



HIS MAJESTY SENDS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT OF DJIBOUTI

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Ismail Omar Guelleh of the Republic of Djibouti on his country's Independence Day anniversary. In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and wishes of good health and happiness to the president and to his country's people further progress and prosperity. — **ONA**



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‘COVID-19 TOOK AWAY MY WIFE AND NEW BORN BABIES’

A 39-year-old woman suffering from COVID gave birth to a boy and a girl, who passed away after they were born

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MUSCAT: A man who lost his wife as well as his newborn twins to COVID-19 shares the pain and sadness that he felt at their passing away.

39-year-old Aida, who was suffering from coronavirus, gave birth to a boy and a girl, who passed away just two hours after they were born, because they had contracted COVID-19 from her. Their mother succumbed to her illness at 4 am, a further two hours after her newborn children de-



BROTHERS: Aida's two elder children, 10-year-old Yazan and eight-year-old Adam.

parted this world. Aida had been trying to give birth for more than seven years.

Now, her husband, Hassan Al Hashmi, has come forward to share the tragic tale of their passing, and has requested the Ministry of Health to do more for mothers with high-risk pregnancies during these tough times.

“My wife was pregnant with twins, had previously suffered a stroke, and had gestational diabetes,” said Hassan, speaking to the *Times of Oman*. “She was a candidate for high-risk pregnancy. However, when she went for a routine consultation for the health of her babies, there was no consideration given to her condition.”

Aida had an appointment with her gynaecologist at Wattayah Health Centre on June 2, 2021. It is believed that she might have contracted COVID-19 during her outside visit.

“A week before that appointment, she was at home, and I was with her,” recalled Hassan, who works in the desert regions of the country, but whose family lives in Amerat.

“Had she been infected before,

I would have contracted it as well, as would our other two children, but they only developed the infection after her visit outside.”

“I went back to work on the same day, and had to do a COVID test before going to my place of work,” he added. “This is part of our company policy, and this is how I know I was also not infected.”

Four days after her appointment, Aida began to develop symptoms as her disease intensified.

When she went to the health centre near her house, despite reportedly waiting for a doctor for more than an hour and explaining her condition, she was told to go to the COVID-19 ward, with no consideration allegedly given for her current state of health.

Despite having a high-risk pregnancy, her husband said she was not admitted, but told to come the next day to make an appointment, when she would be examined.

On June 12, Aida took a turn for the worse: her cough increased dramatically, prompting her brother to rush her to Royal Hospital, where she was given water, steam, and oxygen to relieve the coughing. **>A2**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Despite strain, health sector making efforts

1 Extensive efforts have been undertaken within the health sector to fight the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with working teams operating for 18 months, non-stop, on a daily basis, Oman's Minister of Health said. **>A2**

SPORTS T20 World Cup to be played in UAE, Oman

2 The 2021 men's T20 World Cup to kick off from October 17 in the UAE two days after the Indian Premier League (IPL) final. As per the current plan, the first round of the T20 World Cup will be played in the UAE and Oman. **>A8**

MARKET More than 24,000 licences approved

3 The Invest Easy portal and Sanad have seen 24,664 submissions for automatic licence approval since the launch of the service on April 4 until June 2021, according to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion. **>B1**



MYRIAD MUSCAT IN AL KHOUDH

Oman's first women only accommodation to open in September

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MUSCAT: Oman's first residential complex only for women is expected to welcome its first tenants by September 2021.

Myriad Muscat, located in Al Khoudh, will provide accommodation to 2,700 women, and is the first project in Oman by owners Strategic Housing Group. The complex aims to target young working professionals, as well as students who come to the capital to pursue their higher studies.

A number of amenities

Featuring both single and shared accommodation, all rooms contain a number of amenities, including Wi-Fi and utilities, a study desk and chair, storage space, in-room phones and routers, fridges, and en-suite bathrooms.

Additional facilities include cleaning services, a kitchen lounge



on every floor, laundry rooms, and courtyards for people to enjoy the fresh air and mingle outdoors.

“Myriad Muscat provides an alternative for these young ladies

who may not have relatives to stay with in Muscat while they are working or studying,” said Vik Rao, CEO of the Myriad and Strategic Housing Group.

“Although traditionally these individuals would stay with family, some may not have this option.

A second home

“At the same time, in our current climate, some families are affording their children more freedoms,” he added. “For individuals coming to study or work in Muscat from other parts of the Sultanate, the complex provides a second home closer to their place of study or work making commutes less time consuming and less costly.

“Living separately from family also allows these young ladies to gain independence, learn valuable life skills, meet other like-minded people and opens up networking opportunities all within a safe and nurturing environment,” he explained. “The property is located in Al Khoudh, in close proximity to major universities and education hubs.”

Attached to Myriad Muscat is a shopping mall that is open to the public, which features an entrance separate to the residential complex.

Full access shopping mall

“Members of the public will have full access to the shopping mall,” said Rao. “The most notable features of the mall include a hypermarket, a food court, restaurants and cafes, an all-ladies fitness and wellness centre with an indoor swimming pool and jogging track. In addition, there are apparel shops, jewellers, opticians, laundry, beauty and healthcare, as well as other service and product providers.

“Retail tenants are already fitting out their shops and spaces, while residential tenants are expected to start moving in by September 2021, as we are already receiving booking inquiries,” he said.

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‘Despite COVID exhaustion, health sector has made extensive efforts’

Most mortalities due to COVID-19 reported in April were among the old people who refused to take the vaccine



Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health

MUSCAT: The health sector in the Sultanate is getting drained due to the current wave of COVID-19 infections which “is considered the worst since the outbreak of the pandemic, said Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health (member of the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus). Yet, extensive efforts have been undertaken within the health sector, with the working teams operating for 18 months, non-stop, on a daily basis, the minister added.

Dr. Ahmed valued the enduring support of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to the health sector and His Majesty’s directives to the COVID-19 Supreme Committee. The minister made the statement during the 24th press conference of the Supreme Committee, held on Thursday at the premises of the Ministry of Education. Most mortality cases due to COVID-19 in April were deaths with the segment of 60-year-old people who refused to take the vaccine, said Dr. Ahmed, who stressed that perpetrators of rumours against the vaccine will be punished by law. The minister hoped that the Sultanate will receive about 3.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of September.

“Encouraging people to follow the procedures that protect them from the virus is our Islamic, na-

tional and professional duty,” said Dr. Ahmed in response to criticism staged at the COVID-19 Supreme Committee. He added that the Committee will address the concerns of some of those who refuse to take the vaccine.

The minister pointed out that, since the outbreak of the pandemic, government health establishments had less than 148 beds in Intensive Care Units (ICUs). “The number of those beds multiplied scores of times, thanks to the unrelenting support of His Majesty the Sultan and the sincere efforts of health workers. Quoting statistics, the minister said that the number of COVID-19 patients admitted to ICUs stood at more than 460, while 2,064 doctors have been attending the cases since the start of the pandemic. Despite the shortage of workers in this sector, the Sultanate has higher workforce capacity, compared to some advanced countries, said Dr. Ahmed.

In the second batch of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Campaign, the Ministry added another segment—pregnant women, who are given priority in vaccination due to their delicate condition, said Dr. Ahmed, who pointed to the presence of 40 pregnant women inflicted with COVID-19 in ICUs. The minister advised pregnant women

to take the vaccines at the nearest centres providing the service.

Asked about the tourism season in Dhofar Governorate, Dr. Ahmed said that a technical team tasked with studying the issue will submit its report to the Supreme COVID-19 Committee shortly. Accordingly, a decision will be taken about whether or not to allow visits to Dhofar. The implementation of full lockdown depends on the epidemiological situation in the Sultanate, said the minister, who pointed out that partial closure of Dhofar Governorate yielded positive results earlier.

The minister said that most countries in the world keep conducting COVID-19 tests on vaccinated people because, he explained, vaccinations do not provide 100 per cent protection against infection with the disease. The only difference is that, when people get the vaccine, the infection will be less severe, said the minister, adding that the Sultanate will not exempt anyone from vaccination and that a strategy is in place to ensure this objective.

The minister added that the number of oxygen condensation apparatuses stands at 85. “Oxygen equipment production units have a capacity to meet our needs”, said the minister.

He refuted claims of shortage of ventilation machines in the Sultanate, saying that as many as 1,144 ventilation apparatuses exist in the Sultanate and cover all needs. Dr. Ahmed said that the Sultanate started to communicate with vaccine producing companies since mid-2020 and was among the first group of countries that joined the COVID-19 Global Access Agency (Covax). Unfortunately, the delivery of agreed quotas got delayed, said the minister, hoping that the Sultanate will receive more than 6 million COVID-19 doses by the end of this year, to cover all target segments.

Meanwhile, Salim Moham-

med Al Nuaimi, Transport Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, who is in charge of the tasks of the Civil Aviation Authority, said the decisions to ban flights from India and Pakistan (and other countries in April this year and later) exempted some segments, of them citizens, health workers and medical teams (along with medical equipment and goods). The exemptions were a measure to enhance the capacity of the health sector, he added.

Al Nuaimi said that all incoming travellers undergo the same precautionary protocols, including PCR, prior to arriving in the Sultanate, as well as isolations and quarantine. He said that transit flights passengers do not mingle with other travellers or airport workers. On his turn, Brig. Mohammed Nasser Al Kindi, Director-General of Operations at the Royal Oman Police (ROP), said that the ROP has a duty to register all violations made by establishments or individuals engaged in gatherings at private or public places in all governorates of the Sultanate. Among other duties, the ROP implemented the decisions issued by the COVID-19 Supreme Committee to ban the movement of individuals and vehicles during various periods, said Brig. Al Kindi. The ROP discovered some fake PCR shown by passengers at Muscat International Airport and dealt with them, as appropriate, in accordance with COVID-19 Supreme Committee’s procedures.

Processing services

Brig. Al Kindi pointed out that Tarassud+ provides for processing services via QR or Electronic Code Passports. The document held by a passenger is screened to check if this passenger is infected with COVID-19 or if he/she took the vaccine. This shows whether the document is valid or fake, he added. The ROP is pressing ahead with monitoring different sites, looking out

for gatherings, said Brig. Al Kindi, who urged all to contribute in protecting society by using telephone No. 1099 to report any breaches.

In his turn, Mubarak Mohammed Al Dohani, Director General of Commerce at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, said that a multi-party government team has been formed under the guidance of the Supreme Committee to follow up the extent to which commercial establishments apply the COVID-19 precautionary measures and to book violators. Through the tasks of the team, it has been found out that a large number of establishments apply precautionary measures, but some violations exist and reported.

Detecting mutations

Dr. Saif Salim Al Abri, Health Ministry’s Director General of Disease Surveillance and Control, said that the WHO established an international method of detecting disease mutations and risks posed to public health in the world. The Sultanate reacted positively to the WHO health risk assessment and took the initiative by designing a genetic serialisation.

Dr. Saif said that emphasis will henceforth be laid on alarming mutations that augment the ability of transfer and change as per the four clinical manifestations of the disease: Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta. The Ministry conducted a study on local society based on these parameters, said Dr. Saif, who explained that the virus accelerated the speed of its propagation by 80 per cent since last year.

“We observe a rise in number of persons infected with COVID-19 across all age groups, usually from 30 to 50 years, but infections exist in the 12-year age group and below. The reason, according to epidemiological investigation, is the holding of family gatherings, coupled with non-abundance by precautionary measures,” said Dr. Saif, who ruled out the probability of schools

being a promoter of the pandemic.

Dr. Saif pointed out that the comeback to classroom education is a basic demand and that the Health Protocol applied by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education during this school year is a valid procedure that yielded fruit. The Ministry of Health conducted a year-long survey (May 2020-May 2021) that studied all decisions taken to curb the spread of the disease. The study showed that partial nighttime closure (ban on movement and business) proved to be efficient in limiting the spread of the virus, said Dr. Saif.

Badr Saif Al Rawahi, Director of the Department of Contagious Diseases, said the all citizens in Musandam Governorate have been vaccinated and that the governorate registered the least number of infections with COVID-19. As many as 1 million and eight thousand doses have been administered, covering 23 per cent of the target population, he said.

A new batch of target people will be vaccinated right from the start of next week, said Badr Al Rawahi, who pointed out that licence has been given to administer four vaccines on emergency basis: Pfizer-bioNTech, Oxford-AstraZeneca, Sputnik, and Sinovac.

Al Rawahi explained that as many as 40,000 people are being vaccinated every day in all governorates of the Sultanate, with 16,000 in Muscat Governorate alone, towards the target landmark of 23 per cent of the target segments.

Dr. Thamra Said Al Ghafri, In-charge of tasks of Director General of Health Services in Muscat, commended efforts made as part of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Campaign.

In particular, the new method of advance booking of vaccination appointments (for those who visit Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre) which played a major role in making the drive a success, said Dr. Thamra. -**ONA**

COVID-19

< FROM A1 Heart-breaking news was waiting for him

Hospital staff conducted blood tests, and asked her to go to Khoula Hospital, where all her medical references lay. Further x-rays and blood tests conducted showed she had contracted infections in her blood, urine, and chest. She was given medicine to counter these issues, and subsequently reported no difficulty in breathing during her first two days of admission.

On the third, however, her oxygen levels began to fall, requiring her to be moved into intensive care, which happened on her fifth day as an inpatient. She was taken for an x-ray, which revealed that the coronavirus had spread across her lungs. Doctors subsequently took the decision to put her under an anaesthesia and on a ventilator.

“I was talking to the obstetrician and gynaecologist about when my wife was likely to give birth, given her circumstances, and I was told they would wait for at least a week, in case her health deteriorated further,” recalled Hassan. “However, later that night, at 11:30 pm, the hospital contacted me again because it was an emergency.”

He was met with heart-breaking news when he arrived: his wife had given birth to twins, but they had died shortly afterwards, because of difficulties in breathing. It was apparent then that they had contracted COVID from their mother.

Grief stricken

With a heavy heart, a grief-stricken Hassan prepared to bury his newborn children. Aida had quit her job in a private company to take care of the couple’s elder children, 10-year-old Yazan, and Adam, aged eight, and was so excited for the new arrivals that she had decided on their names – the girl was to be called Misk, and the boy, Noah – even before they had been born.

“After I finished the formalities, I took the twins myself, washed them at a cemetery, and buried them myself, at around

2:30 am,” said the heartbroken father. “After the burial, I went to check on my wife, hoping her conditions would have improved. However, she was still very critical, despite having given birth naturally with no complications.” Hassan reached home at four in the morning: 50 minutes later, doctors from Khoula rang him up to say that at 4:15 am, his wife had died after her health had deteriorated further.

“I buried my children at 2:30 am, and at 4:15, my wife died,” revealed Hassan. “She was admitted to hospital on Saturday, and departed from there the next Saturday, a week later. After I buried my wife, I had to go and tell my other children – Yazan and Adam – the news of their mother’s passing. They did not know she was no longer in this world.”

Strong bond

Aida’s sister, Abeer, added that the bond between Aida and her children was very strong: when their mother was in hospital, they would anxiously ask her when she was coming home. “They were crying all the time because they were unable to see their mother,” said Abeer, “They were used to sleeping only on their mother’s lap when they were little so it caused her great psychological distress when they could not visit her while she was in hospital. Her illness affected all of us.”

Although Aida did transmit the disease to her children, they developed only mild symptoms, and recovered from COVID-19 fairly quickly. The decision to move her to hospital was also taken with the aim of protecting her then-unborn babies from the effects of a lack of oxygen.

“When she realised she had difficulty in breathing, she insisted on being admitted to hospital soon, so that their birth would not be affected,” added Abeer, who was devastated when she heard of her sister’s passing. “When I heard the news of the twins’ death, it was very

saddening for all of us. For their sake, I was insistent on going to the hospital to take care of them. I thought about how my sister would react, on waking up from her anaesthesia that her newborn babies had died.”

“About two hours after I heard of the death of the twins, the hospital informed me that my beloved sister had passed away as well,” she added. “I just collapsed from the tragic news – I had not expected this at all. After all, my sister’s symptoms were very simple at the beginning – she had only come to the hospital to provide for her children by giving them oxygen.”

Back home, a tearful Hassan broke the news of his wife’s death to his sons. “I told them that when we die, we go to heaven,” he admitted. “My sons know that heaven is better than this life, and after talking to them about heaven and death for some time, told them that their mother was now in heaven. The news was understandably extremely shocking to them. “They cried after they heard of her death, and since then have been crying every night, asking for her. I pray to the Almighty to make this painful period easy for them, and to give us the strength and patience to handle her demise.”

Request

So that other women in Aida’s condition receive speedy medical treatment when they need it, Hassan Al Hashmi has requested the Ministry of Health to assign priority healthcare to those with high-risk pregnancies. “My wife was found to have many infections when tests were done on her after she was admitted to Khoula Hospital,” he said. “If the health centre she had first gone to had admitted her and provided her care, her infections would not have worsened. She was found to have infections in several organs...this weakened her immunity and significantly sped up the spread of the virus in her lungs.”

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AMAZING ART: The works of art, which were painted by children in Kazakh boarding schools, was part of the exhibition titled ‘The World Through the Eyes of Children’.

Children with special needs showcase their art skills

Times News Service

MUSCAT: An exhibition featuring paintings done by children with hearing and speech impediments was organised by the Embassy of Kazakhstan in Muscat. The works of art, which were painted by children in Kazakh boarding schools, was part of the exhibition titled ‘The World Through the Eyes of Children’, and aimed to show people how pure, positive emotions held by children provide all of us hope during the uncertain times of the pandemic.

Reason
“The reason for holding such an exhibition during the times of COVID-19 is to have something positive to unite us, rather than being united just by the common fight against the coronavirus,” said the embassy in a statement, which held the event from 21 to 24 June.

Exhibition organised by Kazakh embassy shows how pure and positive emotions held by children provide all of us hope during the uncertain times of the pandemic

“Art is a tool that makes people of various backgrounds, race, religion, ethnicity, or social status come together and enjoy it equally,” they added. “Moreover, children are truly ambassadors of the

world, and that makes children’s art a strong tool of kindness, happiness and unity.”
Oman, well-known for its love of art and culture, was chosen for the exhibition, as part of measures to build strong people-to-people ties with Kazakhstan. The paintings were provided by the Ayalagan Alakan Public Charity Foundation in Kazakhstan, with technical support on-site provided by the National Museum of Oman.
“Another motivation for holding the exhibition was to continue the celebration of the 30th Independence Day Anniversary of Kazakhstan,” added the embassy. “This year, Kazakhstan is very keen on fully celebrating the anniversary of its independence, and the embassy, despite downsizing celebration events due to the pandemic, continues to support this occasion by organising such exhibitions.”

More steps to speed up vaccination drive

Drive-through COVID-19 vaccination for people over 45 years to restart today at Oman Automobile Association

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Health, represented by the Directorate General of Health Services in Muscat Governorate, will resume, today, the drive-through vaccination to immunise people against COVID-19, on the premises of the Oman Automobile Association, for people aged 45 and above, and for pregnant women, provided they have crossed the fourth month of pregnancy. These vaccination services will be provided from 3 pm to 7 pm. Weekly updates on the drive-through vaccination services will also be provided. The Ministry of Health,



represented by the Directorate General of Health Services in Muscat Governorate, also continued to vaccinate people within the target groups at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. Women who have completed three months of their pregnancy (13 or more weeks) are requested to get vaccinated at the nearest immunisation centre. They are to bring their health records with them. “If you have received any other vaccine, please wait for two weeks before taking the COVID-19 vaccine,” said the Ministry of Health in a statement. “If you were previously infected with COVID-19, you must receive the vaccine within four weeks of the date of full recovery. “If you have some symptoms such as fever and headache, you should go to the nearest health centre,”

added the ministry. “If you have any known history of hypersensitivity to any vaccine, consult your doctor before taking the vaccine.” The ministry’s Director General of Disease Control has made it clear that pregnant women are on the list of target groups for vaccination. The shots being issued to them are safe. Furthermore, people with special needs, who are unable to travel to vaccination centres can be immunised at home. This includes the clinically disabled and those whose health prevents them from going to get vaccinated. “We call on caregivers to go to nearby health centres between 8 am and 1 pm on any day of the week to register. They will then be contacted with the date of the visit,” said the Directorate General of Health Services in Muscat.

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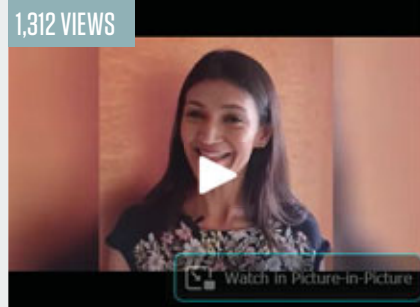


Quarantine rules for travellers visiting Oman

A story on quarantine rules for travellers visiting Oman reached 43,556 people and had 11,510 engagements on Facebook.

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HISTORIC MOSQUE IN NIZWA



Masjid Al Fardh, also known as Masjid Al Ahwas, is one of the historic mosques in Nizwa in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate. The mosque is located at Ghaweer area close to Nizwa Fort and Al Sarooj House.

Researcher Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Saifi said that the mosque is dated back to the 5th century and was reconstructed during the reign of Imam Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalili in 1348 AH. The Hadith, Arabic grammar and the Holy Quran were taught in the mosque.

The mosque was first built with clay and limestone. A plan has been set for renovation of the mosque during the upcoming few years.



IMPORTANT DAY

Celebrating micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) day

MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (MSMES) Day is celebrated every year on 27th June. The day is marked to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As many as 90 per cent of businesses are generated from MSMEs. As per a blog on the United Nations (UN) website, these businesses provide 60 to 70 per cent of employment.

The day is to raise public awareness of their contribution to sustainable development and

the global economy.

In 2021, the theme is “MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery.” That is why the UN will be hosting a series of events to explore how MSMEs – the backbone of our economies – can be equipped to ensure an equitable and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery.

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Vaccination drive for media employees held

Lamis Hamad Al Kiyumi, head of the mobile team to vaccinate employees of the State's administrative apparatus, said that the team started the campaign on June 7 and around 9,000 employees have been vaccinated so far in eight government institutions



VACCINATION PROGRAMME: This campaign coincides with the vaccination programme set for the employees of the State's administrative apparatus. – ONA

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Information, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, organised a vaccination campaign to administer the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine for the Ministry's employees, as well as staff working at the private media institutions, on Thursday. The digital studios complex of the

Ministry was set for this campaign. This campaign coincides with the vaccination programme set for the employees of the State's administrative apparatus. The Ministry of Information is keen on the safety and health of its employees and those who work in various media institutions in

the Sultanate in appreciation for their great efforts in covering all daily events.

Mobile team
Lamis Hamad Al Kiyumi, head of the mobile team to vaccinate employees of the State's administrative apparatus, affirmed that the

team started the campaign on June 7 and as around 9,000 employees have been vaccinated so far in eight government institutions. She indicated that the vaccination campaign at the Ministry of Information witnessed a great turnout, noting that the target number was up to 1,100 employees. – ONA

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING

Minister inspects housing and urban planning projects in Saudi and Qatar

MUSCAT: Dr Khalfan bin Said Al Shuaili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning concluded his visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar. During the visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Dr Al Shuaili met with a number of ministers and officials at the Ministry of Municipal, Rural Affairs and Housing; The General Authority for State Property and the Saudi Authority for Industrial Cities and Technology Zones (MODON). During his visit to Qatar, the Minister met with the prime minister, the Minister of Interior and a number of ministers and heads of the government and private authorities and institutions and officials at the Ministry of Admin-

istrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs; the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; the Ministry of Municipality and Environment; the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Public Works Authority and Qatar Investment Authority. The Minister has toured a number of projects and sites concerned with housing and urban planning in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The officials in both the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Qatar praised the Sultanate's expertise in the fields of housing and urban planning and the achievements Oman has bagged in housing projects and town planning programmes. – ONA



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND WATER RESOURCES



NEAR BARKA MARINA: The opening ceremony was held amid full adherence to the healthy procedures set by the departments concerned. – ONA

New fish market opens in Barka

BARKA: The new fish market was opened on Thursday in the fishing port in the Wilayat of Barka, as an area was allocated for the market in the port project (Barka Marina). The opening ceremony was held amid full adherence to the healthy procedures set by the departments concerned. The opening included operating all facilities related to the fish

market, regulating the entry of fish transport vehicles and transporting fish from boats to the (auctioning) area, as well as operating the auctioning system at the designated site. **Authorised vendors** The authorised vendors received the outlets designated for fish selling and cutting according to the regulations of fish

markets issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources. The outlets include 72 shops for sellers, 21 others for fish cutting, and selling sites for fishermen and fish transporters; in addition to distributing tools and equipment necessary for sellers and fish cutters that come as a support from the Ministry during the initial operating phase. – ONA



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ATTACK

Colombian President Duque's helicopter hit with bullets

BOGOTA: Colombian President Ivan Duque said Friday that a helicopter carrying him and other top officials was hit with bullets as the aircraft flew near the country's border with Venezuela.

"It is a cowardly attack, where you can see bullet holes in the presidential aircraft," Duque said in video remarks.

In addition to Duque, the helicopter was carrying Defense Min-



ister Diego Molano and Interior Minister Daniel Palacios. Silvano Serrano, the governor of the Norte de Santander province neighboring Venezuela, was also onboard the aircraft. No one was hurt by the attack. Duque said the helicopter's equipment "prevented something lethal from happening."

The helicopter was flying over Colombia's troubled Catatumbo region and was heading towards

Cucuta, the capital of Norte de Santander. Catatumbo is home to the National Liberation Army (ELN), a leftist armed group. The group is listed as a terrorist organization by the US State Department and the EU. A car bomb went off in Cucuta and injured dozens of people earlier this month. Colombian authorities blame leftist rebels for the attack, but the ELN has denied involvement. **ow**



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Chauvin sentenced to over 22 years in jail for murder of George Floyd

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WASHINGTON: Derek Chauvin, a former police officer, was sentenced to prison for the murder of George Floyd on Friday.

He was sentenced to 22 1/2 years in prison — above what was called for in Minnesota state guidelines, but falling short of the 30 years requested by prosecutors.

In April, Chauvin was found guilty of killing Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, after kneeling on his neck for over nine minutes while arresting him in May last year. Floyd's death sparked outrage and protests against police violence and racial discrimination



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across the US and the world.

What happened in court?

While handing down the sentence, Judge Peter Cahill told Floyd's family: "I acknowledge and hear the pain that you're feeling."

Addressing Chauvin, the judge said the sentence was "based on your abuse of a position of trust and authority and also the particu-

lar cruelty shown to George Floyd."

Prior to the decision, Floyd's relatives spoke out in favor of a harsh sentence for Chauvin at the court on Friday.

"We don't want to see no more slaps on the wrist. We've been through that already," one of his brothers, Terrence Floyd, said during the hearing. He also spoke directly to Chauvin, asking him: "What

were you thinking, what was going through your head, when you had your knee on my brother's neck?"

In a video message, Floyd's 7-year-old daughter, Gianna, said if she could say something to her father it would be: "I miss you and I love you."

Chauvin also addressed the judge in a statement, offering his "condolences" to Floyd's family.

Is the case finished?

While the sentencing has been seen as a momentous day, DW correspondent Stefan Simons noted that the legal proceedings against Chauvin aren't over yet.

"There is an appeal expected. The defense has about 90 days to file an appeal," he said from outside the courthouse in Minneapolis.

The second reason is that there is a federal case still pending against the former police officer.

"That is a civil rights case from federal prosecutors. There's not even a court date for this," Simons said.

What was the reaction to the sentence?

US President Joe Biden called the sentence "appropriate" in comments to reporters.

Others found the sentence to be too lenient. "Let us not feel that we're here to celebrate," said civil rights leader Reverend Al Sharpton. "Justice would have been George Floyd never having been killed. Justice would have been the maximum," he added.

The lawyer for Floyd's family, Ben Crump, described it as "historic" and as bringing the country "one step closer to healing."

Crump and Sharpton also both called for federal sentencing of

Chauvin. "We understand that there are still federal charges pending. So as his brothers and his family ask for the maximum, we're still holding out for the maximum," said Crump.

Sharpton said that if Chauvin is convicted federally, the federal sentence could ensure more time in prison for Chauvin, "which is why we are saying that we still want full justice."

Meanwhile, Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar called for greater police reforms and said the verdict didn't deliver "true justice."

"Today's sentencing of Derek Chauvin is another step towards accountability for the murder of George Floyd, but it does not bring us true justice. It's long past time for the Senate to pass police reforms," she tweeted.

What happened during the trial?

Chauvin, a 45-year-old white man, was filmed kneeling on Floyd's neck for 9 1/2 minutes during an arrest in Minneapolis in May 2020.

He was convicted on the charges of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter due to his role in Floyd's killing. **ow**

BUILDING COLLAPSE

Four confirmed dead, 159 still missing in Florida building collapse



RESCUE EFFORTS ON: Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said on Friday morning that three more people were found in the rubble overnight and 120 people are now accounted for,

WASHINGTON: At least four people have been confirmed dead while the number of the missing rose to 159 after a 12-storey residential building partially collapsed early on Thursday in Miami-Dade County in southeastern U.S. state Florida, local media reported on Friday.

Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said on Friday morning that three more people were found in the rubble overnight and 120 people are now accounted for.

The Champlain Towers South condominium, built in 1981, partially collapsed around 1:30 a.m. local time on Thursday in the beachside town of Surfside, about 6 miles north of Miami Beach.

About 70 of the condo's 130 apartments were destroyed or damaged, according to Frank Rol-

lason, director of Miami-Dade Emergency Management.

All the numbers are "fluid" because some residents may not have been in the building when it collapsed, the mayor said, noting that rescuers will "continue searching because we still have hope that we will find people alive."

U.S. President Joe Biden has declared a state of emergency authorizing funding and other disaster relief to Surfside. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was sending support, the mayor said.

At least 27 people from Latin American countries, including Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Paraguay, Puerto Rico and Argentina, are among those reported missing by friends and family following the

collapse, according to a report from local newspaper Miami Herald on Friday.

Florida state fire marshal Jimmy Patronis said on CNN on Friday morning that search and rescue teams were using everything at their disposal in the search for life, cutting into the concrete with saws and using infrared cameras after boring through holes in the rubble, along with sonar and specially trained dogs. "The live active rescue will continue," Patronis said without going into how long he thinks a person can survive under the debris. The first lawsuit, seeking 5 million U.S. dollars in damages for the victims of the condo collapse, was filed late Thursday. The cause of the oceanfront condo's collapse is unknown at this early stage. **xinhua**



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Biden meets Ghani amid US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan

Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation Abdullah Abdullah was also present at the meeting

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at the White House on Friday, as the US military continues to withdraw from Afghanistan. Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation Abdullah Abdullah was also present at the meeting.

What did the leaders say during the meeting? Biden pledged a “sustained” US-Afghanistan partnership, despite



TROOP WITHDRAWAL: US troops invaded Afghanistan in 2001 following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and have remained in the country for nearly two decades.

the ongoing drawdown of US and NATO troops. At the same time, Biden said US forces should take a step back from the conflict. “Afghans are going to have to decide their future,” Biden told reporters. The US president added that the “senseless violence has to stop” in Afghanistan. US troops invaded Afghanistan in 2001 following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and have remained in

the country for nearly two decades. Critics warn the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban will take over the country following the US withdrawal. Ghani said the US-Afghan relationship is entering a new era, and added that he respects Biden’s pullout decision. He said Afghan government troops retook six districts in the country from enemy forces on Friday. “We are determined to have unity, coherence,” Ghani said. The Afghan leaders also met with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday. The leaders met with Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, an ardent critic of the pullout, on Thursday.

Why is Biden withdrawing US troops? Biden is withdrawing 2,500 US troops from Afghanistan by September 11 because he believes American on-the-ground military operations have gone on for long enough in the South Asian coun-

try. He contends the US should focus on other security threats, such as the rise of China. The war in Afghanistan has also had an enormous human cost for the American military. The Defense Department says 2,400 US troops have been killed and over 20,000 injured since the war began in 2001. For Afghans, the cost has been even greater, with some estimates showing around 66,000 Afghan troops have been killed in the past two decades. Millions of Afghan civilians have also been forced to flee their homeland due to the fighting. The US intends to continue monitoring security threats in Afghanistan from neighboring countries, and may even conduct military strikes towards enemy groups from afar. Roughly 650 US troops will also remain in Afghanistan to provide security for American diplomats. Turkey, a NATO ally of the US, has agreed to secure Kabul’s international airport after the pullout. **dw**

CORONAVIRUS

Russia struggles against third wave of coronavirus pandemic

MOSCOW: Doctors and officials in the Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg are now openly talking about a third wave of coronavirus infections. Tighter restrictions are being introduced in several regions of the country, vaccination is being made mandatory, and some hospitals are once again being equipped to exclusively handle COVID-19 patients. Denis Protsenko, the chief physician at Moscow’s main hospital for COVID-19 patients, told Russian media that he believes the third wave, which has now engulfed Moscow and St. Petersburg, would reach other regions of Russia by July. He said there were more than 400 patients in the intensive care unit at his hospital, and 200 people were arriving for treatment every day. “That’s more than on peak days during the first two waves,” Protsenko said. “We’ve really taken it far too easy when it comes to attitudes toward wearing masks and maintaining social distancing — basically, everything that we did for a whole year.” He said people had grown weary of precautionary measures. That combination triggered this third wave, he said. Though patients’ symptoms haven’t changed significantly from the previous waves, Protsenko said, doctors are noticing a shorter incubation period for the virus, with initial symptoms appearing four to five days after infection on average, and not seven



THIRD WAVE: Tighter restrictions are being introduced in several regions of the country, and vaccination is being made mandatory.

to nine days as seen previously. He also said patients were not responding as well to treatments that had proved successful during the two previous waves. Doctors at the Moscow hospital have not yet found out the exact reason for this, Protsenko said. **Doctor: ‘Get vaccinated’** Doctors from St. Petersburg have also confirmed a third wave of coronavirus infections. “We expect to reach peaks in the number of cases in July, just as last winter — and even exceed them,” Mikhail Cherkashin, the deputy chief physician at the MIBS hospital in St. Petersburg, told DW. The medical institute is already treating more patients than it had in spring 2020, said Cherkashin, who is in charge of the computer tomography center during the pandemic. “We had time to prepare,” Cherkashin said. “Now we are again equipping the hospitals, which had already returned to their regular operations in the spring. It’s hard to predict what will happen.” Cherkashin said doctors had optimism that the number of infections would decrease by the autumn.

Cherkashin said doctors were not overly concerned about the delta variant of the coronavirus. Though it appears to be more contagious, it has not generally lead to a more severe course of COVID-19. “My most important recommendation is to get vaccinated,” Cherkashin said. “Unfortunately, the vaccination campaign in Russia is still going too slowly and poorly, which is why mandatory vaccination is being introduced in a number of regions. In addition, of course, you should wear protective masks, wash your hands and avoid crowds.” **dw**

NEW VARIANT



50 cases of Delta Plus COVID-19 variant recorded in India: Govt sources

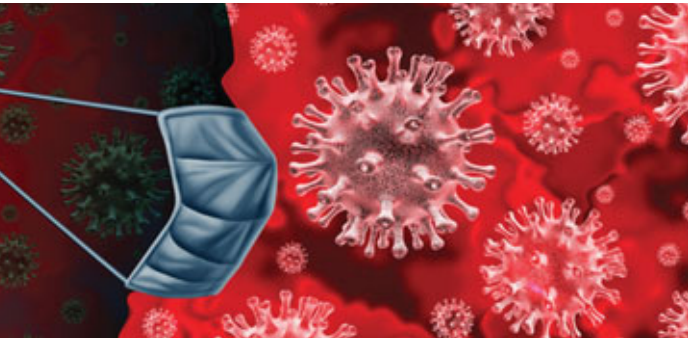
NEW DELHI: As many as 50 cases of the Delta Plus variant of COVID-19 have been recorded across 11 states in India, government sources said on Friday. The Union Health Ministry, during a press conference earlier in the day, had informed that as many as 48 Delta Plus cases have been reported in the country, while government sources told news agency ANI that 50 cases of Delta Plus have been reported. The sources further said that deaths of two Covid-19 patients who tested positive for the Delta Plus variant have been reported in Madhya Pradesh so far, both of whom had not taken vaccines. The Delta Plus Covid-19 positive cases reported are from

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Rajasthan, Jammu and Karnataka. “Wherever you find a cluster, you have to contain it,” said Director-General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Dr Balram Bhargava. The government, however, said that at this time the spread is still ‘very localised’. The virus strain has been isolated and is being cultured by the ICMR - NIV and tests to check its resistance to existing COVID vaccines were ongoing, the govt added. The government has also said ‘delta plus’ variant cases had been reported from 12 other countries, including the US and UK. **ANI**

NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN

Bangladesh to impose ‘hard lockdown’ from June 28 amid surge in COVID-19 cases

DHAKA : Amid a dramatic surge in COVID-19 infections, Bangladesh will be going into a nationwide ‘hard lockdown’ from Monday for seven days in a bid to stem the spread of cases. In a notification on Friday, the Information Ministry said that all government and private offices, except for emergency services will remain closed during the lockdown, Dhaka Tribune reported. All kinds of transports, except for those carrying emergency supplies, ambulances and vehicles for healthcare services and media, will remain suspended from Monday, it said. No one will be allowed to leave home without emergency purposes. The announcement comes after the national COVID-19 advisory panel on Thursday recommended imposing a nationwide shutdown for two weeks, with all kinds of offices remaining closed. Meanwhile, Bangladesh’s State



Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain told the media that they were all set to impose a complete shutdown any time. Dhaka Tribune reported that the government was forced to impose a nationwide lockdown for one week from April 5 to contain the spread of infections as COVID-19 cases kept growing at an alarming rate since mid-March. On Friday, the death toll from

COVID-19 rose by 108, the second-highest single-day jump since the pandemic unfolded last year in Bangladesh. The caseload surged by 5,869 to 878,804, according to the latest government data. The daily infection rate rose to 21.22 per cent, up from 15 per cent a week ago. Amid the dramatic surge in infections, public experts fear that the pandemic in Bangladesh could take a catastrophic turn. **ANI**

SHOOTOUT

18 dead after shootout between rival drug cartels in Mexico

MEXICO CITY: Eighteen bodies were discovered on Friday after what appeared to be a shootout between members of rival drug gangs in northern Mexico. The deadly incident occurred in a remote area in the northwestern state of Zacatecas, and came days after a similar shootout in a town close to the US border. **What happened?** State security department spokeswoman Rocío Aguilar said there was evidence the shootout resulted from a confrontation between gunmen from the Sinaloa and Jalisco criminal cartels over drug trafficking routes. Three vehicles, one of them burned out, were also found at the scene. Local media reported several similar shootouts this week in the same area. On Wednesday, seven people were also shot to death in a neighboring city in the state. On the same day, the bodies of two abducted police officers were found hanging from a bridge in the



state capital. Gunmen from cartels often hang bodies to send out a message to either authorities or rival members, but they seldom target law enforcement officials. Aguilar said authorities have not found a link between the discovery of the officers’ bodies and the latest gun battle. **What triggered the shootout?** The state of Zacatecas, once dominated by the old Zetas cartel, has been the scene of many

inter-cartel battles. The township of Valparaíso, where the shooting occurred, borders Jalisco state, a stronghold of a powerful cartel called Jalisco Nueva Generación (Jalisco New Generation). Authorities said cartel members have been waging a violent campaign to dominate drug trafficking routes. Several other groups, like Sinaloa, Gulf and Northeast drug cartels are also involved in violent turf battles in the area. **dw**

T20 World Cup will be split across two groups, to be played in UAE and Oman

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NEW DELHI: The 2021 men's T20 World Cup is slated to kick off from October 17 in the UAE two days after the Indian Premier League (IPL) final. As per the current plan, the first round of the T20 World Cup will be split across two groups and played in the UAE and Oman, according to ESPNcricinfo. With Round 1 being co-hosted by one of the venues in the UAE and Oman, the BCCI is confident that it will have enough time to refresh the pitches across the main grounds in the UAE for the Super 12s, ESPNcricinfo report says. Though the the Board of Control



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for Cricket in India (BCCI) is yet to write to the ICC officially about shifting the T20 World Cup to the UAE, it has already been planned to organise in the Middle East. According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, the final of the T20 World Cup is scheduled for November 14. ANI had earlier reported that the first game on resumption of IPL will be played on September 19 while the final will take place on October 15. The cash-rich league was suspended in May first week after several COVID-19 cases were reported in the bio-bubble. The upcoming T20 World Cup will be a 16-team tournament. The showpiece event was slated to be played in India but there have been

talks of shifting the tournament to the UAE. "Round 1, which will include 12 matches, will comprise eight teams from which four (top two from each group) would qualify for the Super 12s," ESPNcricinfo reports states. "Four team from this lot of eight - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Ireland, Netherlands, Scotland, Namibia, Oman, Papua New Guinea - will then progress to the Super 12s, joining the top eight ranked T20I teams," the report further read. The Super 12s phase, comprising 30 games, is slated to begin from October 24 across three venues in the UAE - Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. After the Super 12s phase, there will be three playoff games - the two semi-finals and the final. Earlier, the ICC after the board meeting had confirmed that the BCCI would retain hosting rights of the T20 World Cup even if the tournament is moved out of India. The ICC Board had also requested management focus on its planning efforts for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 on the event being staged in the UAE with the possibility of including another venue in the Middle East. "A final decision on the host country will be taken later this month. The Board also confirmed that the BCCI will remain the hosts of the event regardless of where the event is played," the ICC said in an official release. **ANI**

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TENNIS

Not the first time that people are doubting me: Harry Kane

LONDON: England captain Harry Kane has brushed aside his critics after not being able to score in his side's first three group stage matches of the ongoing Euro 2020. England managed to progress to the round of 16 stage after finishing the Group D toppers following a win over Croatia and the Czech Republic. The Three Lions had played out a draw against Scotland. "It is definitely not the first time people have doubted me in my career, that is for sure. That's part and parcel of it. I have said all along as a striker that you go through some great spells where you are scoring every game and everything you touch turns into goals and then there are somewhere things do not fall your way... and that is probably the way it has gone in this tournament so far,"



Goal.com quoted Kane as saying. "People are quick to change their minds. It was not too long ago when I won the Golden Boot and I was the best thing in the world, people were raving about me. You cannot get too high or too low, you just have to have that neutral mode. Self-belief is a huge thing and I have always believed in myself. I could go 10, 15 games without scoring but, give me a chance, and I would back myself to score it. It is about trying to peak at the right time and the right time in tournament football is the knockout stages," he added. For the Premier League 2020-21 season, Kane had finished as the top goal-scorer and he ended up winning the Golden Boot. **ANI**

Think I've improved a lot with my game on grass: Djokovic

MALLORCA: World No. 1 Novak Djokovic is in a positive mindset going into this year's Wimbledon as he carries the momentum of victories at the Australian Open and French Open. The Serbian tennis player also evaluated his chance of winning the calendar-year Grand Slam. "I gave myself a good opportunity to do that, obviously winning the Australian Open and Roland Garros. But look, it's still a very long way to get to that super achievement," ATP Tour quoted Djokovic as saying at Mallorca Championships. "I will try to do it, without a doubt. I'm going to play Wimbledon now and hopefully, I can get my hands on the Wimbledon trophy again." Plenty of history is at stake for Djokovic in London, where he is the two-time defending champion. Although the



grass-court major was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19, Djokovic triumphed there most recently in 2018 and 2019. No man has won three consecutive Wimbledon titles since Roger Federer lifted five trophies in a row from 2003 through 2007. "Hopefully I can keep that run going. I'm feeling good on the grass. I think I've improved a lot

with my game on grass over the years," Djokovic said. After lifting the Coupe des Mousquetaires in Paris for the second time, Djokovic has now won the first two majors of the tennis season for the second time in his career and has become the first man in Open Era history to have won all four Grand Slams two or more times. Djokovic currently has 19 Grand Slam titles, putting him just one behind Federer and Rafael Nadal on the all-time list. That would make a victory by the Serbian at SW19 even more historic. "I will definitely go for the title at Wimbledon, the US Open, and any other tournament and any other Slam that I play. I always have the highest ambition and expectations of myself, but I try to be in the present moment," Djokovic said. **ANI**

COMMENTARY

India the bridesmaid in ICC tournament

VIRAT KOHLI'S Cabinet for an ICC trophy is still empty after India collapsed on the 6th day to be bowled out for a below par score for 171 in the second innings in the ICC World Test Championship finals. Till the end of 5th day draw looked the most likely result with rain washing out two full days, the trophy would have been shared by both New Zealand and India. But on day 6, New Zealand bowlers had other ideas and bowled India out on a bright Sunny Day for just 170 with the last five wickets falling for just 28 runs giving New Zealand a target of just 139 runs to get which they got it quite comfortably. India's last ICC trophy had incidentally come today, eight years ago in 2013 in England under Mahendra Singh Dhoni's captaincy when India won the Champions Trophy beating England and after that India had a dry run. They have made it to the 50 overs World Cup semi-finals in 2015 and 2019 but were knocked out once by Australia and the last time by New Zealand. In the 2017 Champions Trophy India, the overwhelming favourites, lost to Pakistan team. Similarly in the T20 World Cup, India were run-



ners up in 2014 when they lost to eventual champions Sri Lanka in the finals and then in 2016 lost to West Indies in the semifinals. India have been good in bilateral series in all formats beating most of the teams worldwide but when it comes to ICC organised tournament, they seemed to be the bridesmaid after reaching the last stage more often than not. With this latest loss to New Zealand, Virat Kohli must be wondering when he can bring in the ICC trophy for team India which has been eluding them for 8 years now. Their next campaign is the T20 World Cup which might be held in the UAE and all eyes will be on it.

CRICKET

Team India faltering in ICC events in last 5 years a worrying sign for Kohli

NEW DELHI: A maverick with the bat, Virat Kohli's heroics with the willow needs no introduction. But the same cannot be said about his tryst with the captaincy. Having taken over from one of the world's best captains in MS Dhoni, he always had tough boots to fill. But his failure to cross the final hurdle in world events has further made his struggle a talking point. Kohli has so far led India in three ICC events -- the 2017 Champions Trophy, the 2019 50-over World Cup and the recently completed inaugural edition of the World Test Championship (WTC). In all these events, India managed to reach the closing stages, but the trophy eluded the team. In June 2017, India had a near-to-perfect run in the Champions Trophy, and the Men in Blue were favourites to clinch the title. But what followed was a sorry state, as India lost the summit clash against arch-rival Pakistan in a one-sided affair. Batting first, Pakistan posted 338/4 in the allotted fifty overs. Fakhar Zaman made India pay as he scored a ton after being given a reprieve. Jasprit Bumrah had Fakhar caught at the hands of the wicketkeeper Dhoni, only to realise that it was a no-ball. India lost the way pretty early in the chase and in the end, Pakistan was crowned champions. It was the first ICC title under



the leadership of Virat Kohli, so none gave too much thought into why the Men in Blue were unable to bring the trophy home after a solid show throughout the tournament. But two more chances have come and gone, and now it is only fair to ask if the senior team needs a different leader with Kohli being allowed to focus on his batting? Not to forget, it has been a while since he last scored a century in Test cricket -- November 2019. For someone known for his conversion rates, his last hundred in ODIs also came back in August 2019. In the 15 innings since, he has hit 8 fifties, but the three-figure mark hasn't been breached. Coming to the next ICC event in 2019, India was outplayed by New Zealand in the 50-over World Cup

semi-final clash in Manchester. And on Wednesday again, it was Kane Williamson's men who brushed aside the challenge of India in the WTC final even though close to around seven sessions were lost to rain and the Reserve Day came into play. In both the 50-over semi-final clash and the WTC final, India's batting failed to leave a mark and Kohli, who has a reputation of being a big-match player, was unable to deliver. In the second innings of the WTC final, Kohli poked at one in the corridor of uncertainty and the Kiwi wicket-keeper made no mistake. The area has almost become a blind spot of sorts for one of the world's best batsman as he has time and again faltered in that zone. Interestingly, India's biggest

win in recent times came in Australia at the start of the year. What made the win more special was how a bunch of injury-ravaged cricketers outclassed Australia in their own backyard. But a deeper dissection brings to fore the fact that it was Ajinkya Rahane who led a young inexperienced team beautifully against a top-class Australian outfit. Kohli's journey in the series had ended with the first Test itself when the Indians were bundled out for 36 in the second essay to lose the game by eight wickets at Adelaide Oval. Kohli headed home after the first game for the birth of his child. But Rahane managed to rejuvenate the bunch with coach Ravi Shastri and what ensued is stuff legends are made of. Coming back to the WTC final in Southampton, in the pre-departure press conference, both Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri stressed how the WTC final should have had a 'best-of-three' finals to decide the winner. After the loss, Kohli further stressed on it and also spoke about showing intent and how there could be a few changes in the line-up going into the Tests against England. But the question that once again comes to mind is whether a Dhoni or a Rahane would have gone in with the same XI that was named by the team on the eve of the game even though the opening day of the WTC final was washed off? **ANI**

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MUSCAT: The Invest Easy portal and Sanad have seen 24,664 submissions for automatic licence approval since the launch of the service on April 4 until June 2021, according to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (MoCIIP).

The top 10 countries that utilised the new automatic licence approval service include Oman, India, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, Syria, Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt and Iraq.

A number of investors and businessmen, who obtained the automatic licences praised the new service. They believed that this would enhance the growth and di-



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a unified licence in under 24 hours."

Al-Maeini was certain that this service would facilitate local and foreign investments in Oman.

Suleiman bin Nasser Al Siyabi, another investor, shared a similar

view. He called on officials and decision-makers in the government and private sector to speed up electronic transformation. "Electronic services have become a primary requirement among investors to

identify investment opportunities in Oman," he added.

A businessman, Azhar bin Salem Al Saadi stressed that such electronic services present Oman as a suitable environment for commercial and investment activities.

He said that in addition to attracting private investments, the automatic licence approval service also supports Omani exports in foreign markets.

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MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

MSX appoints Haitham bin Salem Al Salmi as its CEO

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors (BoD) of Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) has announced the appointment of Haitham bin Salem Al Salmi as the new Chief Executive Officer of the exchange. Previously he served as the General Manager of Muscat Clearing and Depository Company. He is uniquely placed as the new CEO of MSX. As he has 18 years of experience serving in the capital market sector, which helped him, procure the opportunity to work directly with the regulatory authorities, investment institutions, listed companies and mediators operating in the market and set exemplary service records while achieving several business development milestones.

Mohammed bin Mahfoud Al Ardhi, Chairman of MSX BoD, congratulated the new CEO on his appointment and wished him the best in all his future endeavour. He also expressed happiness on this appointment and showed confidence in the capabilities of Al Sal-



mi to lead the Exchange in an era of development, which began with the transfer of the Exchange from a government-owned entity into a private company. He mentioned that MSX is now a closed joint stock company operating under the umbrella of Oman Investment Authority (OIA) with plans to develop the securities sector and enhance its role in the economic development of the Sultanate while providing a diversified investment climate with opportunities for local and international investors.

Al Ardhi emphasised that Haitham will have full support from the Board of Directors in the

performance of his duties in line with the BoD and Management unilateral Market Development Strategy, underway.

Haitham Al Salmi took this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their confidence and the appointment. He also mentioned that Muscat Stock Exchange is currently going through a crucial transformation phase which requires all capital market sector institutions and individuals to work together effectively towards the initiative of placing MSX on the regional and global investment map as an efficient and developed stock exchange.

STRATEGIC PACT

Alshawamikh Oil Services signs agreement with Highwood Global

Times News Service

MUSCAT: To maintain high-level of service qualities for different operating companies in the oil concession areas, Alshawamikh Oil Services, one of the Super Local Community Contractor companies (SLCC), recently signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Highwood Global, a technological Canadian leading company in the design and metal fabrication industry.

The agreement will enable Alshawamikh to include high-quality equipment and modern technologies that will serve their clients and meet their high-level standards and expectations for upcoming projects in different concession areas. The partnership will also upscale the level of quality, speed and automation of services using the latest technologies in the energy sector meeting international standards keeping pace with the mission, vision and core values of Alshawamikh.

Dr Aflah bin Saeed Al Hadhrami, CEO of Alshawamikh Oil Services, said, "The strategic



partnership with Highwood Global will develop the local expertise and enhance the performance of Alshawamikh in the energy sector."

"By using the latest technology, we will be able to undergo projects that enhance the local added value in the energy sector and enable local companies to enhance their role in this vital sector," he added. Dr Al Hadhrami expressed his deep gratitude to the shareholders of the company for their continuous support that has led to the progress of the company during the past period, which motivated it to do more to achieve its goals that are in - line with the Oman Vision 2040.

"The company's services locally and its access to regional markets in the field of energy as well as our capabilities in providing the best maintenance services, drilling and pipe supplies to local and foreign oil companies in different markets will be enhanced by the cooperation agreement with Highwood Global which is a strategic cornerstone that brings together experience and knowledge to Alshawamikh Oil Services," Dr Al Hadhrami said.

"Our partnership with Highwood Global will contribute to the development and achievement of the aspirations of Oman Vision 2040 in the oil and gas sector," he added.

DIGITAL MODE

Meethaq's digital account opening process brings convenience to customers

MUSCAT: Meethaq's digital account opening process for savings accounts continues to be a big attraction with its customers as evidenced by the increasing number of its customers opening accounts via the digital mode.

In line with the bank's vision 'To serve you better, everyday', Meethaq Islamic Banking from Bank Muscat launched this service earlier this year, enabling digital onboarding of customers with a fast processing time. This initiative also supports the implementation of social distancing whilst allowing customers to conduct their banking transactions conveniently with minimal need to visit a branch. As the pioneer of Islamic banking in the Sultanate, Meethaq is committed to investing in state-of-the-art technology aimed at increasing efficiency, enhancing customer satisfaction and maintaining its leadership in providing high technology solutions in line with the Sharia rules and principles.

To apply online for a savings account, customers need to download Meethaq's electronic account opening form from its website, fill in the relevant details and email the completed application to Meethaqaccservices@bankmuscat.com along with the supporting documents. With customers not being required to print out or sign physical forms, the end-to-end account applica-

tion process is completed digitally. Once the account is opened, customers need to visit their selected branch at their convenience only once to have their original documents verified and collect their debit cards.

Meethaq also provides several value-added services and exclusive lifestyle privileges to its customers, complementing a world-class banking experience. Meethaq customers may use its mobile banking application to perform their financial transactions '24/7 anytime, anywhere' with convenience and ease.

Meethaq's mobile banking application offers a number of novel features such as 'Tap and Pay' - NFC based transfers, which allows customers with Android smartphones to transfer funds by just tapping their phones, thereby creating a unique customer experience. Customers may also use the app to perform their daily banking transactions, which include payment of utility bills online, accessing of account balance, viewing statements, transfer of funds to their accounts or other account holders within Meethaq, transfer of funds to accounts domestically or outside of Oman, blocking their debit card or requesting for a cheque book. The Meethaq Mobile Banking App can be downloaded from Play Store or App Store and activated instantly by Meethaq customers.

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Global leaders commit to accelerate transition to clean energy by 2030

The required investment represents only a small fraction of the multi-trillion-dollar global energy investment needed overall, but will bring huge benefits to one-third of the world's population

BANGKOK: Annual investments of 35 billion dollars can bring electricity access for 759 million people who currently lack it and 25 billion dollars a year can help 2.6 billion people gain access to clean cooking between now and 2030, said delegates at the five-day UN ministerial meeting which concluded here on Friday.

The required investment represents only a small fraction of the multi-trillion-dollar global energy investment needed overall, but will bring huge benefits to one-third of the world's population, they said.

The recommendations on energy access are part of a proposed global roadmap with concrete actions to achieve clean, affordable energy for all by 2030 and net zero

emissions by 2050 launched by the United Nations to set the groundwork for a large-scale mobilisation of commitments this year.

National and city governments, foundations and businesses have now started announcing significant commitments in the form of energy compacts, driving action towards a high-level dialogue on energy, a summit to be convened by the UN in September.

"The ambitious energy compacts being put forward by countries, businesses, cities and many other partners are a spark of hope for achieving a just transition towards sustainable energy and for improving the lives of millions of people in the process," said Dialogue Secretary-General Liu Zhenmin, UN



GLOBAL ROADMAP: The recommendations on energy access are part of a proposed global roadmap with concrete actions to achieve clean, affordable energy for all by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050 launched by the United Nations. - Photo used for illustrative purpose only

Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. “But this is only the beginning and we need much more commitment and concrete action at this year’s high-level dialogue on energy to get where we need to be by 2030,” he said.

The proposed roadmap, which will inform the high-level dialogue on energy in September and be considered in the political state-

ment resulting from the summit, is based on reports submitted by five technical working groups that have brought together over 160 experts since March.

The five focus areas are: energy access; energy transition; enabling the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through inclusive, just energy transitions; innovation, technology and data; and fi-

nance and investment.

In order to achieve the SDGs and Paris Agreement targets, energy transition must become a transformational effort, a system overhaul, the proposed roadmap suggests. The reports recommend a rapid scale-up of available solutions to reach 8,000 GW of renewables by 2030 from 2,800 GW currently, and to increase the average

annual rate of energy efficiency improvement from the current 0.8 to 3 per cent.

By 2025, 100 countries should establish targets for 100 per cent renewable-based power, and there should be no new coal plants in the pipeline globally. The share of fossil fuels in the global mix will fall from the current 60 per cent to 30 per cent by 2030.

The proposed roadmap also calls for countries to phase out coal by 2030 in wealthier countries that are members of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and by 2040 in non-OECD countries, recognising that many developing countries will need support for this process. By 2050, 92 per cent of power will come from renewable technologies.

"The energy revolution is underway, but 759 million people still live without electricity and the opportunities it provides," said Achim Steiner, Administrator of the UN Development Programme and Co-Chair of the high-level dialogue. "It is one of the most blatant examples of inequality in our world today. Affordable clean energy access for all is the foundation for achieving a global energy transition that is fast and fair." —ANI

STOCK MARKET

Stocks move higher, S&P 500 headed for best week since April

NEW YORK: Stocks were higher on Friday, keeping the market on track for its biggest weekly gain since April. Investors got another set of data showing that inflation is likely going to remain under control for the time being, a relief for investors who have remained keenly focused on the issue for weeks.

The S&P 500 was up 0.3 per cent as of 11:30am Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.7 per cent and the Nasdaq Composite was up less than 0.1 per cent. All three indexes are up 2.5 per cent or more this week alone, The Associated Press said. The Dow's gains were being driven by a surge

in Nike, which reported blowout earnings late Thursday and gave investors a strong outlook for the year. Nike jumped 14 per cent.

Markets have calmed since the Federal Reserve surprised investors last week by saying it could start raising short-term interest rates by late 2023. -BNA

TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Global banks endorse new Swift platform set for launch in 2022

BRUSSELS/DUBAI: Six leading global banks announced their endorsement for Swift's new transaction management platform and are preparing to use its expanded capabilities to enable new services, improve efficiency and reduce costs when the platform goes live in November 2022.

Bank of China, Bank of New York Mellon, BNP Paribas, Citi, Deutsche Bank, and Standard Chartered confirmed their preparations for the platform as the co-operative detailed an ambitious roadmap it will roll out over the next 18 months. New features – including upfront validation of beneficiary details, central management of exceptions, an extension of Swift's high-speed gpi rails to lower-value payments and new rich data services based on the ISO 20022 standard – will serve as the building blocks of the enhanced platform. These are integral components of Swift's strategy to facilitate instant and frictionless end-to-end transac-

tions anywhere in the world.

The platform evolution builds on extensive work by the Swift community in the past five years to transform cross-border payments. Through gpi, most cross-border payments today reach end beneficiaries within minutes with full transparency and confirmation when the payment reaches its final destination. This happens across Swift's network connecting more than 11,000 institutions, and 4 billion accounts across 200 countries worldwide.

across 200 countries worldwide. The new capabilities and enhanced platform Swift is building will take these advancements to the next level while ensuring interoperability with new payment types, technologies and services. It will facilitate further innovation and enable exciting new solutions to end customers along with an improved cross-border experience. Preparations for new services are already underway, and international banks see significant potential in the platform.

capabilities across both payments and securities processing.

Fan Yaosheng, General Manager of Clearing Department, Bank of China said, "Swift is already making substantial progress on the new strategy outlined last year and the new features outlined in the roadmap today demonstrate that Swift is listening closely to the needs of the industry."

Paul Camp, CEO of Treasury Services, Bank of New York Mellon said: "We are very excited by the opportunities Swift's transaction management platform will offer. Swift has unique assets including both global and domestic reach via connectivity to financial institutions around the world, expansive data and unparalleled resiliency. Unlocking the value of these assets will bring significant value to our global clients, and we are fully committed to working with SWIFT and the wider industry to drive this transformation forward and help revolutionise the way value moves around the world."

JOINT VENTURE

SOCAR, Petrofac win new \$25mn Caspian contract

LONDON: Petrofac, in a joint venture (JV) with the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR), has secured a new contract valued at around \$25 million to support the Azeri Central East (ACE) project operated by BP in Azerbaijan.

The scope of work includes the provision of commissioning technicians and other specialist personnel, mobilisation and associated services to support the project at both onshore and offshore work sites in-country.

The ACE project is the latest phase of development in the Azeri, Chirag and Deepwater Gunashli contract area in Azerbaijan. The project is designed to produce up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day. Construction works are currently in progress with first oil expected in 2023.

Khaliq Mammadov, SOCAR vice-president for HR, IT and regulations said, "The service sector has become one of SOCAR's core activities in recent years. It plays an important role in our corporate development. The joint venture we have established with Petrofac is already operating at full capacity, expanding its scope of operations and achieving new successes. I believe that the agreement we signed with BP today will give a serious impetus to both the development of the joint venture and lifting our partnership with BP to a new level."






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THE HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS SO FAR



It began with 24 teams, although just 16 remain. Eleven stadiums spread across the continent, six groups, four lucky third-placed finishers and three kickoff times on most days. Who can possibly keep track of everything at this first pan-European football championship?

DW's sports department is here to separate the highlights from the lowlights.

Favourites stumble

The main aspirants for the European title are all still in the competition, but most have had to overcome a wobble. It was particularly tight in the "Group of Death," which Germany almost didn't survive.

The Hungarians caused their opponents a lot of problems in Munich, as they had previously done with World Cup champions France and European title holders Portugal.

England dragged themselves ponderously through the group stage, Spain spluttered, and suffered from penalty phobia, before redeeming themselves with a 5-0 thrashing in their last group stage match.

In contrast, Belgium were the only favorite to win all three of their group stage games, while unfancied Netherlands mimicked the feat along with Italy.

Biggest surprise

Italy are renowned for their defensive skills and sensibilities, but they have taken the tournament by storm with their refreshing and swashbuckling football.

Coach Roberto Mancini has molded the Squadra Azzurra into a pressing machine, and they are now unbeaten in 30 matches after a perfect record in the group stage. That eclipsed a national team record set way back in the 1930s.

In addition, Italy can still rely on that defensive steel — they haven't conceded in more than 1,000 minutes. Will they continue their impressive form against northern neighbors Austria in the last 16?

Biggest disappointment

A dark horse heading into the tournament, Turkey were an utter failure.

They'd vanquished France in qualification and boasted several players from top European leagues, but went home with an embarrassing zero points and -7 goal difference. No positives whatsoever for the president and big football fan Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Biggest breakthrough

For many, Robin Gosens shouldn't even appear in this category. After all, Serie A fans, Lombardy lovers and Champions League viewers have known him for a while. But the story is simply too good.

At 17, he failed to make the grade in a trial with Borussia Dortmund; instead, he found himself working at a petrol station, spending weekend evenings at the village disco and playing amateur football.

After a detour to the Netherlands, Gosens finally landed at Atalanta and made his Germany debut in September 2020. He contributed one goal and two assists in the all-important 4-2 win against Portugal.

His comment after the game to German public broadcaster ARD: "You can pinch me, but even then I won't believe any of this." However, the 26-year-old was only a hero for one night. Against Hungary, Gosens was overshadowed.

Best goal

As chic as you can get — the best goal so far came from the Czech Republic. Patrik Schick is the name of the lanky striker you'll recall for decades to come, currently playing at Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga after moving from RB Leipzig. Who will ever forget his goal from over the halfway line against Scotland? With excellent technique and exceptional vision, he outsmarted the Scot keeper who had repeatedly strayed too far off his line.

And the international press outdid each other in superlatives, describing it as a "wonder goal" and "goal of the decade" and, using golf

parlance, compared it to "a perfect drive off the tee."

Take your pick ...

The debutants

The teams that took part in a European Championship for the first time had a difficult christening. Neither North Macedonia nor Finland made it out of the group stage. Both showed a lot of heart and defensive spirit, but too little class in attack.

For Goran Pandev, though, there was celebration, as the 37-year-old finally got to play in his first major tournament for his country. And the Macedonian legend departed in a fitting manner: by scoring a goal against Austria.

The most nerve-racking incident

Copenhagen, June 12, 2021: scenes the world of football will never forget. Denmark star Christian Eriksen collapsed on the pitch and had to be resuscitated. Paramedics fought for his life for several minutes. Teammates, opponents and fans in the stadium, but also millions tuning in on TV feared for the midfielder's life. Denmark captain Simon Kjaer was the quickest to react, calling the medics onto the pitch and gathering his teammates in a circle around Eriksen in an effort to block the view of the fans and cameras. He later comforted Eriksen's wife, who was in the stands.

The Danish team would eventually go on to lose the game against Finland, but they won the hearts of fans around the world in those dramatic minutes. And captain Kjaer showed that football players can be true role models.

Eriksen, meanwhile, recovered in a local hospital where he had a device fitted to regulate his heartbeat.

The most valuable player

The title of Player of the Tournament won't be awarded for another two weeks, but here are the strongest contenders so far:

Romelu Lukaku (Belgium): battering ram, center forward, goal machine.

Georginio Wijnaldum (Netherlands): captain and goal-scoring midfield dynamo.

Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal): has overtaken Michel Platini as the now sole European Championship record goal scorer.

Jorginho (Italy): maestro who plays countless passes that always reach their target.

Simon Kjaer (Denmark): defensive leader and captain who serves as a role model.

The biggest flop

The organisers themselves. European football's governing body, UEFA, once again produced embarrassing headlines.

After earlier threatening host cities with withdrawing their rights if they failed to guarantee that spectators would be in the stands, UEFA then went and threatened London with the withdrawal of the final if it failed to make exceptions to the strict British entry rules — for leading politicians, businessmen and the media.

Then there was the farce about Manuel Neuer's captain's armband in rainbow colors. Neuer has been wearing it during Pride Month this June to promote diversity and tolerance. UEFA launched an official investigation, but then decided Neuer could continue to wear the rainbow armband as it was a "symbol of diversity and thus a good cause."

Days later though, UEFA rejected an application from the city of Munich to light the Allianz Arena in rainbow colors on the night of Germany's match against Hungary, describing the request as "political."

The backlash on social media was swift and massive. UEFA, which loudly demands "respect" on jersey patches and advertising banners, while at the same time cozies up to certain regimes behind the scenes, now has a real problem. The European Championship and football are more political than ever before.

Where do we go from here? We keep watching the games — starting with the round of 16. —**ww**

ROUND-UP

Mahfoudh Al Rawahi’s successful career story at Oman Arab Bank

Mahfoudh began his career with OAB in 1988 as a teller and is now the Head of Central Operations

MUSCAT: Mahfoudh Al Rawahi spent over three decades at Oman Arab Bank (OAB), moving from one position to another until he reached his current position as head of central operation at the bank’s headquarters.

Mahfoudh began his career with OAB in 1988 as a teller, following his graduation from the Institute of Vocational Training, Accounting Division. Over the following years, he proved himself as one of the most prominent national competencies, showcasing sincerity and determination to achieve success. He maintained this position while completing his academic career, graduating from Waljat College with Bachelor’s degree in business, while still working as a teller. This drew the attention of the bank’s management, who paved the way for his career advancement.

With regard to his experience at OAB, Mahfoudh Al Rawahi said, “Ever since my first days at the bank, I have found support from



the management, who were keen on enabling the young national workforce to enhance in the banking sector. Work was challenging and we, as Omanis, had to prove our ability to perform well in a sector that was the backbone of the economic development in that particular period.

“Thankfully, I was able to demonstrate my capabilities and within only two years I moved up to manage customer service and remittances, for two years. After

which, I was positioned at the accounting department and worked there for 3 years.”

Following this, the bank’s management decided to send him to Jordan to study for a specialised banking diploma at the Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences (AABFS).

“Upon completion of seven years at the bank, the management decided that I was qualified to take on a higher position and greater responsibilities. This led to the

decision of my appointment as an Assistant Branch Manager at one of the bank’s branches. I worked in that position for 4 years, during which I moved to two different branches to gain more experience. Following this, I was promoted to branch manager and performed my duties for 11 consecutive years, shifting between four major OAB branches. With the establishment of the new branch structure, I was then appointed as the deputy regional manager for OAB branches in the Governorate of Muscat. I held this position for three years before moving into the Department of Retail Banking to be responsible for the branch operations section for two years. And this is where it has led me, to my current position as Head of Central Operations,” he continued.

Commenting on empowering the national workforce as part of the bank’s vision, Rashad Al Musafir, CEO of OAB, said, “Since its establishment nearly four decades ago, the management has been determined to enhance the Bank’s workforce. This is possible with the introduction of qualified national competencies who are capable of enhancing their performance by complementing the human resources growth and development strategy set by the OAB management. It includes the implementation of programmes and plans that utilise scientific techniques and various learning methods that focus on practical implementation, selecting suit-

able people, as well as investing in modern technologies to establish a culture of learning and performance development. The leadership development programme “LEAD”, which was implemented in 2017, is an integral part of this strategy, focused on honing the talents and skills of nationals and preparing them to take on greater responsibilities within the bank’s executive management.

“Three editions of ‘LEAD’ have already been successfully launched, which witnessed 60 leaders who underwent intensive training courses for six months, in cooperation with an institute specialised in management sciences. The bank’s management has continued to pave the path for them by enabling their participation in work teams that implement various projects around the concept of a non-routine ‘flexible’ institution.

“This is in addition to encouraging their participation in the bank’s initiatives, with some of them having assumed leadership positions after graduating from the ‘LEAD’ programme.

“Therefore, today we stand here proudly, reinforcing that the role of our national competencies is prominent in various disciplines and work sites. We consider them our most important assets at Oman Arab Bank, and a source of our confidence and pride.”

“The experience of our colleague Mahfoudh Al Rawahi is a testament that competency and determination is the path to profes-

sional development and building a promising career. I am confident that Mahfoudh’s success story will inspire many of his colleagues who have just begun their careers and looking to hold higher positions, not only at OAB but wherever they may be. For us at OAB, we are proud to have Mahfoudh and his colleagues be a part of our team. The team strives to provide only the best services, aligned with the Bank’s strategy aimed at positioning OAB at the forefront of the local banking sector,” he added.

As part of Oman Arab Bank’s commitment to the National Omanisation Programme, the bank was able to maintain one of the highest Omanisation rates in the banking sector, exceeding 96.3 per cent. This is in addition to achieving 86.4 per cent of Omanisation in senior management positions. All of which are considered to be among one of the highest Omanisation rates within the local banking sector.

“The advancement in one’s career is not solely dependent on the number of years as some may expect. Instead, it takes will and determination to achieve success and constantly acquiring more knowledge and experience, to be able to perform better every year. This is further enhanced by a supportive work environment, similar to the one OAB provides its employees. I wish all the youth in the banking sector the best of luck and that the future is in their hands,” Al Rawahi concludes.

VACCINATION DRIVE

Renaissance Services rolls out extensive vaccination programme for employees

MUSCAT: Renaissance Services, Oman’s leading services solutions company, has deployed a mega COVID-19 vaccination programme for its employees.

The initiative is one of the large-scale healthcare efforts in Oman, covering over 8,800 employees serving at over 100 locations across the country.

Since the arrival of the pandemic, Renaissance has implemented several initiatives under a comprehensive strategy of ‘In Service to the Nation’, a determined campaign supporting the Government of Oman and the Supreme Committee for COVID-19 to meet the challenge.

Commenting on the initiative, Samir J Fancy, Chairman – Renaissance Services said, “This extensive vaccination drive undertaken by Renaissance reflects our core values of safety, service and care for our employees, clients and the community. The programme will ensure that our people are protected and substantially reduce the pressure on public health systems and help Oman return to normalcy by countering the challenges caused by the pandemic



more effectively. We are extremely grateful for the valuable support of the Ministry of Health, SEZAD, our esteemed clients, and our healthcare partners.”

Adil Bahwan, COO – Renaissance Services said, “98% of our workforce delivers essential services that cannot be performed from home or any remote location, and their wellbeing is at the heart

of our organisation. Keeping our people safe is vital to ensure that we can continue delivering essential services to our clients and their workforces confidently while being cautious and mindful of the ongoing impact of the pandemic. This vaccination drive gives equal access to all our employees across the organisation to get their vaccine safely and securely.”

Since the arrival of the pandemic, Renaissance has worked collaboratively with its clients to scale up and sustain its services to support business continuity in vital industries and projects such as ports and oil & gas fields. Teams working alongside Ministry of Health doctors and medical workers have delivered repetitive sanitising and cleaning services to protect the health and safety of patients and frontline heroes at the height of the outbreak.

Renaissance has also provided hundreds of thousands of freshly-prepared meals daily to Outbreak and Quarantine Centres across the Sultanate, free of charge. The company also continuously engaged with all stakeholders to raise awareness and promote healthy practices. Last year, Renaissance had developed safety guidelines that were openly shared and downloaded by many SMEs, corporates and public sector entities.

“Good communication has been the cornerstone of our response to COVID-19, keeping all stakeholders well informed, updated and guiding them with respect to safety protocols,” Bahwan added.

FUEL-EFFICIENT



Own Nissan Altima on low EMI of OMR168

MUSCAT: Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), is offering a low EMI on Nissan Altima.

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PROMOTION

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Foton Tunland pickups are available in two-wheel and four-wheel drive option with single and double cabin. Foton Tunland pickup, which stands out for its reliable quality, is powered by a 2.0 Turbo engine in the 4WD option, making it the most powerful 4WD pickup in its class.

The Single Cabin Pickup has the largest loading deck in its class. Features of the Tunland include Bosch electronics and ABS + EBD, ESC, On-Board Diagnostics (OBD, TPMS), dual airbag and radar



with buzzer. Foton Tunland Single Cab pickup which is powered by a 2.4-litre engine combines an original, robust design with the power, performance and reliability of established, globally reputed brands for its major drivetrain features.

A spokesperson for GGS said, “We are extending low EMIs to make buying experience affordable. Tunland’s strength and load-

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