-ONA**



HIS MAJESTY SENDS CONDOLENCES TO TURKMENISTAN PRESIDENT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow of the Republic of Turkmenistan on the death of his father. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to President Berdimuhamedow and his family. **-ONA**



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HEALTHCARE

Health minister reviews COVID situation in Dhofar



SALALAH: Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Sa'eedi, Minister of Health, said that His Majesty Sultan Haitham, gave directives to study the extent to which the situation in Dhofar Governorate calls for the setting up of a field hospital amid the rate of propagation of coronavirus there.

In a statement during his field visit to Sultan Qaboos Hospital on Monday, the minister said that His Majesty the Sultan is in close

follow-up of the pandemic's developments in all parts of the Sultanate. "After the specialised technical team studied the capacity of Sultan Qaboos Hospital here, it appears that there are enough beds to cover the number of COVID-19 patients, but the hospital now needs extra supply of equipment and more medical staff," said Dr. Ahmed.

The minister commended the role of medical staff there who, he

said, exerted tremendous efforts to keep the situation under control. He urged all health workers to stick to precautionary measures and instructions issued by the Health Ministry, adding that "the protection of the medical staff and their families is considered a matter of top priority."

The minister reaffirmed the disease can be controlled through a variety of means, the most important of which are vaccination,

wearing of face masks, keeping physical distance among individuals and avoiding gathering.

Vaccinations

"Many countries managed to control the disease in this way, much before vaccinations were introduced. Therefore, it is significant that all should comply before the situation deteriorates and lest our health system might be overwhelmed," he added. **>A6**

NEARLY 200,000 PEOPLE VACCINATED IN OMAN

Awareness programmes from government and media have helped create a positive attitude among people towards vaccination

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Nearly 200,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have been given to people across the country, according to figures released by the Ministry of Health.

198,563 people have so far been administered the vaccine. These include 37,185 healthcare workers. Muscat governorate accounts for about 30 per cent of people injected, at 58,643 vaccinations.

The lowest vaccination rate has

taken place in Al Wusta, where 1,295 people have been provided vaccines. The northern Musandam region has reported 13,987 inoculations.

Nearly 50,000 people in the Batinah regions (28,242 in the north, and 18,768 in the south) have also been vaccinated.

In the Sharqiyah governorates, vaccines have been administered to more than 22,000 people (10,126 in the north and 12,556 in the south).



In the southern Dhofar region, some 12,994 have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

In Al Dhahirah, vaccines have been distributed to 12,951 people, and in Al Dakhiliyah, vaccine jabs stand at 23,179. In Al Buraimi, inoculations were provided to 5,822 people.

Speaking to the *Times of Oman*, an official from the Ministry of Health encouraged people in the country to ask their elderly relatives to take the vaccine, so that they are protected from the virus, and can contribute to stop its spread.

Growing demand

"There is more demand for the vaccine now than in the past among people, especially among the elderly," he explained.

"This is because there were a lot of rumours being circulated about

the vaccines provided, particularly during the early stages of the national immunisation campaign. Intense awareness programmes, whether from the Ministry of Health, or other authorities, as well as media organisations, have helped change their attitude towards vaccination."

"We call on family members of the elderly and other target groups, to take COVID-19 vaccines. Please do not listen to misinformation and pay attention to what some might say on social media. Do take information only from the Ministry of Health, other official sources in the country, and other reputed international health organisations," he added.

A new helpline has also been launched in the capital to help people receive information on the services provided, and vaccines available, at the various inoculation

centres in Muscat. Those interested can call the helpline on 1144.

"The Directorate General of Health Services in Muscat is pleased to announce the activation of the information service for vaccine centres in the governorate," said a statement from the Ministry of Health. The centre is operational between 9 am and 2 pm on weekdays, during Ramadan.

The total number of coronavirus cases in the Sultanate now stands at 181,430, of which 161,670 have recovered, resulting in a recovery rate of 89 per cent. 1,890 people have unfortunately lost their lives to the disease.

818 patients have been admitted to hospital, 107 of them were admitted in the last 24 hours, as of April 19, 2021. 265 patients have been admitted to intensive care units.

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Avenues Mall on track to welcome IKEA

1 Oman Avenues Mall – is on track to welcome the Swedish furniture giant IKEA to the country as part of its continuing transformation journey. **>A3**

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2 UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has cancelled his upcoming India visit due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. **>A6**

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PDO INITIATIVE

Plants to clean up wastewater generated during oil extraction

Times News Service

MUSCAT: 40 million litres of wastewater that are brought up to the surface during the extraction of crude oil in Oman will be cleaned by plants in a new treatment facility being set up in the country.

The water will then be used to create areas where local flora and fauna can thrive. The project, which is being jointly run by Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) and Suez, will also help offset the pollution caused during oil extraction by reducing the carbon footprint of the entire process.

Under the design, build, own, operate, and maintain (DBO) agreement, Suez will construct the facility that can purify the equivalent of 14 Olympic-sized swimming pools, which come from the Rima oilfields, some 700 km south of the capital, Muscat.

"This 20-year contract is worth €120 million (OMR55 million) in total revenues," said Cyril Courjaret, CEO, Suez. "A series of basins will be built over a period of



two years, seeded with different species of algae," he added. "The produced water will circulate through these basins, where it will be purified through biodegradation by microalgae and bacteria. 40,000 cubic metres, or 40mn litres will be treated every day."

"The succession of varying wetland environments, with different flow speeds and depths of water, develop these different mechanisms for pollutant absorption and will naturally treat the produced water," he added. "Once cleaned, the produced water will be disposed into ponds measuring 300 hectares each, to naturally evaporate beneath the desert sun."

Suez will be the majority partner in this project, with a stake of 51 per cent, and its local Omani partners, Merit National Investments and Al Shawamikh Oil Services will each have a 24.5 per cent stake each. They will contribute towards constructing and operating the facility for 20 years. Depending on the quality of crude oil found in oil fields, a single barrel of oil yields between five and 10 barrels of oil that need treatment.

Now that financing has been secured, local contractors will be hired to construct the ponds and lagoons. This will require around 8,000 cubic metres of earthworks, which need 200 pieces of heavy equipment working simultaneously to finish the job in its targeted 14 months. "The main challenge we had to face was linked to implementing the team and setting up the special purpose company that will carry out this public-private partnership contract, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought with it many travel restrictions," said Courjaret. **>A3**



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OIL INDUSTRY

Oman Avenues Mall on track to welcome IKEA



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Avenues Mall – is on track to welcome the Swedish furniture giant IKEA to the country as part of its continuing transformation journey.

The Sultanate’s pre-eminent destination for shopping, dining and luxury experience is witnessing the construction of one of the largest IKEA stores in the Middle East as per plan which is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2022.

With the four-phase transformation plan afoot, Oman Avenues Mall, the most preferred lifestyle destination in the Sultanate is already offering an incredibly exhilarating ambience and opportunity for customers to ‘Celebrate Everyday’. Driving positive changes to host IKEA, new parking spaces are being created to help cope with additional footfalls.

While the basement parking is all set to open after a major re-vamp allowing for larger capacity parking, an additional parking in the basement is under development. In addition to the parking work progress, key handover milestones have been achieved as the slab for the ground floor is nearing completion.

Plans to augment the road network around the mall will make the shopping experience better.

The road connections and

development are being fulfilled under the wise leadership of Al Taher Group, the developers of Oman Avenues Mall.

Gogi George, General Manager, Development and & Leasing, Lulu Group International said, “We are pleased to welcome IKEA – the world’s largest home furnishing retailer – to Oman. We are excited to be partnering with an innovative brand like IKEA.

“The brand’s entry into Oman Avenues Mall’s tenancy list is in line with mall’s strategy of being responsive to changing consumer behaviours and preferences.

“Oman’s leading destination will grow even larger with the opening of IKEA and will welcome a host of new lifestyle experiences. We are delighted that the mall is transforming for the good and is set to become bigger and better.”

COVID-19 protocols

In line with the guidance of the Supreme Committee, the mall has developed a comprehensive and designated set of protocols to be implemented by shoppers, retailers, employees and all parties related to the mall operations. The mall has been equipped with facilities such as state-of-the-art thermal sensor cameras at multiple entry points, dedicated sanitising crew and automated sanitiser dispensers at various locations.

< FROM A1 Project represents alternative and sustainable methods

“We were not able to meet PDO’s teams face to face and we had to set up the contract remotely, which was not easy,” said Courjaret.

“We had to adapt ourselves to these new ways of working and interacting with clients through virtual meetings and these worked well, as we were able to successfully close this project with PDO,” he said.

“This project is important as it represents an alternative and sustainable method of treatment for oil and gas companies and answers to PDO’s commitment to ensuring that all its operations and activities are performed in an environmentally sustainable manner.

“It represents an ecologically sound process with the bonus of protecting local biodiversity,” added Courjaret. “This natural and environmentally friendly treatment system will avoid the disposal of hydrocarbon-polluted produced water into deep well aquifers.”

The system will also significantly reduce the oilfield’s carbon footprint with 180 tonnes of avoided carbon dioxide emissions equivalents per day, or 657,000 kilotonnes a year.

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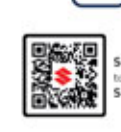
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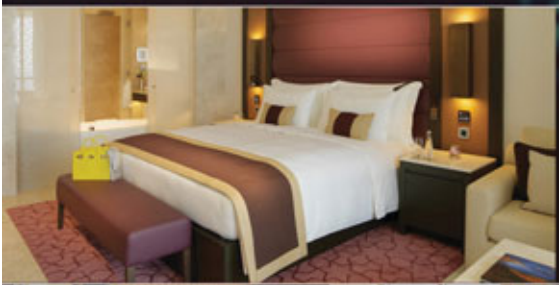
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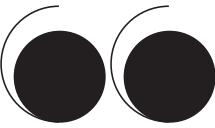


Ramadan

► **IFTAR TIMING**

6:35 pm

► **RAMADAN WORDS**



“Help one another in acts of piety and righteousness. And do not assist each other in acts of sinfulness and transgression. And be aware of Allah. Verily, Allah is severe in punishment”



► **HEALTH TIP**

Don't overeat during Iftar

Though you enjoy a large Iftar spread be mindful of the portions. After many hours of fasting if you eat more it would have an adverse effect on your health. Break you fast with dates, fruits, natural juice or water. Then have food which is a mix of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals.

► **RECIPE OF THE DAY**



Luqaimat

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp corn starch
- 1 tsp oil
- 1/2 tsp cardamom powder
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/2 teaspoon dry yeast
- Pinch of saffron
- Oil for frying
- 4 tbsp date syrup

PREPARATION

- Take all the ingredients except oil and date syrup and blend well.
- Keep the batter in a bowl and leave for an hour or so.
- Take oil in a deep frying pan and once the oil is really hot, add dumplings of the batter with a spoon in the oil.
- When the dumplings are light brown drain the oil.
- Pour the date syrup on top.

► **GOOD DEED**

YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO HELP SOMEONE

'Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and spend (in charity) out of the (substance) whereof He has made you heirs. For, those of you who believe and spend (in charity), for them is a great Reward.'

The Holy Month of Ramadan is the time when we should help people in whatever way possible especially now during the pandemic. Afterall it is rightly said: "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." Apart from the health crisis, there are many people who may be facing financial difficulties now. If you are blessed with more, do share it with others. Support local businesses by buying their products and services. Remember to pay zakat. As you are spending more time at home these days, help your spouse in doing the household chores more than before.





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MEETING WITH MINISTER

Majlis to discuss food and water security in April 25 meeting

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Majlis Al Shura will host on Sunday, April 25, Dr. Saud bin Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, to discuss the 10 pillars related to food and water security and review investment in farm field, said Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Nadabi, Secretary General of Majlis Al Shura.

He said that the first pillar would be related to food and water security and the contribution of both the agricultural and fisheries sectors in the economic diversification programme, the investment plan to achieve food and water security, the efforts of the ministry in terms of research and its role in food safety.

The second pillar would discuss the safety and quality of agricultural, animal and fisheries products and water resources, he said, adding, the third pillar would focus on the key development projects in the agricultural, fisheries and water resources sectors in the five-year plan.

The fourth pillar would tackle the evaluation of the agricultural sector and the role of the ministry in encouragement of companies involved in import of insecticides and fertilizers to import green chemicals that do not affect the soil.

The last four pillars of the statement of the ministry would discuss aspects related to water resources in the Sultanate, the ministry's plan for preservation and sustainability of water resources, development of Aflaj,



Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Nadabi, Secretary General of Majlis Al Shura.

dams and wells; and water research and studies among other issues, he added.

He said that during its 10th and 11th regular sessions, Majlis Al Shura would discuss a proposal for amendment of the Pastures and Animal Resources Management Law, promulgated by Royal Decree No. 8/2003, a proposal for the draft law for amendment of some provisions of the Advocacy Law and a proposal for initiation of an article in the Traffic Law concerned with the eligibility of the owner of the vehicle for final cancellation of the vehicle or to temporarily suspend the vehicle

driving licence.

The sessions would also discuss a request for discussion of initiation of a law system to regulate the cooperative associations; a request for discussion of delay in distribution of lands; a request to discuss the strategic road projects; a request for discussing COVID 19 vaccines and a request for discussing the distribution of residential lands in Muscat Governorate, he added.

He also pointed to that Majlis would convene three consecutive regular sessions which are the ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions.

CLOSE COORDINATION

Mauritania ambassador hails Oman's support to his country

MUSCAT: Mohammed Vall, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the Sultanate, has hailed the support extended to his country by Oman under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik.

In a statement to ONA, the ambassador commended the two countries' political cooperation that, he said, stems from harmony and continuous coordination on different issues.

He explained that the last example of this coordination was the visit to Oman by Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Mauritians Abroad, Envoy of the President of Mauritania, who conveyed a message from the President to His Majesty the Sultan.

The ambassador described Oman Vision 2040 as a leading experience in the Arab world and that the vision will shuttle the Sultanate into the orbit of advanced nations



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with high rankings in economic development indicators. He hoped that Mauritania would benefit from the Sultanate's experience in this field.

The ambassador pointed out that economic cooperation between the two countries will scale new heights and meet the aspirations of their peoples, adding that

the two countries possess political will to do so.

The ambassador invited Omani investors to engage in business in Mauritania, noting that his country boasts a wealth of marine resources (2 million tons per annum), in addition to business opportunities in the fields of agriculture and tourism. -ONA

Invitation to Tender



Dhofar Power Company S.A.O.C (DPC) invites reputable contractors for carrying out below said tender in Dhofar Region.

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Subject	UNE - LOT 03D - 2021
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Experience	The tenderers shall be registered electrical contractor with Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) Oman (Minimum C-Grade for 11 kV jobs and D-Grade for LV jobs) and should have performed similar UNE jobs in Sultanate of Oman
Pre-qualification	Bids to be attached along with valid "DCRP Registration Certificate" and valid "CEP Passport by DPC" Shall only consider for evaluation, Further, Tenderers will be evaluated as per the pre-qualification criterion specified in the Tender documents.
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NOTES:

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SURGING CASES

Delhi under lockdown for a week over COVID, says CM

NEW DELHI: To tackle the surge in COVID-19 cases, a six-day complete 'corona lockdown' has been imposed in the national capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday.

The lockdown will be in place from 10 pm today till 5 am on April 26, the Chief Minister added. The restrictions have been announced after a meeting between Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and



Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal today. According to sources, all private offices will work from home and only government offices and essential services will be open.

The Delhi government had last week announced a weekend curfew in the national capital from 10 pm on April 16 till 6 am on April 19, and the closure of malls, gymnasiums and auditoriums till April 30. **ANI**

Mars Ingenuity helicopter makes historic test flight

Ingenuity executed a pre-programmed flight using an autopilot mechanism and a navigation system



WASHINGTON: The United States space agency, NASA, on Monday successfully tested a small helicopter on Mars, with flight data traveling across the "deep space network" and arriving at mission control several hours after the test was completed.

Ingenuity executed a pre-programmed flight using an autopilot mechanism and a navigation system. The flight maneuver needed to be pre-programmed, as it takes 15 minutes for signals to travel from Earth to Mars.

The 1.8-kilogram (4-pound) craft was able to lift off, hover in place above the surface, and then land gently. The test was carried out in a vast Martian basin called Jezero Crater.

In a live broadcast of the data arriving, NASA scientists applauded as images arrived showing Ingenuity hovering above the Martian surface.

Images of the flight were captured by the Perseverance rover, which was parked some 76 meters from the flight zone.

Cameras on the Ingenuity also took several photos of the Martian surface. All of the flight data was transmitted back to Earth by Perseverance.

NASA hopes more images and a more complete video of the flight will arrive to Earth over the course of several days.

What is Ingenuity's mission?

Ingenuity traveled to the red planet strapped to the Perseverance rover, which touched down on February 18 to begin a mission searching for signs of life on Mars.

For now, the goal of the Ingenuity is to demonstrate that its flight technology works, which could pave the way for faster exploration of extraterrestrial surfaces.

The thin air on Mars, which has less than 1% of Earth's atmospheric pressure, also makes it harder to achieve lift, although this is partially offset by a weaker gravitational pull.

NASA engineers had also been particularly concerned about wind gusts during the landing, as the helicopter cannot prop itself up if a gust of wind, or a botched maneuver, knocks it over.

What next for Ingenuity?

After the first successful flight, Ingenuity will carry out several lengthier flights in the coming weeks, with breaks to recharge batteries.

The next flight should take place within four days. Each test is set to be successively more difficult.

For example, NASA eventually aims to have the craft rise 5 meters and then move laterally.

Ingenuity's "lifetime will be determined by how well it lands" each time, said Ingenuity project manager MiMi Aung.

"Once we get to the fourth and fifth flight, we'll have fun," she said. "We are going to take very bold flights and take high risk."

NASA had compared Monday's test flight to the first powered flight of an airplane, achieved in 1903 by the Wright brothers in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The Ingenuity is carrying a small piece of fabric from the Kitty Hawk plane, in honor of the first flight on Earth.

"Each world gets only one first flight," said Aung ahead of the first attempt. **AP**

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COVID-19

Johnson cancels India's visit

NEW DELHI: United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson has cancelled his upcoming India visit due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic.

The information about his cancellation of the India trip was shared by the Ministry of External Affairs through an of-

ficial statement. "In view of the prevailing Covid situation, it has been decided by mutual agreement that the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom will not visit India next week. The two sides will be holding a virtual meeting to launch plans for a transformed India-UK relationship. **ANI**

Dhofar

< FROM A1 New hospital

Asked about developments towards the setting up of a new hospital in Dhofar, the minister said that steps are under way to expedite the project, despite a delay in finalising designs due to coronavirus pandemic's impact on many companies undertaking the project.

The minister pointed out that there are enough ventilation apparatuses and that there is no shortage in such equipment in Dhofar governorate or any other governorate. He also reaffirmed that test solutions are in abundant quantities and that a single solution is distributed to all governorates, but priority is given to Dhofar governorate due to geographical distance.

Dr. Ahmed said that more than 3,170 doses of vaccines are available in Dhofar. He called for quick action to distribute the vaccine to the target segments, including health staff and target

age-groups. Vaccines are in abundance, but, unfortunately, there are being shunned by those who need them most due to rumours spread via social networks, said Dr. Ahmed, who explained that the turnout to vaccination centres is the least among other governorates.

Meanwhile, Sayyid Mohammed Sultan Al Busaidi, Minister of State and Governor of Dhofar, said that great efforts are being exerted by the medical staff to deal with coronavirus pandemic despite a spate in infections and deaths.

The Governor urged all to cooperate to keep the situation under control. He pointed out that non-compliance, social gatherings and failure to wear face masks are the most common and most serious causes of spread of Covid-19 disease. He deplored an observed non-wearing of face masks among youth. **-ONA**



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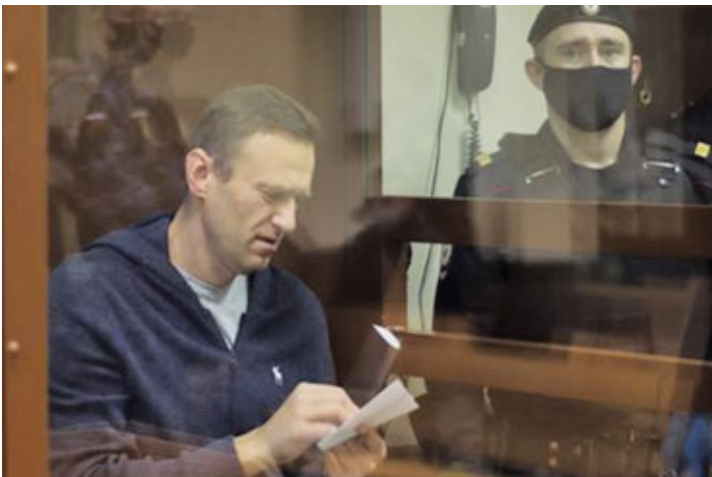
Russian prison service transfers Alexei Navalny to hospital

MOSCOW: The Russian state penitentiary service (FSIN) on Monday said it had decided to move opposition leader Alexei Navalny, currently in the third week of a hunger strike, to a hospital for prisoners.

The statement said Navalny's condition was considered "satisfactory" and that he had agreed to some nutritional treatment.

"The patient has given his consent that vitamins be prescribed to him," the statement read. Navalny was held at a prison colony known for its harsh discipline in the town of Pokrov some 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) from Moscow.

The FSIN said he was being moved to a hospital for convicts at



SATISFACTORY CONDITION: Alexei Navalny is currently in the third week of a hunger strike.

another penal colony in the city of Vladimir that was specialized in "dynamic observation of such patients."

What is wrong with Navalny?

The Kremlin critic's own doctors has previously warned that Navalny could die "any minute."

The medics say test results received from his family show sharply elevated levels of potassium — warning that this could lead to cardiac arrest. The 44-year-old is also a risk of kidney failure, they say.

He was said to be suffering from a heavy cough, with several inmates in his unit recently diagnosed as having tuberculosis. A magnetic resonance imaging

(MRI) scan also reportedly shows that Navalny has two herniated discs in his back.

Navalny began refusing food on March 31, in protest at what he claimed was a lack of proper medical treatment for his leg and back pain. The dissident's team said that he had lost weight even before the hunger strike due to sleep deprivation. Navalny only barely survived a poisoning attack with the Novichok nerve agent last August. His doctors say his hunger strike may have further worsened his condition.

What is the EU saying?

EU foreign ministers were set to meet virtually on Monday as Brus-

sels urged Russia to grant Navalny "immediate access to medical professionals he trusts."

Josep Borrell, European Union foreign policy chief, said on Monday that the bloc would hold Russia "responsible" for Navalny's health.

"We make the Russian authorities responsible for the health situation of Mr. Navalny," Borrell said ahead of a virtual meeting by EU foreign ministers, which he said would also discuss the "very dangerous" situation around a Russian troop buildup at on the border with Ukraine.

Borrell had on Sunday said the bloc was "deeply concerned" that Navalny's health "continues to deteriorate even further." **mw**

TRAVEL BUBBLE

Australia and New Zealand return to quarantine-free travel



AUCKLAND: Australian passengers headed to New Zealand on Monday without the need to quarantine for the first time in over a year, agencies reported.

The "trans-Tasman travel bubble" allows Australians and New Zealanders to visit each others' country without any restrictions. The two nations' governments imposed heavy restrictions on entry into their respective country in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"It is truly exciting to start quarantine-free travel with Australia. Be it returning family, friends or holidaymakers, New Zealand says welcome and enjoy yourself," New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said.

out quarantine since October, Monday was the first time that people could travel, or return, to New Zealand without going into a two-week controlled isolation.

The first flight under the new arrangement took off on Monday morning from Sydney, heading for Auckland.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison called the travel bubble a "win-win" for both countries, allowing them to boost their economies. Ardern and Morrison described it as a "world-leading arrangement" in a joint statement.

The duo are looking to include further countries in the Pacific in the quarantine-free travel bubble, once they are considered safe.

proved popular with hundreds of people gathering in Australian airports in preparation for their newly unrestricted flights to New Zealand, local television showed.

"It is the first time in 400 days that people can travel quarantine-free and we are adding 16 return flights a day to New Zealand, and they are full," Qantas Chief Executive Alan Joyce told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

New Zealand had held off longer from offering unrestricted entry to people flying from Australia due to sporadic outbreaks. New Zealand has recorded fewer than 3,000 cases since the pandemic began.

The two prime ministers warned travelers that changes to the arrangement could be made at short notice in case of new COVID-19 outbreaks and the program would be under "constant review." **mw**

Plans to expand

Although people arriving from New Zealand have been able to travel to parts of Australia with-

Travelers welcome Pacific bubble

The new possibilities for travel

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT

Civil servants face junta pressure to return to work in Myanmar

NAYPYITAW: As a civil disobedience movement (CDM) grows in popularity in Myanmar, the military has started ramping up pressure on government employees to return to work, while businesses struggle under the weight of missing employees and internet blackouts.

Civil servants started refusing to carry out their duties, just days after the February 1 coup, when the military seized power. The movement has been expanding since then, with widespread support from both inside and outside of the country, and a 2022 Nobel Peace Prize nomination.

However, the junta has been pushing government workers participating in the movement to go back to work, using forceful tactics. In one case, government hospitals in cities began issuing letters to medical workers to come back to work. In another instance, a CDM-affiliated railway worker was forced to leave his government apartment.

Doctors pressured to return to hospitals

One doctor working at a government hospital said the junta is afraid of the CDM's power.

"The CDM is one of the most

important things to stop the government mechanism," a 25-year-old assistant surgeon (name omitted), told DW. "That's why they try to push CDM participants back to work in various ways, like forcing railway staff to leave their government apartment if they don't come back to work."

A military spokesperson last week accused CDM-affiliated medical workers of being responsible for the deaths of people in hospitals, who could not receive proper treatment.

The surgeon, who is working at Myanmar's largest hospital — the Yangon General Hospital — disagrees with that accusation. "They want to open public hospitals again as soon as possible, and mislead people into thinking that the country is stable, and that they can get back to their normal lives. That's why they are still pushing healthcare workers to return to their jobs, by accusing them of committing genocides in the newspaper."

On Tuesday, the junta issued arrest warrants against 20 doctors who had joined the CDM against the military dictatorship, charging them with defamation. **mw**



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Tottenham Hotspur sack club manager Jose Mourinho

Ryan Mason will now be taking the charge of the first-team training

LONDON: English club Tottenham Hotspur on Monday confirmed the sacking of its manager Jose Mourinho.

"The club can today announce that Jose Mourinho and his coaching staff Joao Sacramento, Nuno Santos, Carlos Lalin, and Giovanni Cerra have been relieved of their duties," said Tottenham in an official statement.

Ryan Mason will now be taking the charge of the first-team training scheduled for later on Monday and a further update will be pro-



vided later.

Spurs chairman, Daniel Levy, said: "Jose and his coaching staff have been with us through some of our most challenging times as a Club. Jose is a true profes-

sional who showed enormous resilience during the pandemic. On a personal level, I have enjoyed working with him and regret that things have not worked out as we both had envisaged. He

will always be welcome here and we should like to thank him and his coaching staff for their contribution."

Mourinho had been in charge at Tottenham since November 2019. He had replaced Mauricio Pochettino and his deal was to end at the beginning of the 2023 season.

In his first campaign, Mourinho had taken Tottenham from 14th in the Premier League to the sixth spot. Under his tenure, Spurs also gained Europa League qualification.

European Super League

The sacking of Mourinho comes just one day after the announcement of the European Super League. Lately, Tottenham has also not seen positive results and the side is currently placed in seventh place with 50 points from 32 games.

The side will next take on Southampton on Wednesday in the Premier League. **ANI**

Federer confirms his participation for this year's French Open

NEW DELHI: Swiss tennis maestro Roger Federer has confirmed that he would be participating in this year's French Open.

Taking to Twitter, Federer wrote: "Hi everyone! Happy to let you know that I will play Geneva and Paris. Until then I will use the time to train. Can't wait to play in Switzerland again." Earlier this month, the French Open organisers had informed that in agreement with the French public authorities and the governing bodies of international tennis, the French Tennis Federation made the responsible decision to postpone the 2021 Roland-Garros tournament by one week, which will now be held from May 24 to June 13.

In his latest speech on March 31, the French President announced that a schedule to progressively get cultural and sporting events back up and running would be set up from mid-May onwards, subject to the improvement of the health situation.

"Using this as their starting point, the FFT worked in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the relevant government services



on potential scenarios for organising Roland-Garros, while taking the international sporting calendar into account," read a statement from organisers.

In March, Federer had made his return to the tennis court, and he lost to Nikoloz Basilashvili in the quarter-finals of the Qatar Open which ended his comeback campaign after undergoing two right knee surgeries last year. **ANI**

EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE

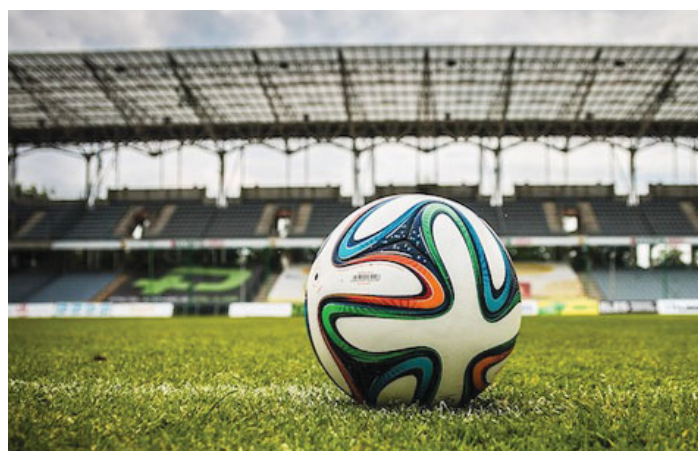
Premier League's top six among 12 clubs confirm formation of European Super League

LONDON: A group of 12 European clubs on Monday confirmed their plans to launch a new European Super League.

Among these 12, six belong to Premier League and they are -- Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea.

This European Super League has been met with severe backlash ever since reports started doing rounds in the media, despite this fact, the 12 clubs have now confirmed the formation and format for the new competition.

In a joint statement released by the 12 clubs, it was said: "Twelve of Europe's leading football clubs have today come together to announce they have agreed to establish a new mid-week competition, the Super League, governed by its founding clubs. AC Milan, Arsenal, Atletico Madrid, Chelsea, Barcelona, Inter Milan, Juventus, Liverpool, Man City, Man Utd, Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur have all joined as founding clubs. It is anticipated that a



further three clubs will join ahead of the inaugural season, which is intended to commence as soon as practicable."

"Going forward, the founding clubs look forward to holding discussions with UEFA and FIFA to work together in partnership to deliver the best outcomes for the new League and for football as a whole. The formation of the Super League comes at a time when the

global pandemic has accelerated the instability in the existing European football economic model. Further, for a number of years, the founding clubs have had the objective of improving the quality and intensity of existing European competitions throughout each season, and of creating a format for top clubs and players to compete on a regular basis."

In a statement, all these 12

clubs also confirmed the format for this new league.

"20 participating clubs with 15 founding clubs and a qualifying mechanism for a further five teams to qualify annually based on achievements in the prior season. Midweek fixtures with all participating clubs continuing to compete in their respective national leagues, preserving the traditional domestic match calendar which remains at the heart of the club game," the 12 clubs said in an official statement.

"An August start with clubs participating in two groups of ten, playing home and away fixtures, with the top three in each group automatically qualifying for the quarter-finals. Teams finishing fourth and fifth will then compete in a two-legged play-off for the remaining quarter-final positions. A two-leg knockout format will be used to reach the final at the end of May, which will be staged as a single fixture at a neutral venue," it added.

Earlier, UEFA had said that any player and club who participates

in the proposed Super League will be banned from UEFA and FIFA football tournaments.

"UEFA, the English Football Association and the Premier League, the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and La Liga, and the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) and Lega Serie A have learned that a few English, Spanish and Italian clubs may be planning to announce their creation of a closed, so-called Super League," UEFA said in a statement on Sunday.

"We will consider all measures available to us, at all levels, both judicial and sporting in order to prevent this happening. Football is based on open competitions and sporting merit; it cannot be any other way. As previously announced by FIFA and the six confederations, the clubs concerned will be banned from playing in any other competition at domestic, European or world level, and their players could be denied the opportunity to represent their national teams," it added. **ANI**

Super League is a selfish proposal, says La Liga

MADRID: La Liga condemned the recently published proposal for a breakaway, elitist European competition, saying that it "attacks the principles of open competition and sporting merit" which are at the heart of the domestic and European football pyramid.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has declined, with prices for delivery by June 2021 reaching \$64.97, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 29 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$65.26. - OMA

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BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 3,666.95 points, down 0.45 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.41 per cent at 523.90 points. Oman Cables Industry, up 9.26 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman National Engineering, down 5.62 per cent, was the top loser.

Pact signed to operate Duqm bunker terminal

The pact is part of an effort of Oman Tank Terminal Company and Oman Oil Marketing Company to offer a cost-effective proposition to their customers for the storage of liquid products and marine fuel delivery at the port

Times News Service

MUSCAT: OQ owned Oman Tank Terminal Company (OTTTCO) and Oman Oil Marketing Company (OOMCO) signed an agreement regarding the operations and maintenance for OOMCO's bunker terminal facility in the port of Duqm.

The agreement was signed on Sunday at OQ's head office in Muscat by Ard Van Hoof, CEO, OTTTCO and Hussain Jama Bait Ishaq, Acting CEO, OOMCO.

The agreement represents the strong effort of the two companies to offer a cost-effective proposition to their customers both for

the storage of liquid products and marine fuel delivery in the port, as well as the contribution to the competitiveness of Duqm as a regional port.

OOMCO, in which OQ has a 49 per cent shareholding, is currently pre-commissioning a greenfield bunker terminal at the Port of Duqm. This full-fledged terminal will consist of 30,000 m3 storage capacity and is capable of storing and handling both heavy fuel oils as well as lighter distillate products such as marine gas oil. Through the agreement, OTTTCO will provide operation and maintenance storage and marine services,



COLLABORATION: The agreement was signed at OQ's head office in Muscat by Ard Van Hoof, CEO, OTTTCO and Hussain Jama Bait Ishaq, Acting CEO, OOMCO. - Supplied picture

making this development a next step in strengthening OTTTCO's strategy of owning and operating a widespread independent terminal network across Oman.

Ard Van Hoof, CEO OTTTCO, highlighted, "We are delighted to formalise this collaboration with OOMCO. Due to OTTTCO's presence in the Port of Duqm, we are able, through the optimisation of operational resources and capabilities, to offer a cost-effective stor-

age proposition to its customers in combination with a high level of quality of services."

Hussain Jama Bait Ishaq, OOMCO Acting CEO said, "Supporting OTTTCO's presence at the Port of Duqm falls in line with our long-term strategy to transform Oman's fuel industry. The Port of Duqm has become a preferred trade and shipping destination, which has helped us in providing our services to broaden our global footprint."

Shanghai auto exhibition 2021 kicks off

SHANGHAI: The 19th International Automobile Industry Exhibition (Auto Shanghai 2021) kicked off at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai) on Monday.

Slated for April 19 to 28, Auto Shanghai 2021 is the first of the world's biggest auto shows to run

normally amid the coronavirus pandemic this year.

Total exhibition area

According to the organiser, 1,000 enterprises from all over the world have registered to participate in the auto show, which boasts a total exhibition area of 360,000 square

metres with 12 indoor exhibition halls.

On the agenda, April 19 and 20 are designated as media days, while April 21 to 23 are reserved for professionals in the industry. Members of the public will have access to the show from April 24 to 28. - Xinhua



OIL PRICE



CRUDE: Brent crude was down 23 cents, or 0.3 per cent, at \$66.54 a barrel by 0426 GMT, after rising 6 per cent last week. - BNA

Oil prices drop as rising COVID-19 infections stoke demand concerns

TOKYO: Oil prices were lower on Monday as rising coronavirus infections in India and other countries prompted concerns that stronger measures to contain the pandemic will hit economic activity, along with demand for commodities such as crude.

Brent crude was down 23 cents, or 0.3 per cent, at \$66.54 a barrel by 0426 GMT, after rising 6 per cent last week. US oil was down 27 cents, or 0.2 per cent, at \$62.96 a barrel, having gained 6.4 per cent last week, Reuters reported.

"The progress of vaccination drives in the developed markets can be seen in road traffic levels, but resurging case numbers have reversed the recovery in the emerging countries," such as India and Brazil, said ANZ Research in a report on Monday.

India reported a record rise in coronavirus infections of 273,810 on Monday, increasing overall cases to just over 15 million, making the country the second-worst affected after the United States, which has reported more than 31 million infections. India's deaths from COVID-19 rose by a record 1,619 to nearly 180,000.

Hong Kong will suspend flights from India, Pakistan and the Philippines from April 20 due to imported coronavirus infections, authorities said in a statement late on Sunday.

Japanese companies believe the world's third-largest economy will experience the fourth round of coronavirus infections, with many bracing for a further blow to business, a Reuters monthly poll showed.

Japan has had far fewer COVID-19 cases than many other major economies, but concerns about a new wave of infections are rising fast, according to their responses in the poll.

A slower rollout of vaccinations compared with other Group of Seven advanced countries and the lack of a sense of crisis among the public will trigger a new wave of infections, some companies wrote in the poll.

In the United States, energy companies added oil and natural gas rigs for a fifth consecutive week for the first time since February as higher oil prices this year encouraged drillers to return to the wellpad. - BNA



Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Tender

Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry announces its desire to re-offer the following tender: -

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- The bid should be accompanied with a temporary insurance in the form of a bank guarantee or a certified check of (1%) of the bid value certified from one of the banks operating in the Sultanate, valid for a period of (90) days from the last date of the submission the bid / offer and addressed to the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Note that any bid\ offer that do not meet the
 - required temporary insurance will not be considered.
- The commercial registry, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry affiliation certificate, the tender board certificate, the tax certificate, the municipal license must be attached, and all required documents must be valid.
- The company must be licensed to engage in tender business from government agencies.
- The bids / offers should be dropped in the Tender Box at the Chamber building in Ruwi, on the second floor of the Department of Administrative Affairs, before 12 noon on Thursday May 20th, 2021.
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43 traded stocks, 13 advanced, 12 declined and 18 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR233,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR206,000 followed by Omani investors for OMR27,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 5,666.60 points, down by 0.16 per cent. Al Anwar Investment, National Life Insurance, National Bank Oman and HSBC Bank Oman were up 4.88 per cent, 2.63 per cent, 1.99 per cent and 0.99 per cent respectively. Ahli Bank, Muscat Finance and Al Sharqia Investment were down 5.56 per cent, 2.33 per cent and 1.23 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 4,961.52 points, up 1.08 per cent. Oman Cables Industry, National Aluminum Product, Jazeera Steel Product, Voltamp Energy and Al Maha Ceramic were up 9.26 per cent, 8.00 per cent, 3.77 per cent, 2.26 per cent and 1.50 per cent respectively. Galfar Engineering, Oman Flour Mills, Raysut Cement and Gulf International Chemicals were down 3.92 per cent, 3.41 per cent, 1.12 per cent and 0.96 per cent respectively. Services index was down by 0.39 per cent before closing at 1,546.00 points. — United Securities

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Volume		Turnover		Trades		Market Cap		Up		Down		Equal		Sec. Traded		
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SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, APRIL 19																
ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	P/A VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000000172	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	3,980,904	342,971	164	0.085	0.089	0.084	0.086	0.082	0.004	4.878	0.086	0.086	0.087	0.100	17,200,000
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	2,904,591	799,746	221	0.265	0.285	0.265	0.275	0.265	0.010	3.774	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.100	34,346,939
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	94,761	25,708	16	0.267	0.279	0.265	0.271	0.267	0.004	1.498	0.276	0.263	0.276	0.100	14,950,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN	1,750,270	151,200	83	0.085	0.088	0.084	0.086	0.085	0.001	1.176	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.100	20,382,000
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	91,052	27,498	19	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.000	0.000	0.302	0.302	0.302	0.100	243,947,243
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	5,000	375	3	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.072	0.075	0.100	21,895,183
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	105,185	40,922	15	0.390	0.390	0.386	0.390	0.390	0.000	0.000	0.388	0.388	0.394	0.100	1,394,045,169
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	78,000	29,640	8	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.100	49,635,800
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	227,000	20,323	8	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.089	0.090	0.100	218,105,606
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	188,710	139,649	19	0.772	0.772	0.736	0.740	0.748	-0.008	-1.070	0.740	0.740	0.752	0.100	555,000,000
OM0000004148	RAYSUT CEMENT	97,893	26,059	18	0.268	0.269	0.265	0.266	0.269	-0.003	-1.115	0.266	0.266	0.266	0.100	53,200,000
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	440,519	35,242	12	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.081	-0.001	-1.235	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.100	7,200,000
OM0000003968	COOREDOO	199,226	63,238	28	0.376	0.380	0.370	0.374	0.382	-0.008	-2.094	0.380	0.374	0.380	0.100	243,453,142
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	395,613	16,871	12	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.042	0.043	-0.001	-2.326	0.042	0.041	0.044	0.100	12,900,146
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	131,003	17,706	19	0.139	0.139	0.131	0.135	0.140	-0.005	-3.571	0.137	0.130	0.137	0.100	11,475,000
Total	15	10,659,727	17,36,947	645												
Parallel Market																
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	532,500	392,168	37	0.676	0.712	0.676	0.708	0.648	0.060	9.259	0.712	0.712	0.712	0.100	63,507,600
OM0000001319	ALUMINUM PROD.	730,273	79,153	56	0.101	0.110	0.101	0.108	0.100	0.008	8.000	0.110	0.110	0.109	0.100	3,625,717
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	20,000	1,000	2	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.047	0.003	6.383	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.100	11,050,500
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS	15,000	5,850	2	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.380	0.100	2.632	0.390	0.380	0.400	0.100	103,350,500
OM0000004735	SEMBOCP SALALAH	6,000	480	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.078	0.002	2.564	0.080	0.078	0.082	0.100	76,365,756
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	929,000	126,325	28	0.139	0.140	0.139	0.136	0.133	0.003	2.256	0.140	0.139	0.140	0.100	11,070,774
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	283,472	13,325	18	0.047	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.001	2.174	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	68,742,269
OM0000004583	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,106,800	170,659	24	0.155	0.156	0.150	0.154	0.151	0.003	1.987	0.150	0.150	0.152	0.100	250,395,739
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	249,280	25,348	12	0.100	0.102	0.100	0.102	0.101	0.001	0.990	0.101	0.100	0.101	0.100	204,031,905
OM0000001598	DHOOF INT.	20,000	5,340	1	0.267	0.267	0.267	0.267	0.267	0.000	0.000	0.267	0.267	0.267	0.100	69,078,240
OM0000002036	Muscat Thread MILL	2,243	161	2	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.072	0.096	0.100	1,257,168
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	117,000	38,395	9	0.332	0.332	0.326	0.328	0.328	0.000	0.000	0.328	0.326	0.328	0.100	97,158,088
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MRK	1,000	804	1	0.804	0.804	0.804	0.804	0.804	0.000	0.000	0.804	0.800	0.880	0.100	76,380,000
OM0000002333	SALALAH PORT SR	165	97	1	0.590	0.590	0.590	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.590	0.600	0.590	0.100	107,902,440
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	108	9	1	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.074	0.081	0.100	18,760,030
OM0000004348	SMN POWER HOLDING	5,000	350	2	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.065	0.070	0.100	13,974,482
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	1,844,560	173,704	18	0.095	0.095	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.100	141,000,000
OM0000004669	SHARQIAH DESALIN.	5,000	600	1	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.121	0.121	0.000	0.000	0.120	0.119	0.124	0.100	11,834,081
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	101,600	8,809	15	0.087	0.087	0.086	0.087	0.087	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.086	0.087	0.100	15,223,000
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	19,750	1,481	2	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.073	0.075	0.100	7,500,000
OM0000002028	GULF INT. CHEM.	5,607	578	3	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.104	-0.001	-0.962	0.103	0.103	0.107	0.100	2,163,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	142,158	7,961	9	0.058	0.058	0.056	0.056	0.057	-0.001	-1.754	0.056	0.056	0.056	0.100	40,008,755
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	6,000	4,080	2	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.704	-0.024	-3.409	0.680	0.680	0.692	0.100	107,100,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	2,016,070	90,038	68	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.051	-0.002	-3.922	0.049	0.048	0.050	0.100	14,300,051
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	117,506	11,989	4	0.103	0.103	0.102	0.102	0.108	-0.006	-5.556	0.102	0.102	0.108	0.100	198,865,062
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	34,700	2,920	4	0.089	0.089	0.084	0.084	0.089	-0.005	-5.618	0.084	0.081	0.089	0.100	10,920,000
Total	26	8,330,792	1,170,825	323												

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Bitcoin crashes nearly 12% after days of booming prices

MOSCOW: Bitcoin nosedived by almost 12 per cent in the past 24 hours to trade at around \$54,916 early on Sunday, the lowest intraday level in months. The drop coincided with reports that the US Treasury was about to crack down on finan-

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GARTNER RESULTS

Worldwide PC shipments grew 32% in first quarter of 2021

DUBAI: Worldwide PC shipments totalled 69.9 million units in the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 32 per cent from the first quarter of 2020, according to preliminary results by Gartner, Inc. The market rebounded from a weak first quarter of 2020 to record the fastest year-over-year growth since Gartner began tracking the PC market in 2000.

"This growth should be viewed in the context of two unique factors: comparisons against a pandemic-constrained market and the current global semiconductor shortage," said Mikako Kitagawa, research director at Gartner. "Without the shipment chaos in early 2020, this quarter's growth may have been lower. However, semiconductor shortages are now adversely affecting the supply chain once again, with shipment lead times for some PCs extending to as long as four months. While this may lead to lower shipment

numbers, it is still reasonable to conclude that PC demand could remain strong even after stay-home restrictions ease. Moving forward, vendors and suppliers will be closely balancing the need to meet underlying demand without creating excess inventory."

Chromebook shipments While Gartner does not include Chromebooks in its traditional PC market results, Chromebook shipments grew by triple digits in the first quarter of 2021, compared to a year ago, with growth primarily driven by investment among educational institutions in North America. Including Chromebooks, the total worldwide PC market grew 47 per cent year-over-year. The top three vendors in the worldwide PC market remained unchanged from the previous quarter, with Lenovo maintaining the top spot by shipments. All of

the top six vendors experienced double-digit growth, and all, except Dell, gained market share compared to a year ago. Lenovo recorded a 42.3 per cent year-over-year growth, the highest among the top six vendors. In contrast to HP and Dell, Lenovo increased shipments of desk-based PCs, largely due to high demand in China. Lenovo grew faster than the regional average in all key regions, with particularly strong growth in the Asia Pacific (63.7 per cent). The company also appeared to be more in control of its supply chain, as a higher percentage of its PCs are manufactured in-house compared to other vendors. After two consecutive quarters of decline, HP achieved strong year-over-year growth of 34.6 per cent. HP continued to gain traction in Latin America, recording over 60 per cent year-over-year growth in the region.



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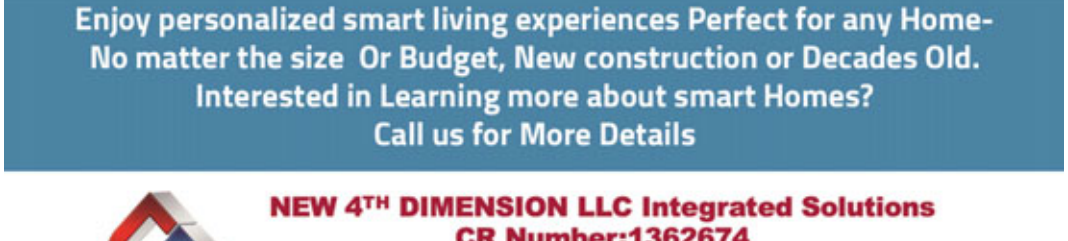
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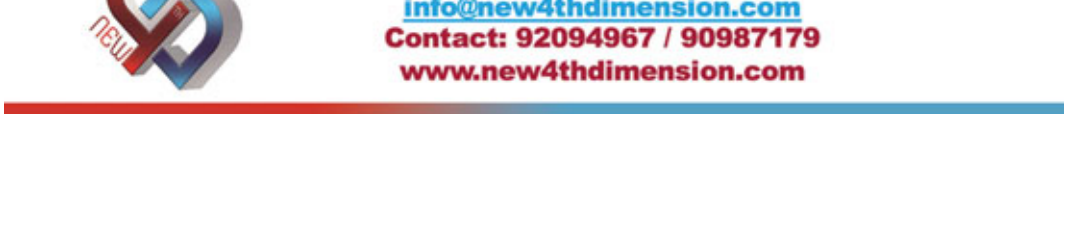
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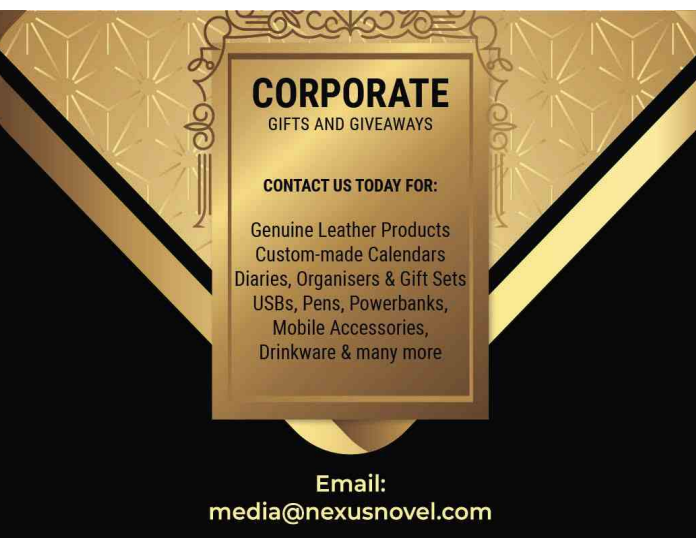
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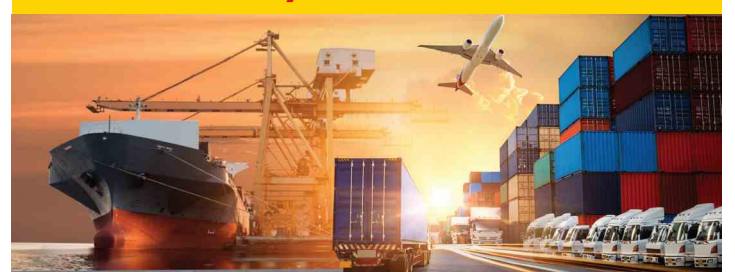
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ROUND-UP

MHD ACERE celebrates opening of its new flagship 3S MG facility

Spread over a larger area, as compared to the previous showroom, the facility is part of MHD’s plans to increase the network of the MG brand in Oman through a planned expansion of its showrooms, and is also a significant move for the marque



MUSCAT: Mohsin Haider Darwish (MHD) has opened the doors of its all-new sterling flagship MG Motor 3S facility in Azaiba.

Spread over a larger area, as compared to the previous showroom, the facility is part of MHD’s plans to increase the network of the MG brand in Oman through a planned expansion of its showrooms, and is also a significant move for the marque. Having a flagship showroom in Azaiba in Muscat places MG in the heart of the Sultanate and is testimony to the brand’s growing popularity.

Offering sales, service and spare parts, the new facility showcases the range of MG carefully selected to suit the aspirations of customers.

Customers visiting the facility, can take their pick from the latest lineup of the striking MG 6, MG 5, MG RX5, MG RX8, MG HS, and MG ZST on display and go for a test drive too. From the cool and sophisticated MG 6 model, with a sleek design and a sporty profile ensuring it turns heads to the MG ZST, a compact SUV with a bold shape, modern design elements, plush new cabin, and a sense of adventure for growing families, the MG lineup has it all! Regardless of the model, a customer can be confident that each new MG in the lineup offers some of the very best automotive technology, as well as performance that is economical and responsive.

Addressing the media at the launch ceremony of the showroom, Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD, ACERE remarked, “This is a really exciting day for us, as it marks the official opening of our all-new 3S flagship showroom



representing another milestone in the growth of the MG operation in Oman. All our showrooms and service facilities have been specially built keeping in mind the needs of our discerning customers and are in keeping with our tagline ‘do more with MG’. This showroom in particular will act as a shop window for anyone interested in MG. They will be able to take a look at the cars we are selling, get a preview of our highly anticipated new models, and gain an insight into the modern MG brand.”

MG’s new Azaiba showroom demonstrates the brand’s growth and expanding network, as well its MHD’s commitment to investing within the Oman economy. Specialising in high-quality affordable

vehicles, and being committed to providing customers in Oman with an unrivalled motoring and ownership experience, the brand fits perfectly in MHD ACERE’s business portfolio.

Apart from having state-of-art showrooms in Sohar, Salalah, Ibri, Sur and Muscat, MG Motor Oman also has an e-commerce platform to help enhance its customers’ purchase experience from the comfort and safety of their homes. The platform <https://mg-om.com/buy-online/> allows customers to select vehicles from the available stock, reserve vehicles, conduct online payments and schedule home delivery of cars. Additionally, customers can also book home test drives.



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MUSCAT: JW Marriott Muscat is embracing the holy month with a range of thoughtfully crafted experiences, inviting guests to enjoy epicurean delights and an uplifting stay at the hands of its attentive associates, from mouth-watering Iftar in the casual ambience of Kitchen 7 to an all exclusive staycation offer. Alternatively, elevate Ramadan from the comfort of home with a variety of irresistible take-out and home delivery options.

Unwind with a sumptuous Iftar buffet at Kitchen 7, where the Chef and his team are cooking Ramadan favourites with handpicked, fresh local ingredients, designed to replenish the mind, body and

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Families can also enjoy the spirit of the holy month with an exclusive stay in a deluxe room that includes iftar and suhoor for two people for OMR 50. Children under the age of 6 years old stay for free. However guests choose to spend this special time, the hotel’s signature warm hospitality and nourishing cuisine ensure that every need is fulfilled for a truly inspiring Ramadan.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Great offers from Alizz Islamic Bank

MUSCAT: To welcome the advent of the blessed month of Ramadan this year, Alizz Islamic Bank has announced a number of special offers for its customers including discounts, cashback and easy finance options to buy homes, automobiles and goods at competitive profit rates.

The offers come as part of Alizz Islamic Bank’s effort to enhance and diversify the services it provides to its valuable customers and to help them get easy finance options for products they desire to buy.

During the blessed month, Alizz Islamic Bank has announced a 5.25% competitive profit rate on the purchase of homes which is subject to customers earning a monthly salary of OMR 300 for employees in the government sector and a salary of OMR 350 for employees in the private sector. The Bank offers financing on up to 90% of the value of the property.

AlizzIslamic Bank is also offering customers auto finance at a very competitive profit rate starting from 5%.

Additionally, the bank is also offering finance on the purchase of a wide range of products such as electronics, furniture, construction materials, marble, ceramics and other Shari’a-compliant goods. The customer needs to apply for the finance to the bank and attach the quotation from vendors. The customer then must sign a promise of purchase with



the bank. The bank then purchases the items from the vendor and then sells the items to the customers who pay the value in convenient instalments.

Alizz Islamic Bank is also offering 10% cashback for its credit card customers during Ramadan. The offer covers the purchase of clothing and groceries made using the Shari’a compliant credit cards. It is valid for the purchases made every Thursday, Friday and Saturday during Ramadan.

The offer comes as an effort to help customers save money during the holy month. Alizz Islamic Bank customers can also get 5% cashback on their purchases

made from Danube Home, which is offering great discounts during Ramadan on kitchenware, furniture, and accessories.

All these initiatives prove that Alizz Islamic Bank attaches great importance to meeting customer needs and that its services are customer-centric.

Commenting on the Ramadan campaign, Mohammed Al Ghassani AGM and Acting Chief Consumer Banking Officer said, “I would like to extend my greetings to congratulate everyone on the blessed occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. We always seek to diversify our products and services to help our customer buy

the items they desire. “At Alizz Islamic Bank, we are also proud to have an integrated team that develops the bank strategies for financing vehicles’ purchases. Customers need to only visit the nearest Alizz Islamic Bank branch to initiate the finance procedures.”

Alizz Islamic Bank is a wholly-owned and fully licensed Islamic banking subsidiary of Oman Arab Bank, which is part of the extensive Arab Bank Plc network. With Oman Arab Bank and Arab Banks’ rich and proud history as one of the first financial institutions established in the Sultanate and the Arab world respectively, the Group provides a complete range of financial products and services for personal banking and corporate banking clients.

As part of a larger group Alizz Islamic Bank benefits from Arab Bank plc’s successful experience in Islamic Banking on an international level. This synergy has helped create an enriching Sharia-compliant banking experience designed for today’s modern world, the bank has focused its investments on human capital and the best breed of technology to ensure the delivery of exceptional, responsive customer service. Transparent processes and innovative products and solutions that are inspired by Islamic Sharia cater to the diverse needs of both commercial and corporate customers.

ROUND-UP

Go further with style, comfort and capability in Ford Explorer

The Explorer has more power and space than ever and smart new technologies to help tackle life's adventures

MUSCAT: Ford's powerful and stylish Explorer ticks all the boxes when it comes to space, comfort, design, technology and safety. The Explorer is an ideal SUV to make the most of on every journey.

The Explorer has more power and space than ever and smart new technologies to help tackle life's adventures. 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, an 8-inch digital touch screen with SYNC 3, and a comprehensive package of driver assist and safety technologies. 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.

Building upon Ford's push to bring more driver-assist technology to market, the all-new 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 Warning 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-Pi-

lot360 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 centred 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 com-

patibility with the 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.

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. The sand mode comes standard on all models.

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GUARANTEED REWARDS

Win up to OMR2,000 with Bank Muscat's Asalah referral scheme

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, has launched a special Asalah referral scheme in line with the bank's vision 'To serve you better, everyday'.

The scheme will run till 31 July 2021 and offers all existing Asalah Priority Banking customers a chance to win up to OMR2,000 by simply referring new customers to join Asalah Priority Banking. Those who have a monthly salary of OMR5,000 or can make a savings deposit of OMR30,000 are eligible to be upgraded to Asalah Priority Banking. Customers can provide referrals by filling the referral form available on the bank's website and emailing it to Asalah-Referral@bankmuscat.com.

The salary/deposit transfer of the referred customer should happen within a maximum of 30 days from the date of referral, for the referral to be eligible for participation in the scheme. A cash reward of OMR100 will be credited directly to the referrer's and referee's account for each successful referral maintaining the eligibility criteria of Asalah over the review period.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdulnasir Al Raisi, Deputy General Manager - Premier Banking, said, "Bank Muscat has always been a prolific innovator of banking products and services in the Sultanate. We are very happy to launch this new scheme with guaranteed rewards for successful referrals. We



encourage all existing Asalah Priority Banking customers to take full advantage of this offer and win great rewards."

Asalah customers have access to a team of dedicated Relationship Managers, 35 Asalah Centres across Oman and a dedicated 24/7 Asalah Call Centre (24779999). Exclusive banking and lifestyle benefits include the Asalah Entertainer App which has more than 3,500 "Buy 1 Get 1 free" offers in Oman and at international destinations, as well as rewards of indulgence and merchant discounts across fine dining, entertainment, leisure, and the beauty and wellness segments.

Asalah Visa Signature credit card can enjoy airport lounge access at more than 1,000 lounges world-

wide, up to 12 times a year, and a 24/7 global concierge service to enhance your leisure and business trips. The Asalah Visa Signature Credit Card offers 1% cash back on purchases as well as free multi-trip travel insurance for customers and their direct family members.

Asalah customers also enjoy access to an integrated wealth management platform that allows them to invest in global asset classes through a single touchpoint. They get the latest updates and reports on local and international investment opportunities and can also make use of tablet banking for banking requirements such as account opening, credit card applications, consumer and auto finance and bancassurance products.

PROMOTION



Mercedes Certified Pre-Owned cars offer unbeatable prices

MUSCAT: Mercedes-Benz Oman has announced its latest collection of Certified Pre-Owned vehicles to help customers find the Mercedes-Benz of their dreams at prices that suit their budgets.

Among the all-star line-up is a sleek and spacious A 200 (the model year 2019) priced from OMR 12,595, a dynamic and confident E 200 (the model year 2019) from OMR 18,370, a comfortable and classy C 200 (the model year 2020) from OMR 19,945 as well as a showstopping Mercedes-AMG GT 53 (the model year 2020) from OMR 47,245. With prices valid until 30 June, including VAT, there's never been a better time to embrace the Mercedes-Benz lifestyle.

"When consumers buy a used

car, it is not always clear what they're getting, but with a Certified Pre-Owned Mercedes-Benz, they can be assured that they are getting a vehicle that has met our stringent criteria and passed a rigorous 165+ point inspection," said Shaun Michael, Chief Executive Officer at Mercedes-Benz Oman.

"Whether visiting a showroom or browsing on our new website, our dedicated sales specialists are on hand every step of the way, to ensure every customer gets their perfect match."

Among the Certified Pre-Owned Mercedes-Benz vehicles available is a 2019 model A 200 (18,615km) in Polar White with ARTICO Leather and Fleron Fabric in black and, a 2019 model E 200 (11,042km) in Designo

Hyacinth Red with Leather Macchiato in Beige/ Black. Customers can also view a 2020 model C 200 (10,055km) in Mojave Silver Metallic with Black ARTICO Man-Made Leather. As for the 2020 model Mercedes-AMG GT 53 (7,448 km), it is available in a Jupiter red with exclusive Nappa Black Leather.

With the assurance of a top-quality vehicle, customers who buy a Certified Pre-Owned car from Mercedes-Benz Oman will benefit from an unlimited-mileage warranty for one year, which can be extended for up to two additional years, as well as 24-hours roadside assistance (available on selected vehicles only) and full-service history. Service packages and finance options are also available on request.

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