

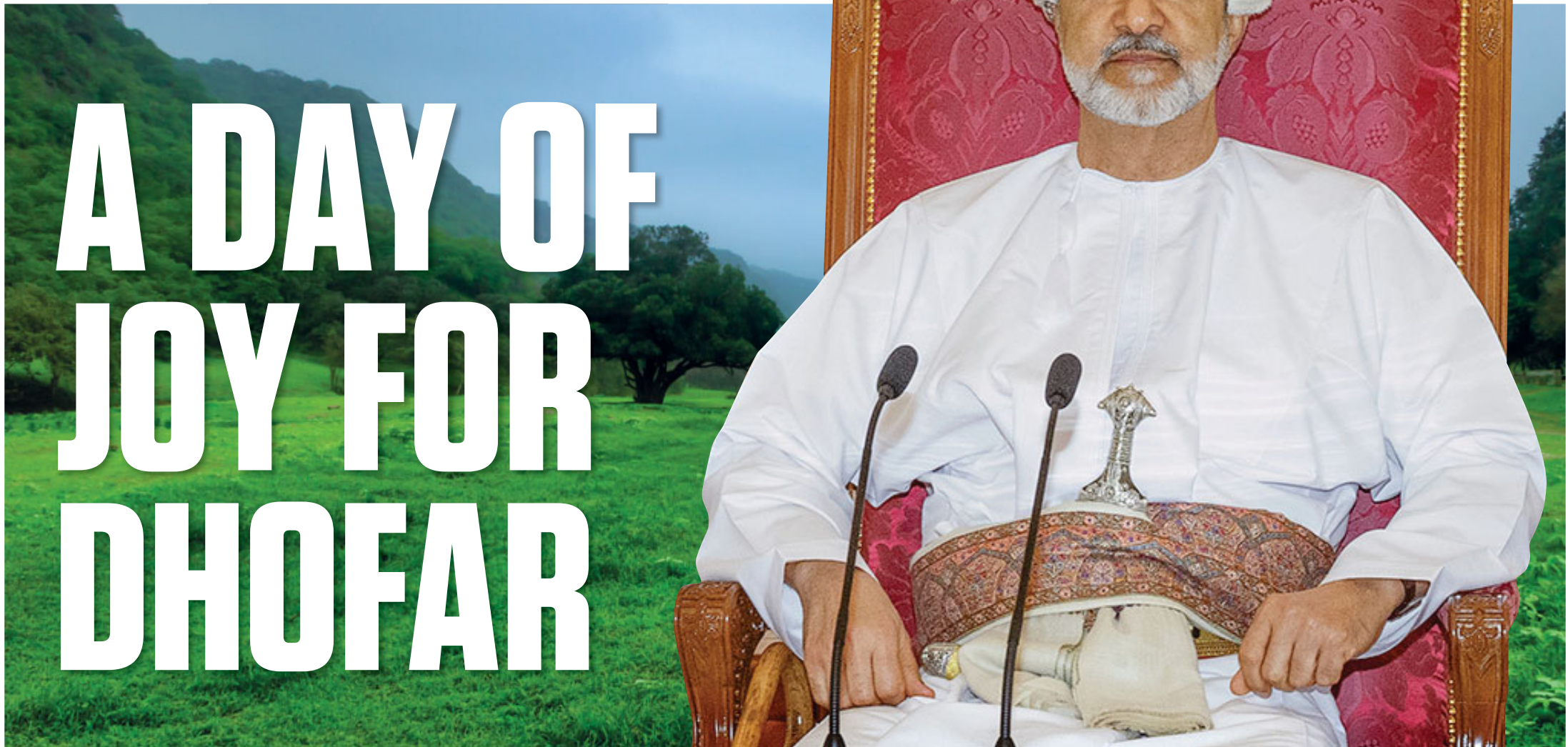
HM RECEIVES THANKS CABLE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jabir Al Sabah, Deputy Emir and Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, in reply to His Majesty's condolences cable on the death of Sheikh Sabah Mohammed Sabah Al Salman Al Sabah. **>A2**



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The visit of His Majesty is a source of great pride and honour for Dhofar governorate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The sheikhs with whom His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik met during his recent visit to the Dhofar governorate have expressed their sincere thanks at meeting and being able to openly discuss their concerns with him.

His Majesty the Sultan met with them on September 15, at Al Hisn Hall in the quarter of Al Shati in Salalah, the regional capital. Among them was present Sheikh Ahmed bin Salim bin Ahmed Al Shanfari, a sheikh of the Shanfari tribe of the Wilayat of Salalah.

He said, "With his kindness, his

smile and the wonderful manner in which he spoke, His Majesty was like a father to us. This really had a good impression on all the sheikhs assembled. He spoke about employment for young people in the near future, which would be important, especially since many of their fathers have retired, but still have bank loans to pay, while they themselves are still job seekers. This represents a burden to the family, to fresh graduates, to job seekers, and affects the capabilities of the national workforce.

"His Majesty showed great interest in speaking about job seekers, and he told citizens he would equate the benefits of people in the



Sheikh Ahmed bin Salim bin Ahmed Al Shanfari

private and public sectors, which means employees in the private sector will enjoy the same privileges as those in the public sector, both during employment and after taking retirement."

During his time in the south of the country, His Majesty the Sultan also discussed those facilities vital to Dhofar, including the expansion and development of



Sheikh Masalam bin Ahmed Al Hadhari

Sultan Qaboos Hospital, and the completion of a referral hospital to benefit people in the governorate, as well as the tourists who come there in large numbers, particularly during the Khareef season.

His Majesty also discussed spurring economic growth through the development and expansion of the port in Raysut, and expanding the farms of the Najd,

to achieve self-sufficiency.

"Instead of being importers, we will become exporters, especially since the Najd farms are characterised by fertile lands and abundant water," explained Al Shanfari. "We aim to fill the basket of the Omani citizens with all kinds of fruits and vegetables from our land and build our homes, with the goods from the ports of the country, which overlook distinct places on the Arabian Sea, near Bab Al Mandab and the Red Sea through which many cargo and tourist ships pass."

"That his first direct meeting with the people began in the Dhofar governorate is a source of great pride and honour for us," he added.

"We stand ready to serve him. We extend our sincere gratitude and loyalty to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, and we thank him for the great interest, appreciation and generosity he showed in meeting us. This gives us renewed hope in our efforts towards

building this country."

Sheikh Masalam bin Ahmed Al Hadhari, who serves as the Wali of Thumrait, said meeting His Majesty made Tuesday a 'day of joy' for him, as he really appreciated his eagerness to openly listen to his people. "His Majesty spoke to us with a warm smile and listened to us keenly," he said. "The sheikhs and other persons assembled there asked for permission to set up a government university in His Majesty's name, to honour his visit."

Adding to this, Sheikh Al Munther bin Ahmed Al Marhoon, the Wali of Sadah, also said His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik paid close attention to what those assembled had to say. "Employment issues formed a part of the conversations between His Majesty the Sultan and the sheikhs in the Dhofar, and he listened carefully when they spoke to him," he said. "We are most appreciative of the Royal Visit undertaken by the leader of our country." **>A3**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Minister inspects health centres

1 Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health met healthcare officials at the Sultan Qaboos Hospital in Salalah and discussed with them the latest COVID-19 pandemic developments in Dhofar governorate as well as measures undertaken by the hospital to handle the situation. **>A2**

WORLD Israel signs pacts with UAE, Bahrain

2 Israel signed agreements to normalise diplomatic ties with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain at the White House on Tuesday. The signing of the deal formally makes the UAE and Bahrain the third and the fourth Arab nation to establish diplomatic ties with Israel. **>A6**

MARKET Minister holds investors' meet



3 The meeting discussed ways to enhance the Sultanate's industrial sector, highlighting the obstacles facing the industrialists currently, and exploring mechanisms to advance the business environment of the country in future. **>B1**



Oman, Germany discuss ways to combat COVID-19

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MINISTRY OF HOUSING

Ministry issues new real estate rental directives for expats

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has given directives for leasing real estate in areas prohibited to non-Omanis.

A statement from the Ministry said, "Organisational measures to activate the law prohibiting non-Omani ownership of land and real estate in places of the embargo, will become effective from November 19, 2020. The conditions are: While submitting the documents for the lease contract, a no objection certificate from the competent authority issued by the ministry should be attached and the purpose of house rent should be commercial or industrial business only. The term of the lease contract will be one year with the registration of the lease contract from a



competent municipality.

The documents required are: A copy of the title deed, the survey drawing (sketch of the property), a copy of the tenant's valid passport, a copy of the tenant's valid ID card, a copy of the commercial register in case the tenant is a legal person, a certificate of completion of construction, an undertaking specifying the purpose of rent, and an undertaking from the tenant that it is for his personal use and not for renting it to others.

NATIONAL SERO-SURVEY

COVID-19: Muscat, Al Wusta show highest infection rates

MUSCAT: The community response for the COVID-19 in Oman reflected in the commitment of individuals and institutions to the preventive measures taken to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 has had a profound impact on reducing the effects of the pandemic.

It has been clearly shown in the decrease in the number of cases and outbreaks recorded and the accompanying decrease in morbidity and hospitalisation, particularly in admissions to intensive care units (ICU), as well as mortality.

Since its launch in July 2020, the National Sero-survey of COVID-19 virus infection has become one of the main pillars supporting the national strategy to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through the survey's objectives.

These objectives are marked in assessing the prevalence of COVID-19 infection by age groups, monitoring of laboratory-diagnosed cases and assessing the level of infection in various governorates in Oman, as well as the proportion of infections in those who have not shown symptoms, and assessing the effects of the closure of the governorates on the epidemic.

The results of the first cycle of the national sero-survey were consistent with the desired objectives, as the results showed that the overall prevalence of the disease at a national level was 6 per cent with 3.9 per cent being in Omanis and 8.7 per cent in non-Omanis.

Based on these results, the study at this stage indicates that the number of infections in the Sultanate is estimated at 276,685 (among those who have symptoms and those who did not show symptoms).

Muscat and Al Wusta governorates had the highest prevalence of the disease at 9.2 per cent rate



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each whereas the results of the rest of the governorates were as follows: Al Buraimi 7.3 per cent, North Al Batinah 5.7 per cent, South Al Batinah 5.6 per cent, North Al Sharqiyah 3.6 per cent, Al Dakhiliyah 3.2 per cent, Dhofar 2.6 per cent, South Al Sharqiyah 2.3 per cent, Al Dhahirah 1.9 per cent, Musandam 0.9 per cent.

Despite the importance of the information obtained from the samples of the first cycle, it should be noted that the continuation of the survey and the results that will be produced in the next

stages is the most important, and here it should be emphasised on the need to continue the participation in the survey process.

It is worth mentioning that the final results of the survey will benefit the individuals and society and that the participation of individuals plays a crucial role in conducting and completing the survey as planned, and this can only be achieved by the concerted efforts of everyone and the activation of individual and community responsibility in serving our country. **-ONA**



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Asr.....	3:33pm
Maghrib.....	6:14pm
Isha.....	7:24pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	4:38am

CABLES

HM sends greetings

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to Yoshihide Suga, Prime Minister of Japan on being elected as the new PM.

In his cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes of success to achieve aspirations of the Japanese people towards further progress and prosperity, and the relations between the two countries further development and growth.

His Majesty has received a cable of thanks from President Al-

exander Lukashenko of Belarus, in reply to his Majesty's congratulatory cable to him on his country's Independence Anniversary.

In his cable, President Lukashenko expressed his utmost thanks and appreciation for His Majesty the Sultan's congratulations. He wished His Majesty a good health and wellbeing, and the Omani people further progress and welfare. He affirmed to continue developing the existing relations between the two countries for the interest of their people. -ONA

Oman, Germany discuss ways to combat COVID

The two sides stressed the importance of the international community in joining hands in ensuring the universal benefit for all countries to contain the pandemic and eliminate it

MUSCAT: The ministers from Oman and Germany held a virtual meeting, during which they exchanged views on confronting the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic and social repercussions, as well as ways to exchange information and enhance



MEETING: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister held a meeting with Marco Wandervitz, Parliamentary Minister of State at the Ministry of Economy and Energy. -ONA

cooperation in this regard.

The two sides stressed the importance of the international community in joining hands in ensuring the universal benefit for all countries to contain the

pandemic and eliminate it.

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, chaired yesterday the conclusion of the 15th session of the Omani-German Joint Com-

mittee which was held through virtual communication between Muscat and Berlin, co-chaired on the German side, by Marco Wandervitz, Parliamentary Minister of State at the Ministry of Economy and Energy.

At the end of the session, the two sides signed the joint agreed minutes on the work of the Joint Committee, in the presence of all its members from the public and private sectors of both countries.

The two sides expressed their joint keenness to expand and diversify the interests and benefits between the two countries towards broader horizons and in various areas of cooperation, while giving more focus and follow-up to the development of bilateral trade and investments.

They also identified priorities for joint cooperation in the sectors of renewable energy, higher education, vocational training and research, and in the fields of tourism, healthcare, the environment, climate change, the transfer of science, knowledge and technology, in addition to the development of small and medium size enterprises. -ONA

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The picture gallery of His Majesty the Sultan in Salah

A picture gallery of His Majesty in Salah gathered 17,387 post clicks and reached 82,065 people on Facebook.

MOST WATCHED VIDEO ON FACEBOOK

3,900 VIEWS



The Maghrib Minute video in Hindi

The Maghrib Minute video in Hindi received 3,900 views and reached 17,500 people on Facebook.

MOST VIEWED VIDEO ON INSTAGRAM

2,434 LIKES



A photo gallery on His Majesty in Salah

VISIT

Minister reviews preparations to tackle coronavirus in Dhofar

Times News Service

SALALAH: Oman's Minister of Health met with healthcare officials at the Sultan Qaboos Hospital in Salalah, the capital of the southern Dhofar Governorate.

During the meeting, Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi discussed the latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic in the governorate, as well as preparations undertaken by the hospital to tackle them.

A statement from the Directorate General of Health Services in Dhofar said, "Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, the Minister of Health, met with officials in the healthcare sector, and medical staff at Sultan Qaboos Hospital, as well as the epidemiological investigation team in the governorate."

The meeting was held "in the presence of Dr Mohammed bin Saif Al Hosani, the Undersecretary of Health Affairs at the Ministry of Health, and Dr Khalid bin Mohammed Al Mashikhi, Director General of Health Services in the Governorate of Dhofar," according to the DGHS.

As part of its efforts towards



MEETING: Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi discussed the latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic in Dhofar.

World Patient Safety Day, which falls on 17 September, the Ministry of Health also launched on Wednesday awareness programmes relating to health worker safety and how it affects the wellbeing of patients.

"Under the slogan 'safe health workers, safe patients', the activities of the third National Patients Safety Day, and the second World Patient Safety Day will be launched on Wednesday, and has been organised by the Directorate General of the Quality Assurance

Centre at the Ministry of Health for two consecutive days, along with the participation of various countries around the world," said the ministry in a statement.

"World Patient Safety Day 2020 aims to raise awareness at global level, of the importance of health worker safety and its links to patient safety, the involvement of multiple stakeholders, and the adoption of multi-modal strategies to improve the safety of health workers and patients," added the ministry.

REPORT

e-payment system hailed

DUBLIN: A recent report released by Research and Market hailed the system of electronic payment in the Sultanate, describing Oman's e-payment market as "dynamic and competitive".

The report commended the CBO's introducing a (platform) system of clearing and settlement of payments via mobile phones. It reaffirmed that this platform allows for interoperability among financial services via the phone and mobile wallet services run by banks and e-payment providers. -ONA

CABLE

<FROM A1 Sincere thanks

Sheikh Nawaf expressed his utmost thanks for His Majesty the Sultan's sincere condolences and sympathy, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest the deceased's soul in peace and protect His Majesty against all harms. -ONA

OMAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

International Space Station passes over Oman's skies

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The International Space Station crossed over the northern skies of the Sultanate on Wednesday.

Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, head of the Crescents Observation Department, at the Astronomical Affairs Department of the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs and a member of the Board of Directors of the Oman Astronomical Society, speaking exclusively to Times of Oman, said: "Today at 6:53 pm, the International Space Station crossed over the northern skies of the Sultanate, which could be seen like a bright star, as it moved from the southwest to the northeast."

Sun's rays

Al Mahrouqi confirmed: "The International Space Station revolves around the Earth 16 times a day, with a speed of approximately 27,600 km/hr and it can be seen in the skies of the Sultanate after sunset or before dawn, because it reflects the sun's rays where the observer's location is dark and the space station is at an altitude of approximately 420 km from the surface of the earth so the sun is reflected from its solar panels and therefore its appears as a bright and shining star."

He added: "It is not possible to



OBSERVED OVER OMAN: The International Space Station revolves around the Earth 16 times a day, with a speed of approximately 27,600 km/hr.

determine the time of its passage automatically because the International Space Station sometimes adjusts its path down or up, so the timing of its passage changes.

"It can be known when it will pass over the sky of the Sultan-

ate through the ISS Finder application, International Space Station Finder, on smartphones as a result everyone can know the space station's passage time above the skies of their country around the world, including the Sultanate of Oman."

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HM VISIT

<FROM A1 It was high honour for Dhofar



Sheikh Bakhit bin Salim Al Maashani

The wali of Al Mazyona has said that all issues raised at the meeting of His Majesty the Sultan with sheikhs and notables of Dhofar Governorate are public issues of interest to citizens.

Sheikh Bakhit bin Salim Al Maashani, Wali of Al Mazyona, said told *Al Shabiba*, the Arabic sister publication of the *Times of Oman*: “We are proud of this meeting and the high honour of His Majesty to Dhofar. All the issues that were presented to His Majesty are public projects, and His Majesty gave good news in terms of replacement and employment. There is comfort in the meeting, as it was simple and direct.”

Community joins embassy to pay tribute to corona warrior

Blessy Thomas, an Indian nurse working in Oman battled COVID-19 for nearly a month before succumbing to it

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Tributes have poured in for Blessy Thomas, the Indian nurse in Oman who died of COVID-19 on 14 September.

Blessy, who herself was taking care of COVID patients at the Ministry of Health hospital in Sinaw, battled the disease for nearly a month before succumbing to it at the Royal Hospital in Muscat, despite the efforts of all those who tried to save her.

“We salute the selfless service and dedication of frontline Corona warrior Ms. Blessy Thomas



HAPPY DAYS: Blessy Thomas with her husband and (right) children.

who has made the supreme sacrifice in the fight against COVID-19, and convey our heartfelt condolences to the family,” said the Embassy of India in a statement.

Others have also honoured the sacrifice made by her in the fight against the coronavirus.

Dr Nandita Pokhriyal said, “Hats off to you mam, definitely God will grace you with the best place in heaven. A big salute from a doctor to a paramedic who gave

her life to save others.”

Vinod Nair said, “Rest in peace, respected corona warrior,” and Mradula Rao added, “May her soul rest in peace, and God give the family the strength to face this great loss. Condolences to the family.”

“Deepest condolences to the family of Blessy Thomas. May her soul rest in peace,” said Priya Wilmor, as Lakshmi Kumar also mourned her loss, saying, “May



her soul RIP and heartfelt condolences to the family.”

“May the true hero on duty...sister Blessy's soul rest in peace! Deep condolences to the family,” exclaimed Tanuja Sharma. Manisha Prakash said, “May her soul rest in peace n give strength to her family, very proud of her n her sacrifice.”

Blessy Thomas is survived by her husband, Sam George, and their two young children. She had been working with the Ministry

of Health for about four years, before which she'd been employed with Apollo Hospitals for another two. She'd been in Oman for about 10 years.

“Her heroism is commendable, we salute her efforts! We pray that her soul may rest peace!” said Sharad Moghe, with Venkatesh Mahesh also honouring her sacrifice. “May her soul rest in peace. She has been a true martyr in the service of the people of Oman.”

“It is very sad news,” said Amita Nagpal. “She was a true hero...my heartfelt condolences to the family and may God bless them with strength to bear this irreparable loss.”

“Deep heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family,” added Kayy-amuddin Qureshi. “May the departed soul rest in peace.”

Condolences for the family of nurse Blessy also came from her colleagues at Starcare Hospital in Oman. The company said they were “saluting the healthcare martyr of the pandemic. We join in prayers with the family and friends of staff nurse Blessy Thomas of the Royal Hospital of the Ministry of Health. May her soul rest in peace!”

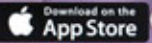
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WHERE: Ibra is the capital of the Governorate of North Ash Sharqiyah. Located some 170 kilometres from Muscat it is considered as a gateway of Oman's eastern region. It was once a centre of trade, education and art.

WHAT'S SPECIAL: Once you cross the souq the road will lead you to the old village of Al Minzfah. There is a double archway that gives entrance to the village where one can find mud-built houses. Minzfah Village is one of Ibra's oldest villages. The houses there showcase Oman's ancient architecture. "Once a trading hub at the gates to the Sharqiyah Sands, Ibra today is a modern city complete with a university, hospitals and hotels," according to Oman's Ministry of Tourism. Ibra College of Technology, Ibra Nursing Institute and A'Sharqiyah University are some of the prominent educational institutions. There are also many forts and mosques.

LOCAL MARKET: Apart from the regular traditional market, Ibra hosts a weekly market called 'Souq Al Arbia' or 'Wednesday Market'. It is held weekly by local Omani women from Ibra. The souq sells several handicrafts and agricultural products along with food items of daily needs like meat, fish, fruits and vegetables. One can also find gold and silverware.

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Oman signs new exploration pact

The agreement to explore for oil in Block 36 was signed between Ministry of Energy and Minerals and leading US oil producer EOG Resources

Times News Service

MUSCAT: An exploration and production sharing agreement (EPSA) was signed by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MEM) with leading US oil producer EOG Resources (EOG) to explore for oil in Block 36 onshore Oman, on Wednesday.

Block 36 is being acquired by EOG in a transaction with Apex Oman (Block 36), and encompasses 4.6 million acres of the Rub Al Khali Basin located in the southwest area of the Sultanate. In partnership with the MEM, EOG plans to drill a minimum of two wells to explore oil resource targets by mid-2022.



DRILLING OF OIL: In partnership with the MEM, EOG plans to drill a minimum of two wells to explore oil resource targets by mid-2022. — Times file picture

This agreement was signed by Dr Mohammed Al Rumhi, the Minister of Energy and Minerals, on behalf of Oman's Government, and William R. Bill Thomas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EOG Resources.

Rub Al Khali Basin
“This agreement represents the next step for Oman to determine the resource potential of the Rub Al Khali Basin, we are pleased to be partner with EOG Resources,

the industry leader of horizontal oil and natural gas exploration and technology, to assess the technical and economic potential of the region,” said Dr Al Rumhi.

“We are pleased with the opportunity to evaluate this oil rich basin for potential horizontal development,” said the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EOG. “We look forward to working alongside MEM to expand Oman's oil resource potential,” he further added.

WEBINAR

Dhofar moves ahead on sustainable growth path

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Dhofar has emerged as one of the most progressive regions with a robust infrastructure, growing manufacturing hub, well-developed and connected seaport and airport, vibrant tourism and attractive climate.

As a result, a number of investors and business groups from within Oman, GCC region and international markets have invested over \$8.7 billions in Dhofar till date.

The strategic location between trade routes of the East and the West (with over US\$ 2 trillion worth of goods passing through every year, Salalah located right at the heart of world trade) gives Salalah a shipping cost and delivery time advantage to relocating manufacturers when compared to China, USA and India as well as regional competitors.

Business friendly policies
In alignment with Oman's Vision 2040, Dhofar is continuing to move ahead on the path of sustainable development with its business friendly policies, expansion of the infrastructure and promotion of export oriented industries.

Under this backdrop, OER is organising the Webinar 'Dhofar – The Future Roadmap' on September 30 on Zoom. The exclusive webinar dedicated on Dhofar's future development is endorsed by leading industry bodies includ-



MANUFACTURING HUB: Investors and business groups from within Oman, GCC region and international markets have invested over \$8.7 billions in Dhofar.

ing Madayn, Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OCCI) and Oman Manufacturer's Association. Muscat Overseas Group, Dhofar Insurance Company and Transom are the strategic partners for the webinar.

The Webinar 'Dhofar – The Future Roadmap' will emphasise on how Dhofar is continuing to move ahead on the path of sustainable development with the expansion of the infrastructure and promotion of export oriented industries in alignment with Oman's Vision 2040.

It will also address the challenges faced by Dhofar due to

COVID-19 and how it could overcome them with its competitive environment and a host of attractive business opportunities to the investors. The industry leaders will be speaking on Dhofar's growth roadmap and new investment opportunities. The focus of the discussion will be on tourism, ports & logistics, manufacturing, food and exports based industries.

Businessliveme.com is the digital media partner for the webinar organized by UMS Events.

To attend the webinar, register on <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tJfzeu6vba>.

LOGISTICS STRATEGY 2040

Oman achieves new milestone

MUSCAT: Oman has ratified its accession to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) and the Additional Protocol on the Electronic Consignment Note (e-CMR) under the Royal Decree No. 114/2020.

This is in keeping with the ambitious targets of the Sultanate of Oman's Logistics Strategy 2040 (SOLS 2040), aimed at promoting Oman as a global logistics hub. The accession to e-CMR marks a significant step forward for Oman's wider global adoption of digital transport and logistics systems – including customs transit.

Oman recognises that the e-CMR will support the efficiency of logistics supply chain- enabling a streamlined and a more secure flow of goods. — ONA

MEETING

Foreign Minister receives GCC Secretary General

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister received Dr. Nayef Falah Mubarak Al Hajraf, GCC Secretary General, in his office on Wednesday.

They discussed several topics of interest to the GCC march and enhancing the joint cooperation to serve the GCC countries and people, as well as their joint interest.

The meeting was attended by Khalifa bin Said Al Abri, Assistant Secretary General for Economic and Development Affairs at the GCC Secretariat General, Dr. Abdullah bin Hamad Al Badi, Head of the Minister's Office Department, Saud bin Ahmed Al Barwani, Head of the GCC Department and some Foreign Ministry officials. — ONA



DISCUSSION: Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister received in his office on Wednesday Dr. Nayef Falah Mubarak Al Hajraf, GCC Secretary General. — ONA

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Oman continues to provide aid to Sudan

MUSCAT: The Sultanate continued, yesterday, operating relief aid flights to Republic of the Sudan on account of the floods resulting from heavy rains.

The relief materials, which was carried onboard military

transport aircraft affiliated to the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) in cooperation with the Oman Charitable Organisation, comprised necessary humanitarian requirements and materials.

The aid came in response to

the Royal Directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and within the humanitarian efforts and assistance extended by the Sultanate of Oman to friendly countries during emergency and exceptional conditions. — ONA



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CORONAVIRUS

India's COVID tally crosses 5 million mark



NEW DELHI: India's COVID-19 tally crossed the 5 million mark with a spike of 90,123 new cases and 1,290 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Wednesday.

The total case tally in the country stands at 5,020,360 including 995,933 active cases, 3,942,361 cured/dischargedmi-

grated and 82,066 deaths, as per the Ministry.

As per the data from the Health Ministry, Maharashtra which is the most affected by the pandemic has 292,174 active cases of COVID-19.

Karnataka has 98,555 active cases, Andhra Pradesh (92,353), Uttar Pradesh (67,335), and Delhi (29,787). **ANI**



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Israel signs peace agreements with UAE and Bahrain at White House

The signing ceremony, formally makes the UAE and Bahrain the third and the fourth Arab nation to establish diplomatic ties with Israel

WASHINGTON: Israel signed agreements to normalise diplomatic ties with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain at the White House on Tuesday.

US President Donald Trump joined Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Bahraini Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani in signing the three-way agreements.

The signing ceremony, which was held in the South Lawn at the White House, formally makes the UAE and Bahrain the third and the fourth Arab nation to establish diplomatic ties with Israel. Egypt and Jordan signed their peace deals with Israel in 1979 and 1994, respectively.

The signing also demonstrated



DIPLOMATIC TIES: US President Donald Trump joined Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Bahraini Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani in signing the three-way agreements.

that the Trump administration is eager to showcase its foreign policy achievement and gain support with the upcoming presidential election.

Trump touted the historical significance of the agreements by calling them "peace deals."

The UAE and Bahrain have never fought a war against Israel in history, and the unofficial relationship between Israel and the two Arab

states have developed for years.

Netanyahu hailed the normalisation agreements as "a pivot of history" that heralds new dawn of peace, saying Israel, the UAE and Bahrain are eager to invest in a future of partnership, prosperity and peace.

Bahrain's foreign minister noted that the agreement is an important first step, while emphasising the two-state solution to the Palestin-

ian-Israeli conflict.

"Today's agreement is an important first step and it is now incumbent on us to work urgently and actively to bring about the lasting peace and security our peoples deserve a just, comprehensive, and enduring two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict will be the foundation, the bedrock of such peace," he said.

Sheikh Abdullah of the UAE

in his remarks expressed thanks to Netanyahu for halting the annexation of Palestinian territories, calling it "a decision that reinforces our shared will to achieve a better future for generations to come."

According to the Israel-UAE deal announced on August 13, Israel agreed to suspend its plan to annex parts of the occupied Palestinian territories in the West Bank.

The Palestinian leadership, which has long accused the Trump administration of being biased in favour of Israel, condemned the deals.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on all Arab countries to abide by the Arab Peace Initiative, launched in 2002, which stipulates that the Arabs can only normalise relations with Israel after the Palestinian issue is resolved. **Xinhua**

CATEGORY 2 HURRICANE

Hurricane Sally makes landfall in southern US



LANDFALL: The Category 2 Hurricane, bringing maximum sustained winds of up to 105 miles per hour, could provoke "catastrophic and life-threatening flooding" in coastal areas

WASHINGTON: Hurricane Sally made landfall on the southern coast of the United States early Wednesday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The Category 2 Hurricane, bringing maximum sustained winds of up to 105 miles (165 kilometres) per hour, could provoke "catastrophic and life-threatening flooding" in coastal areas, the center said.

Ahead of its landfall, Sally strengthened to a Category 2 Hurricane on Monday as it moved over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico on the U.S. southeast coast.

According to forecast, Sally slowly moved northwest through the Gulf towards the north-central Gulf coast, continuing gaining power before landfall. Forecasters warned that Sally could become a

Hurricane Sally comes less than three weeks after Hurricane Laura, one of the strongest US hurricanes in more than a century, made landfall near Cameron, Louisiana, in late August as a Category Four storm

Category 3 major hurricane when making landfall along the coast of Mississippi and Alabama.

Hurricane warnings were issued for southeast Louisiana and all of the Mississippi and Alabama Gulf coast. A Tropical Storm Warning extended through much of the Florida Panhandle.

Once expected to be a direct hit on New Orleans, Louisiana, Sally moved east on Monday but could still cause wind damage and power outage in the city, expert said.

On Saturday, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency ahead of Sally. Evacuation orders were also issued in southeast areas of the state.

US President Donald Trump declared a state of emergency in the state of Florida due to Hurricane Sally that has been raging off the US coast for several

days, White House Deputy Press Secretary Judd Deere said on Wednesday.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) warned on Tuesday that the hurricane, the second storm bearing down on the US coast of the Gulf of Mexico in a span of three weeks, could bring "extreme, life-threatening" and historic floods to the region.

Hurricane Sally comes less than three weeks after Hurricane Laura, one of the strongest US hurricanes in more than a century, made landfall near Cameron, Louisiana, in late August as a Category 4 storm. That hurricane, which killed at least 25 people and damaged countless property, also scored a near-direct hit on one refinery in Louisiana processing 769,000 barrels per day of crude oil. **Xinhua/ANI**

NEW PM



Yoshihide Suga elected as new Japanese Premier

TOKYO: Yoshihide Suga was elected as Japan's prime minister on Wednesday.

"According to the results, our house has decided to name Yoshihide Suga prime minister," lower house speaker Tadamori Oshima told parliament after the votes were counted.

The 71-year-old is former-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's longtime right-hand man. Suga named a new cabinet that included several existing ministers.

Taro Aso remained in his position as finance minister and Toshimitsu Motegi kept his job as foreign minister. Abe's younger brother, Nobuo Kishi, was named defense minister.

Suga said he will pursue many of Abe's policies, including his signature "Abenomics" economic strategy of monetary easing, fiscal stimulus and structural reforms.

Abe announced his resignation last month due to ill health after eight years in the job, making him Japan's longest-serving prime minister.

New job, big challenges

Suga faces several huge challenges as he prepares to take up his new post.

His government will have to revive the Japanese economy, which has been ravaged by the coronavirus crisis.

Suga has promised to expand COVID-19 testing and source vaccines next year.

He will also look to continue Abe's key foreign policy of maintaining its alliance with the United States, as well as keeping good relations with China.

Suga is known in Japan as a "non-sense" administrator who has earned a reputation for taking on the country's sprawling and powerful bureaucracy to help push through government policies.

"People think I'm terribly scary, especially bureaucrats," he said during one of the leadership debates.

"But I'm very kind...to those who work seriously." **W**



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OMAN OIL PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased with prices for delivery by November 2020 reaching \$41.29, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose \$2.01 from the price of Tuesday, which was \$39.28. - **ONA**

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS LOWER

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Minister meets with investors to boost Oman's industrial sector

The meeting discussed ways to enhance the Sultanate's industrial sector, highlighting current obstacles facing the industrialists, and exploring mechanisms to advance the business environment in future



MEETING: Qais bin Mohammed Al Yusef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion held a meeting with officials to enhance the Sultanate's industrial sector. - **ONA**

MUSCAT: Qais bin Mohammed Al Yusef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion met with industrialists and investors at Al Rusayl Industrial City.

The meeting discussed ways to enhance the Sultanate's industrial sector, highlighting current obstacles facing the industrialists, and exploring mechanisms to advance the business environment in future and attract more local and foreign investments to be along the lines of the Manufacturing Strategy 2040.

The meeting was attended by Dr Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry, Eng. Ridha bin Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates - Madayn, and Eng. Said bin Nasser Al Rashdi, CEO of Oman Manufacturers Association.

Eng. Mohsin bin Zahran Al-Hinai, CEO of Al Rusayl Industrial City Company, stated that the total volume of investments in Al Rusayl Industrial City touched

OMR733,705,584 at the end of 2019, marking a growth rate of 0.16 per cent compared to 2018.

"The number of the workforce in the industrial city increased to 21,725 during the same year, and the number of investing projects reached 334. Of these projects, 266 are operating, 47 are under construction and 21 have been allotted with spaces," Al-Hinai said, adding, "The total area of Al Rusayl Industrial City amounted to 10,864,310 sqm during the same period, of which 6,698,757 sqm has been developed."

Oman Investment and Development Holding Company (Mubadrah) is currently implementing several projects at Al Rusayl Industrial City. Phase (2A) at the industrial city was launched at a cost exceeding OMR32 million, in addition to the redevelopment and rehabilitation project of the entrances to Al Rusayl Industrial City and the introduction of new entrances at a cost of approxi-

mately OMR3 million.

In addition, the logistics project has been completed at Al Rusayl Industrial City at a value of OMR1.5 million. Moreover, the company has begun preparing technical and consulting studies for the development of phase (2B) and rehabilitation of the entire old area, which extends to nearly 5 million sqm.

Al-Yusef then toured Areej Vegetable Oils and Derivatives, which was established in 1982 with a total production capacity of around 9,000 tonnes per year and with only one production line. Of recent, the production capacity of Areej reached more than 240,000 tonnes per year. Al-Yusef also visited Oman Fiber Optic, which was established to manufacture world-class optical fibre and optical fibre cables. He also visited the National Pharmaceutical Industries Company, which has been operating since 2001 by manufacturing world-class pharmaceuticals in its various facilities. - **ONA**



STATE-OF-THE-ART



CYBERSECURITY: Known as the Adaptive Cloud Security Stack (ACS Stack), this service, coupled with Managed Detection & Response (MDR) capabilities is available across varied domains in the Sultanate. - **Supplied picture**

Datamount partners with Securado to offer Managed Detection and Response services

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A partnership between a leading cloud service provider, Datamount and a leading managed security services provider, Securado has led to the launch of a state-of-the-art cybersecurity solution.

Known as the Adaptive Cloud Security Stack (ACS Stack), this service, coupled with Managed Detection & Response (MDR) capabilities is available across varied domains in the Sultanate.

This one-of-a-kind solution grounded by Artificial Intelligence complements itself with a human element encompassing seasoned cybersecurity experts, working meticulously at their cybersecurity research team, X-Labs.

Adaptive Cloud Security Stack, with its tailored MDR services,

delivers a predominant solution by filling in gaps at the in-house Security Operations Centers (SOC), with a turnkey approach of solving threat detection challenges, which usually leaves an enterprise open to risks. The solution provides adequate controls and visibility spanning across cloud infrastructures and on-premise datacenters. With a team of security researchers specialised in threat detection, incident response and proactive threat hunting, X-Labs serve as the backbone of this solution, further strengthening MDR.

AbdulHakeem Amur Al-Muslahi, General Manager, Datamount, highlights that the average time across industries to detect a cybersecurity breach is close to 247 days. X-lab's MDR services typically reduce this exorbitant timeline to

just a few hours, thereby minimising the impact of a security event, and assisting in rapid response to mitigate and remediate cybersecurity threats. He adds, 'this strategic alliance complements Datamount's cloud offering and accelerates the adoption of cloud-rendered technologies & services.

Directors of Securado, Krishnadas, Manoj and Dhinak evinces that the Managed Detection and Response (MDR) service has a very light footprint on the customer network. The combination of human analysts and technology to eliminate false positives, identify real security threats and develop real-time incident reports forms the fundamental uniqueness of this service, allowing customers to completely entrust their platforms into their safe hands.

FEDERAL RESERVE

US Fed unlikely to offer new guidance on rates this week

WASHINGTON: While US Federal Reserve has adopted a new policy strategy on inflation, the central bank is unlikely to provide new forward guidance on short-term interest rates at its meeting this week, economists have said.

During the Kansas City Fed's annual Jackson Hole research conference held last month, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell announced that the central bank will seek to achieve inflation that averages 2 per cent over time. The new strategy would allow a modest overshoot of inflation to trigger more "inclusive" employment and wage gains.

But Fed officials have yet to come to a consensus as to what an overshoot on inflation would look like since Powell's announcement, according to Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton, a major accounting firm.

"They have not agreed on how high or how long an overshoot of the 2 per cent target the Fed should actually tolerate," Swonk wrote Sunday in an analysis, adding the Fed is expected to ease its stance on inflation without fully defining what that new stance means.

Tim Duy, professor of the University of Oregon and a longtime Fed watcher, believed that the Fed will likely remain content to use the new strategy as justification for maintaining the current near-zero rate path.

"The odds favour the Fed maintains the status quo at this week's meeting. It does not appear to have a consensus on enhancing forward

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guidance nor do I suspect FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) participants feel pressure to force a consensus on that topic just yet," Duy wrote Tuesday in a blog post, referring to the Fed's policy-making committee.

"We had anticipated changes to forward guidance to occur at the September meeting but recent comments by Fed officials imply little urgency and a preference to wait for greater clarity about the outlook," echoed Ryan Sweet, an economist with Moody's Analytics. "Therefore, we now anticipate

the central bank to adopt outcome-based forward guidance in November," Sweet said.

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"Market expectations are that rates will be low for a long period, and so I don't feel like there's a burning pressure that we need to change our forward guidance today to change market expectations," Neel Kashkari, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, said in a recent interview with the Bloomberg Odd Lots podcast.

The Fed cut interest rates to near-zero at two unscheduled meetings in March and began purchasing massive quantities of US treasuries and agency mortgage-backed securities to repair financial markets. It also unveiled new lending programs to provide up to 2.3 trillion US dollars to support the economy in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

The Fed is scheduled to release a policy statement and its updated quarterly forecasts for the US economy Wednesday afternoon after wrapping up a two-day meeting.

"I suspect the overarching message from this meeting will maintain the theme that given the loss of fiscal support, the recovery is very fragile and dominated by downside risks such that they laugh at even the idea of thinking about raising interest rates," Duy said. - **xinhua**

MARKET

MSM index ends lower

There was no top gainer while top loser was Omaniya Financial Bonds 2020 which closed lower by 12.07%

MUSCAT: The MSM index closed at 3,662.51 points, down 0.41 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.08 per cent at 517.93 points. No gainer while Al Omaniya Financial Bonds 2020, down 12.07 per cent, was the top loser. Bank Nizwa was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded and Bank Muscat was the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 235 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR0.4 million, with more than 3.5 million shares changing hands. Out of 33 traded stocks, 0 advanced, 8 declined and 25 remained unchanged. At the session close, local investors were net sellers for OMR69,000 while GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR46,000 followed by foreign for OMR22,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed by 0.38



per cent at 5,911.03 points. Bank Muscat and Al Sharqia Investment were down by 2.13 per cent and 1.43 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 3,965.18 points, up 0.02 per cent. There were no price movements in the sector stocks.

Services index was down 0.54 per cent before closing at 1,567.19 points. Al Batinah Power, Al Jazeera Service, OIFC and Ooredoo were down by 1.85 per cent, 1.16 per cent, 1.09 per cent and 0.51 per cent respectively. –

MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%	
MSM30 Index	3,677.77	3,662.51	3,662.51	3,677.77	-15.26	-0.41	
Financial Index	5,933.56	5,911.03	5,911.03	5,933.56	-22.53	-0.38	
Industrial Index	3,965.18	3,964.09	3,965.18	3,964.31	0.87	0.02	
Services Index	1,576.31	1,565.90	1,567.19	1,575.66	-8.47	-0.54	
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	518.71	517.90	517.93	518.34	-0.41	-0.08	
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,187.02	4,169.65	4,169.65	4,187.02	-17.37	-0.41	
Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
3,523,128	455,578	235	19,662,542,285	0	8	25	33

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SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	P/B VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000001160 NATIONAL GAS	500	82	2	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.162	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.163	0.161	0.163	0.100	13,770,000
OM0000001590 MUSCAT FINANCE	20,000	980	3	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	15,050,170
OM0000001772 AL ANWAR HOLDING	340,860	22,838	19	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.067	0.068	0.100	13,400,000
OM0000002077 AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SER.	10,000	750	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.077	0.100	21,895,138
OM0000002176 AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	437,527	42,003	10	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	11,990,204
OM0000003026 OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	6,993	4,364	6	0.624	0.628	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.000	0.000	0.628	0.624	0.628	0.100	468,000,000
OM0000003224 RENAISSANCE SERVICES	2,094	695	2	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.338	0.338	0.000	0.000	0.332	0.332	0.336	0.100	79,906,580
OM0000003968 OOREDOO	56,141	21,946	26	0.392	0.392	0.390	0.390	0.392	-0.002	-0.510	0.390	0.390	0.392	0.100	253,868,250
OM0000001525 OMAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	24,645	2,243	2	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.092	-0.001	-1.087	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	18,200,000
OM0000002796 BANK MUSCAT	378,700	139,909	63	0.370	0.372	0.366	0.368	0.376	-0.008	-2.128	0.366	0.366	0.368	0.100	1,195,824,294
OM0000002440 AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HOLDING	37,019	2,523	3	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.068	0.070	-0.002	-2.857	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.100	6,120,000
Total	11	1,315,479	238,332	137											
Parallel Market															
OM0000001178 MUSCAT GASES	2,000	430	1	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.000	0.000	0.215	0.215	0.220	0.100	6,450,000
OM0000001319 NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	135,422	14,736	9	0.109	0.109	0.107	0.109	0.109	0.000	0.000	0.107	0.107	0.109	0.100	3,659,288
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	40,000	6,800	7	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.000	0.000	0.170	0.165	0.170	0.100	276,410,881
OM0000001566 OMAN FISHERIES	2,000	162	1	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.082	0.082	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.080	0.085	0.100	10,250,000
OM0000001681 OMAN AND EMIRATES INV HOLDING	131,500	6,181	3	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	5,728,125
OM0000001707 OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	1,042	469	2	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.000	0.000	0.450	0.450	0.462	0.100	40,365,000
OM0000002168 AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	28,034	4,627	4	0.166	0.166	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.000	0.000	0.165	0.165	0.166	0.100	48,875,258
OM0000002200 AHLI BANK	560	77	2	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.137	0.000	0.000	0.137	0.132	0.137	0.100	228,003,073
OM0000003000 ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR.	3,700	2,516	1	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.680	0.640	0.680	0.100	46,920,000
OM0000003521 GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	203,500	10,175	10	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.100	14,499,032
OM0000003711 SOHAR POWER	2,500	115	1	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.000	0.100	9,724,440
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	1,103,478	110,348	12	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	150,000,000
OM0000004735 SEMBOCORP SALALAH	54,700	6,017	7	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.102	0.110	0.100	105,002,915
OM0000004768 AL MADINA TAKAFUL	4,000	300	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	13,125,000
OM0000004933 AL SUWADI POWER	105,259	5,674	6	0.053	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.054	0.053	0.054	0.100	38,577,942
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	32,000	1,760	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.055	0.057	0.100	80,443,080
OM0000007811 MUSANDAM POWER	13,000	4,236	3	0.326	0.326	0.324	0.326	0.326	0.000	0.000	0.326	0.322	0.328	0.100	22,947,140
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	100,112	9,210	7	0.093	0.093	0.092	0.093	0.093	-0.001	-1.075	0.092	0.091	0.092	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000002226 AL JAZEERA SERVICES	173,190	29,651	14	0.174	0.174	0.171	0.171	0.173	-0.002	-1.156	0.171	0.171	0.172	0.100	10,465,931
OM0000004925 AL SHARQIA POWER	70,000	3,710	4	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.054	-0.001	-1.852	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.100	35,769,034
Total	20	2,205,995	217,192	96											

COMMENTARY

Stalled demand, lack of COVID-19 vaccine may delay oil price rise beyond \$50

WITH oil prices likely to remain under pressure and a price recovery above \$50 per barrel not expected before the end of the year at the earliest, Gulf countries face a challenging few months in balancing their economies, according to Saxo Bank's Head of Commodity Strategy, Ole Hansen.

Speaking during an online briefing hosted by Saxo Bank, Hansen highlighted stalled global energy demand affected by COVID-19 travel restrictions, rapidly mounting oil supplies in storage facilities and Saudi Arabia's reduction in its oil-exporting price as the key factors likely to keep the price of oil below \$50/barrel until 2021.

"Crude oil has been trading in a fairly stable pattern in the low \$40s since June, however, we are seeing evidence in data from the physical market that there are risks emerg-



Ole Hansen

ing. Weak refinery margins, caused primarily by the excess of unwanted diesel and jet fuel, are leading to storage facilities rapidly filling up," said Hansen.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia has reduced its official selling prices for exports to Asia,

Stalling global energy demand affected by COVID-19 travel restrictions, rapidly mounting oil supplies in storage facilities and Saudi Arabia's reduction in its oil-exporting price as the key factors likely to keep the price of oil below \$50/barrel until 2021

adding fuel to the growing belief that the recovery in global demand is stalling amid new COVID-19 flare-ups around the globe. The reduction in Saudi Arabia's selling price may also be an attempt to support stronger imports from China as competition for this important customer heats up amid slowing demand. This comes after China's seaborne crude

oil imports in August fell 5.4 per cent month-on-month to 11.3 million barrels per day, still up 13 per cent from a year earlier.

Hansen explained that a dramatic new sell-off in crude oil is not expected, but acceptance needs to be reached that COVID-19 and doubts about the availability of a vaccine may delay a further recovery towards \$50

and higher until next year.

"The slowness of the oil price recovery is testing the unity of the OPEC+ group, which arguably increased production before demand had recovered enough to absorb the additional barrels. In addition, the long-term impact of low oil prices and COVID-19's negative impact on global tourism and business travel will continue to pose challenges for the UAE and other GCC economies," said Hansen, adding, "OPEC members are eager to see a price recovery because, at \$40, oil is roughly half the price that many members, including Saudi Arabia, need for their budgets to stay in the black."

Hansen expects global energy demand to remain on regional governments' agendas for some time, with the outlook for energy markets still unclear even when a vaccine puts an end

to the pandemic.

"Much depends on how we individually and collectively change behaviour, and how we work in the future," said Hansen. "It's entirely possible the pandemic will change the way we live and work in the future, which may negatively impact the consumption of fuel going forward. I expect the new normal will mean fewer domestic and international business meetings, a higher rate of professionals working from home, an uptake in cycling as a form of transport, a substitution of domestic holidays for foreign trips, and a preference for domestic service and goods. These factors will have a meaningful impact on energy demand, and I expect this issue to be a leading focal point in 2021 and beyond," concluded Hansen.

Ole Hansen is Saxo Bank's Head of Commodity Strategy.

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Future readiness key to Dubai's leadership in attracting FDIs

DUBAI: Dubai Investment Development Agency, Dubai FDI, an agency of Dubai Economy, is working closely with investors to enhance the absorptive capacity of new quality investments that keep pace with global market trends and support sustainable economic growth in the emirate, said Fahad Al Gergawi, CEO of Dubai FDI and President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies, WAIPA.

Participating in an open forum organised by Dubai Economy as part of its 'Market Dialogue' series under the title 'Investment Readiness' The Future of Growth, Partnership and Innovation,' Al Gergawi emphasised that future readiness is critical to maintaining the progress achieved by Dubai, most notably its decade-long leadership regionally as the topmost city in attracting FDI (Foreign Direct Investment), during 2010 – 2019.

Investment environment

During the dialogue, Al Gergawi shed light on the investment environment in Dubai post-COVID-19, its strategic components, new types of investments being attracted and the opportunity available in the city for companies for growth, partnership and innovation.

Al Gergawi explained that COVID-19 demonstrated the ef-



iciency and speed of services provided by the Government of Dubai and the free zones in the emirate to facilitate the process of establishing and licensing investment projects and companies in the emirate, which created new opportunities and promoted growth of investments in critical sectors such as healthcare, logistics, e-commerce and digital economy, and particularly in technologies and services relating to food and agriculture.

Al Gergawi said, "Businesses locally and internationally realise

the advantages of being in Dubai. A number of strategic components, including infrastructure, legislation, public services, geographical location, reinforce Dubai as a smart and sustainable city of the future, and a major hub in the global economy.

"Investment in its essence is concerned with the future, and that is why Dubai continues to develop its readiness in all fields in line with the vision and directives of our leadership, particularly His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai."

Emerging sectors

Al Gergawi added, "Dubai's readiness to attract conventional, as well as new forms of investment, is evident in the specialised strategies and initiatives launched over the past years. These measures have primed the city to attract investments into emerging sectors, such as green economy, renewable energy, smart city, digital economy, artificial intelligence, transportation, 3D printing, e-commerce, and other technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Today, Dubai ranks among the top 10 cities globally in attracting investments into artificial intelligence, renewable energy,

space and financial technology."

Al Gergawi stressed that global investment trends confirm the importance of the maturity of the local market in the areas of entrepreneurship and innovation, which have become one of the most significant drivers of new forms of investment, especially venture capital, in addition to mergers and acquisitions. Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 and the restrictions imposed on international travel, Dubai was able to achieve a new milestone in attracting investments of more than AED 2 billion in start-ups based in the emirate.

Strategic programmes

Referring to the role of Dubai FDI and its services, Al Gergawi said the agency continues to develop, promote and support local and international investors through strategic programmes and specialised services. Dubai FDI represents the emirate in all government agencies, specialised national committees, and international entities and institutions concerned with FDI. It also provides its services free of charge to facilitate the success, growth and expansion of foreign investment initiatives in Dubai and connects them to the government agencies concerned, and specialised consulting firms. -WAM

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OMAN TOURISM COLLEGE

OTC offers special discounts for part-time students



MUSCAT: In line with its social responsibility commitment towards various segments of society, Oman Tourism College (OTC) announced that it is offering a special discount (20 per cent off of the total tuition fees) for part-time students from low-income families at the college and a 25 per cent discount for part-time students who are OTC Diploma graduates.

The college also offers to reduce the fees of a student by 10 per cent if they register with a sibling and extends a 20 per cent discount to international students. These discounts are valid only for the academic year 2020-2021.

Commenting on this new offering, Dr Abdulkarim Sultan Al Mughairi, Dean of OTC said, "At OTC, we believe in the importance of education and its pivotal role in the development of nations, as well as empowering individuals and societies to bring about a new future. Therefore, we decided to reduce the tuition fees for part-time students to enable them to continue their studies, achieve their goals and aspirations and contribute towards building a better and brighter Oman. OTC offers several academic programmes, including BSc (Hons) and Diploma in four primary majors, namely Tourism and Hospitality Management, Tourism Marketing, Event Management and Business Enterprise. Pathway courses in Service Management or Innovation & Entrepreneurship are also available. Our state-of-the-art classrooms and labs are fully equipped with advanced tools and technologies to ensure a seamless learning experience. Moreover, the college also offers a full-time or part-time study system, to provide students in various fields of tourism with an opportunity to further develop their qualifications and skillsets to advance their career."

All of OTC's academic programmes are accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and quality assured by the Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin), while the professional courses are offered in collaboration with Lobster Ink, AHLEI, Travelport, WFTGA (World Federation of Tourist Guides Association) and Highfield. OTC also provides facility rental and catering services alongside offering consultation services in menu preparation for restaurants, cafes, and small and medium enterprises.

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2019 Montero Sport GLS available at reduced price



While stocks last, General Automotive Company, the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, is selling the 2019 Montero Sport GLS Premium at reduced price

MUSCAT: An attractive design, spacious interior, impressive technology throughout, and strong performance, together with everyday reliability and practicality, make the 2019 Montero Sport one of the best family SUVs available in its class. While stocks last, General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, is selling the 2019 Montero Sport GLS Premium at reduced prices starting from as low as OMR 10,995 or instalments

of only OMR 138 per month. The price also includes six years of unlimited mileage warranty and roadside assistance. Commenting on the Montero Sport, Manoj Ranade, General Manager of GAC, said, "Right from the moment it was launched, the Montero Sport began to draw in fans thanks to its elegant design, spaciousness, price, reliability, and sheer capability. It has proven to be amongst our most popular models to date. As part of the ongoing pro-

motion, we are offering the 2019 Montero Sport in its GLS Premium trim at an unmatched price point. Since stocks are limited, we highly recommend potential buyers to act fast and secure your vehicle before they all run out." From the Dynamic Shield front design concept, right through to the vibrant rear lamps, the Montero Sport has been boldly sculpted and stylishly accented; its assertive aerodynamic body delivering solid refinement down to the last detail. The sophisticated LED headlamps and daytime running lights further contribute to this appealing, high-quality personality. The interior features a large dashboard, as befits a larger SUV, and sculpted seats add to its luxurious feel. The well-appointed cabin surrounds occupants with solid craftsmanship, comfort, and intelligent features. In the GLS Premium trim, the Montero Sport comes pack to the

brim with features such as a Forward Collision Mitigation System, Blind Spot Warning (BSW), Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), Power Leather seats, Power sliding sunroof, and much more. Under the hood, powering the Montero Sport is a 3.0L MIVEC V6 gasoline engine that produces 219 hp@6,000rpm and 285Nm@4,000rpm; all the power that one may require from a rugged SUV to accomplish every mission with smooth, efficient ease. This is mated to an 8-speed automatic transmission that delivers smoother shifts and improved fuel efficiency. All these features combine to provide a one-of-a-kind vehicle with both on- and off-road capabilities worthy of the tri-diamond badge. The all-new Montero Sport also comes with a very comprehensive list of active and passive safety features and equipment that ensures the driver and passengers are kept safe at all times.

Excellent response for Bank Muscat's Themaar savings plan

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat's Themaar Savings Plan which helps customers meet long-term financial goals has seen an excellent response from customers. The savings plans, which was launched in line with the bank's vision 'To serve you better, everyday' and commitment to partnership in promoting a strong savings culture in Oman is aimed at meeting the long-term needs of the largest banking family in Oman. Speaking about the enthusiastic response from customers, Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, Deputy General Manager - Institutional Sales & Product Development, Bank Muscat, said: "The bank is encouraged by the excellent response and demand from customers for the Themaar Savings Plan. We expect this plan to contribute mainly to the long-term financial planning needs of everyone and have a very positive impact on the Omani economy in the long term. Not only are customers eligible for guaranteed returns and full protection of their deposits, but they will also get free life insurance coverage up to OMR50,000. It is a great option to save and plan for life goals and will prove to be an invaluable tool for in one's personal finance toolkit."

The Themaar Savings Plan allows customers to put aside a fixed amount every month for a fixed period. Customers can choose the amount that they plan to save and the period that they intend to save for according to their future financial goals. This means that the plan duration of a Themaar Savings account can range from just 1 year to 10 years and customers can choose to save any amount ranging from a minimum of OMR 25 up to OMR 1,000 every month to help fulfil goals like meeting children's education, marriage, house renovation, travel, or any other goals. At its heart, the Themaar Savings Plan is very simple in that a nominal amount is invested monthly, which ends up growing into a substantial amount. The customer will receive a lump sum amount at the end of the period including good returns on the monthly deposits. It is important to note that contributions to the savings plan are automated by providing monthly standing instructions to deduct the instal-



“We expect this plan to contribute mainly to the long-term financial planning needs of everyone and have a very positive impact on the Omani economy

Abdullah Al Maashani,
Deputy General Manager - Institutional Sales & Product Development, Bank Muscat

ment on the due date agreed to by the customer. Bank Muscat has succeeded in inculcating a strong savings culture in Oman through its numerous banking products and services. The bank encourages everyone to save for the future, intending to bring about happiness and joy in the lives of its customers. The Themaar Savings Plan adds to the large number of financial planning options made available by Bank Muscat to its customers for their long-term success in an ever-changing world.

SAVING ACCOUNT



Ahli Islamic's Qitaf quarterly draw to be held soon

MUSCAT: As a bank that stands for a customer-first approach, Ahli Islamic has always been a step ahead in defining engaging consumer programmes. The Qitaf Saving Account, which is based on the Islamic Mudaraba principle, is one of such initiatives and awards a whopping OMR 100,000 to one lucky winner every quarter, apart from several other weekly and monthly cash prizes. The third quarterly Qitaf draw will be held by end of this month and the details will be available on social media. Qitaf account holders are eligible to participate in the monthly, weekly, and special occasion prize draws if they maintain an average minimum balance of v 100. However, the minimum eligibility criteria for the quarterly draw is OMR 1,000. The Qitaf cash prize draw is conducted through a draw system, subject to criteria set by the bank including the Sharia terms and principles as decided by the Sharia Supervisory Board of the bank.

Speaking about Qitaf - Yousuf Al Rawahi - DGM, Head of Ahli Islamic stated, "The Qitaf account not only encourages a savings culture among the people of Oman but also offers customers the opportunity to invest their capital in profitable assets while giving them a chance to win cash prizes! Reflection to its name and the value it brings to Ahli Islamic's account holders, Qitaf has been instrumental in building a loyal customer base for the bank." "As the Sultanate's Islamic bank of choice, Ahli Islamic will continue to make available new and attractive ways to reward its customers; while encouraging them to adopt positive financial habits to realise their long-term goals." The quarterly draws offer prize money of OMR 100,000 each quarter to one winner across the bank's branch network. The monthly draws will be held in eight selected months of the year for a cash prize of OMR 20,000 for each of the eight winners throughout the network of branches spread across the Sultanate.

PERFUME

Amouage debuts romantic odyssey with its Renaissance collection

MUSCAT: Marking the birth of a new era in the company's history, Amouage has revealed its Renaissance collection. Narrating a key chapter in the brand's odyssey to paradise, the collection features four alluring fragrances, Enclave, Crimson Rocks, Ashore and Meander, each depicting Amouage's romantic interpretation of encountering pure joy. Drawing inspiration from its home country, the Sultanate of Oman, these sophisticated blends of exquisitely contrasting scents are a liberating force of imagination created by internationally renowned perfumers including Domitille Michalon-Bertier (Crimson Rocks), Mackenzie Reilly (Ashore and Meander) and Julien Rasquinet (Enclave). "Amouage is renowned for creating some of the most finely crafted perfumes in the world for over three decades. Continuing to build on this legacy, I want to take the brand on a quest. One that will see us explore new frontiers and discover new facets of the House," said Renaud Salmon, Amouage Chief Experience Officer. "I chose to debut this epic fragrance odyssey with Renaissance, the rebirth where we translate what it means to experience pure joy, unbound by perception." The Renaissance Collection arouses a surging emotion of inner connectivity drawn from the Sultanate's breathtaking nature, evoking its picturesque contours, colours and essence. The unique experiential aesthetic of the fragrances is further accentuated by beautifully coloured translucent bottles and artistic boxes, presenting their owners with a work of art. As the last sun rays bid farewell



to the fjords of Musandam, Enclave sophisticatedly portrays the freshness trapped inside a rich, earthy warm hideaway where land meets the sea. Blue and green notes of Spearmint and Cardamom Oils transcend the fragrance stages, giving it a freshness that lasts forever, while the pleasantly surprising Amber, Labdanum, Cinnamon Oil and Saffiano together with earthy Vetiver capture the surrounding hot mountains at that precise moment in time. Crimson Rocks conjure the majesty of Al Hajar mountains in all their glory at dusk. Standing tall at the top, one is engulfed by a sweet sense of peace. For this fragrance, Amouage brought to life an intense Rose, one that is resilient to withstand extreme weather yet gentle, welcoming and just like the mountains it calls home, rooted to stand the test of time. Texturing the Rose are red notes of Cinnamon and an earthy Jujube Honey

Accord which along with Oakwood and Cedarwood paint the Al Hajar mountains in deep crimson hues. On the coast of Ras Al Jinz, midsummer, when the sun is in the middle of the sky, Ashore, depicts a mirage of the senses. As one's eyes are saturated with light, a surreal brightness blends all that is around them, leaving only the wind that carries the scent of spices from the East. This intoxicatingly white floral fragrance of Jasmine, Ambergris and Sandalwood offer an olfactive interpretation of the union of the sun, the sand and waves while the Cardamom and Turmeric recall the scent of spices from India. Meander explores the exhilarating feeling of happiness in a land of fog, lush green mountains and running streams. Drawing inspiration from the Sultanate's southernmost Governorate during the monsoon (Khareef) season, Amouage creatively translated the surreal

fog using Frankincense and smoky Vetiver, the rich greens with Cypriot and Jonquille, while its caramel-coloured mud is brought to life with earthy Sandalwood, Carrot Heart and Orris root notes. A manifestation of Amouage's creative transformation, the Renaissance Collection experience is a culmination of the brand's passion for the art of fine fragrance making. The collection's sophisticated, sensual and abstract imagery was captured through the eye of Belgian artist, Louise Mertens while its artistic packaging was designed by British designer, Bill Radzinowicz. The unique colour palette of the bottles was specially curated by the French art director, Jerome Failland-Dumas. The collection also includes special soundtracks produced by Belgian music producer Copal, as well as individual paintings of the locations by Spanish artist Maria Sanchez Fernandez.

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