

HM RECEIVES PHONE CALL FROM KING OF BAHRAIN

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HM THE SULTAN RECEIVES THANKS CABLE FROM PRESIDENT OF ALGERIA

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in reply to His Majesty's cable of condolences to him on the death of the former Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika. In the cable, President Tebboune expressed his appreciation for His Majesty's heartfelt sympathies and prayers, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest the deceased's soul in peace in paradise and to protect His Majesty against all harm. **-ONA**



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MILITARY, ROP TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN RELIEF, REBUILDING



The military and police forces are making efforts to provide supplies and succour to people in inaccessible areas

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MUSCAT: Oman's military and police forces are playing an active role in providing relief to people affected by cyclone Shaheen, as well as taking the lead in rebuilding roads, clearing debris, and restoring basic services.

With many areas still inaccessible by road, owing to treacherous conditions on the ground, helicopters from the Royal Air Force of Oman are transporting food supplies to affected people, with the support of the Royal Army of

CBO announces OMR7mn for Shaheen relief work

Times News Service

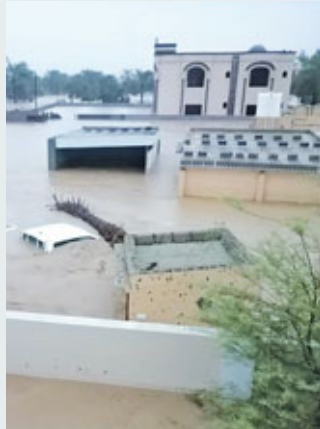
MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) and the national banking sector have announced an allocation of OMR7 million towards the welfare of people affected by cyclone Shaheen.

"The amount shall be aggregated from the income received as fees by the Central Bank of Oman and the banking sector, from transactions and payments made over the next five months," said the CBO in a statement.

The central bank will co-ordinate with the concerned government organisations to transfer the amounts to the bank accounts designated for disbursing aid and relief funds to the affected people.

Mitigation

In a statement issued earlier, Oman's top banking authority called upon all banks operating in the country to proactively contribute in mitigating the repercussions of Shaheen by directly donating to the accounts



created for the purpose.

The financial assistance being extended by CBO and the banking sector is part of their corporate social responsibility, and their commitment as part of the national cause to do their bit towards the welfare of those affected by the direct impact of the cyclone.

Other companies have also put forth funds to help those in distress because of the cyclone. Among them is Oman LNG, which has decided to contribute OMR6 million. **>A4**

are supporting national efforts to restore electricity in the Wilayat of Al Khaboura in the North Al Batinah Governorate and provide the necessary support to Majan Electricity Company to repair and rebuild power lines that were affected by Shaheen.

The Royal Army of Oman is also continuing its efforts to construct, pave, and reopen damaged roads in North Al Batinah to restore traffic over the northern sections of the country.

Working side by side with them is the Royal Oman Police, who has embarked on 178 aerial missions since the end of weather effects directly related to Shaheen.

"These varied between ambulance, evacuation, rescue, transportation of people, deploying specialised technical teams, and transportation of supplies," said the ROP in a statement. "Efforts are being made to alleviate the suffering of those affected and restore life to normal. May God protect Oman and its honourable people."

"No matter how severe the circumstances, we will remain smiling in the face of adversity," added the ROP. **>A4**

Oman and the Omani Organisation for Charitable Activities.

Where roads are passable, ground units have been rolling in on trucks to provide food and basic supplies to people, the Oman News Agency (ONA) reported.

"The Sultan's Special Forces provided, transported and distributed the necessary food and supplies to the villages in Wilayat of Suwaiq in the North Al Batinah Governorate, within the framework of the national efforts

provided by the Sultan's Armed Forces for harnessing their national resources and capabilities," said ONA.

This is in cooperation with other government institutions, and is within the plans to deal with

the repercussions of the cyclone, which is being implemented by the military subcommittees of the governorates of North and South Al Batinah.

Moreover, the Engineering Services of the Ministry of Defence

ECONOMY

Oman crude tops \$80 a barrel

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Prices of Oman crude are expected to stabilise around \$85 in the foreseeable future, having crossed the 80-dollar mark on Wednesday.

That's according to Hiriyanna Narayanaswamy, the chief financial officer for Al Maha, who added that the recent spike in oil prices was due to a number of factors.

"Firstly, there is more demand now because many industries that were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic have reopened," he said.

"Now, there is more demand for oil among manufacturing companies. Similarly, now that tourism has taken up again, there is also increased consumption of products such as aviation fuel, which was not there for most of last year."

"More and more countries are opening up again and vaccinating their people at a steadily increasing rate, so that means there will be more demand for products and services once again," he added.

The price of Oman crude reached \$80.46 on the Dubai Mercantile Exchange on Wednesday, October 6,



having risen by nearly a dollar from the earlier rate.

The CFO for Al Maha noted that despite the pandemic, the oil price at present was higher than it was during the closing months of 2019, when it was roughly around \$65 a barrel. He added that the lower oil price at that time was because of a number of external factors.

"At that time, it was believed that e-vehicles and green fuels would take over the market soon – maybe in a couple of years' time," he said. "Many thought that green vehicles would become the mainstay of the

market soon, and that is why the oil prices were lower before the pandemic. If things stay like this, the price of oil will reach about \$85 a barrel."

"But as we can clearly see, that has not happened," added Narayanaswamy. "That there is still a very strong dependence on oil and gas means prices will stay strong for now. It is not as easy as many expect to make the transition from current hydrocarbon-based forms of energy that we see now, to green energy, although there are big strides being made in this sector."

He said that lower demand for oil at the end of 2019 also had a role in bringing down the prices, adding that while the rate for oil remained high right now, any policy changes made by oil-producing countries in the coming months that negatively impact prices could see them come down.

"A country deciding to cut production, for example, would bring up the price of oil, while expanding oil extraction could lead to a fall in oil prices. Similarly, more demand for oil and oil-based products automatically pushes up demand."

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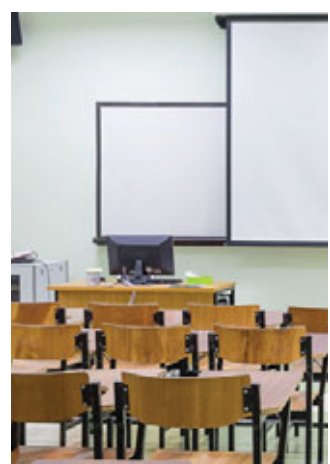
Indian schools plan Sunday reopening

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WORLD

Xi committed to pact on Taiwan, says Biden

2 President Biden has said that he and President Xi of China "will abide by the Taiwan agreement. I've spoken with Xi about Taiwan," he told reporters. "We agree we'll abide by the Taiwan agreement. That's where we are. And we made it clear that I don't think he should be doing anything other than abiding." **>A6**



SPORTS

Sri Lanka cricket team arrives in Oman

3 Sri Lanka's national cricket team has arrived in Oman to take part in a warm-up camp ahead of the Twenty20 Cricket World Cup, which is set to begin on 17 October. The island country will take on Oman in their first of two twenty20 games on the 7th, with the match set to begin at the OCA's grounds at 4pm. **>A8**

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SHAHEEN AFTERMATH

Indian schools in cyclone-hit areas plan to restart classes by Sunday

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All schools in North and South Al Batinah were instructed to suspend study for three days from 5 to 7 October, but once classes resume, Indian schools will resort to online learning until necessary.

Full damage audit

"We successfully implemented online learning during the COVID pandemic and can easily return to that format when needed, so for now, we have asked our staff in cyclone-hit areas to only reopen the schools after taking a full audit of the damage that has been suffered to our schools," said an official of the Board of Directors of

Indian Schools in Oman.

"Of course, what is important right now is the safety of our students and staff, and that is what we need to assure first," he added.

"In keeping with the directives of the Ministry of Education, we too stopped studies for three days, and will look at how to properly resume classes."

Immediately after Shaheen struck, the Ministry of Education decided that classes would be halted for the next few days, given the impact of the cyclone.

"The Ministry of Education has decided to suspend study in all public and private schools in the governorates of South and North Al Batinah for the next three days from 5-7 October, with the provision that classes resume on Sunday October 10, 2021," the ministry said in a statement issued at that time.

The ministry also decided to suspend studies in public and private schools in the governorates of Muscat and Al Dhahirah on Tuesday October 5, 2021, with classes resuming from Wednesday October 6, 2021.

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Idemia, Seeracom sign pact for strategic projects in Oman

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MUSCAT: In the presence of, Khalid Bin Hashil Almuslahi, Head of the Minister's Office Department, Foreign Ministry of Oman, and Véronique Aulagnon, Ambassador of France to the Sultanate, Seeracom, represented by Aaditya R. Khimji, Managing Director, and Idemia, represented by Hadi Hussant, General Manager of Idemia Oman and Sales Vice President, signalled their

intention to explore further co-operation in support of the economic diplomacy by Oman's Foreign Ministry with the Sultanate's progress towards the ambitious 2040 Economic Vision under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. Both the companies will capitalise on their respective expertise, leveraging their knowledge and technology to deliver state-of-the-art solutions aimed at supporting Oman's progress towards

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BILATERAL RELATIONS



Oman, Iran discuss ways to further boost cooperation

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, received on Wednesday Dr. Ali Bagheri, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The two sides reviewed relations of cooperation in various spheres as the leaderships of the

two countries attach a joint attention to promote these relations to achieve mutual benefit. The two sides also touched on regional and international issues, as well as their developments. They underscored the importance of dealing with these issues through constructive dialogue

and peaceful means. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs, Khalid Hashel Al Muselhi, Head of the Minister's Office Department, Ali Najafi, Iranian Ambassador to the Sultanate. — **ONA**

RELIEF EFFORTS

Meeting discusses efforts to ensure public health safety

MUSCAT: Representatives of the Medical Response and Health Sector held a coordination meeting on Wednesday to rally efforts to secure public health in the aftermath of the tropical cyclone Shaheen. The National Committee for Emergency Management (NCEM) gave directives to mobilise the public health sector, being part of the Medical Response and Health Sector, by securing the safety of potable water and food supplies. The process also includes ensuring a healthy discharge of wastewater, making speedy disposal of corpses of dead animals, enhancing epidemiological surveillance activities and combating disease vectors. The Sub-committees tasked with medical response and public health in the governorates of the Sultanate are coordinating efforts to check drinking water and the safety of foodstuff, besides combating disease vectors. The Medical Response and Health Sector advises citizens and residents to exercise caution when dealing with foodstuff from which electrical power was disconnected for a long time and to get rid of stagnant water within their home compounds. — **ONA**



CIVIL DEFENCE AUTHORITY

ACDA handles over 410 mayday reports

MUSCAT: Teams of the Authority for Civil Defence and Ambulance (ACDA) tasked with search, rescue, firefighting and ambulance, handled 410 mayday reports during the tropical cyclone Shaheen in the governorates of North Al Batinah, South Al Batinah, A'Dakhiliyah, A'Dhahirah and North A'Sharqiyah. As part of the mission, ACDA teams responded to a variety of reports and humanitarian cases, including 221 reports of stranded people, submerged homes and cars caught unawares in the course of wadis. Medical emergency response

teams handled 73 reports while firefighting squads tackled 89 fire incidents. Other teams dealt with a different set of reports, among them 6 about landslides, 3 about fallen trees, 1 about hazardous leaks and another 17 different reports. Some 607 people received the services of ACDA, supported by other sectors of the National Committee for Emergency Management. The ACDA urges all members of the public to exercise caution and keep away from dams and avoid swimming in wadis and ponds. Children should never be left unattended, ACDA said. — **ONA**

WILAYAT OF SUWAIQ

Basic services being restored

The base of operations to provide relief and reconstruction efforts are located at the temporary communications operations centre at the Royal Oman Police Station in the wilayat of Suwaiq. Personnel located there continue to co-

ordinate and follow-up with all of the sectors involved in efforts to restore basic services, repair damage and provide aid and assistance to citizens and residents in the affected states. "We are working hard to re-

CYCLONE SHAHEEN

HM receives phone call from King of Bahrain

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a phone call from King Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain to reassure himself about conditions in Oman after the tropical cyclone Shaheen that hit the Sultanate. During the call, King Hamad stressed his country's solidarity with the Sultanate while it addresses impacts of the climatic conditions. He expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathies to His Majesty the Sultan and the Omani people on victims of the cyclone, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest their souls in peace in paradise and grant their families fortitude to bear the loss, and protect the Sultanate against all harms. In his turn, His Majesty expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for King Hamad's kind gesture and sincere sympathies, praying to the Almighty Allah to protect him and the Bahraini people against all harms. — **ONA**

CYCLONE SHAHEEN

Support grows for relief efforts

These will be used "to support the relief efforts in areas affected by cyclone Shaheen," said the company in a statement. "This translates our robust commitment towards touching lives, and standing with the community at all times. We would like to thank Oman LNG board of directors, and shareholders for their unrelenting support towards touching lives in Oman," it added. "The company values all initiatives by individuals and organisations according to their capabilities and capacity," added Oman LNG. The organisation has also reached out in thanks to the emergency service personnel, repair and maintenance crews, and clean up teams involved in restoring normalcy in areas affected by the cyclone.



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STRONG TIES

Royal Office Minister bids farewell to Indian envoy

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office on Wednesday Shri Munu Mahawar, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Oman, to bid him farewell at the end of his tour of duty as his country's ambassador to the Sultanate.

The ambassador expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the cooperation extended to him during his tour of duty from all officials in the Sultanate. He also praised the strong, historic relations binding the two friendly countries. On his turn, Gen. Al Nu'amani thanked the ambassador for the efforts he exerted to promote the relations between the two countries. -ONA



MEETING: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office with Shri Munu Mahawar, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Oman. - ONA

MEETING

Al Nu'amani meets French envoy

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office yesterday Veronique Aulagnon, appointed-ambassador of France to Oman. Gen. Al Nu'amani wished the ambassador success in her tour of duty in Oman.

On her turn, the French ambassador expressed her appreciation to the Sultanate in enhancing means of joint cooperation to realize the joint interests of both countries. The meeting exchanged cordial talks and discussed a number of matters of mutual interest. -ONA



WORLD COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Oman hails efforts to foster peace, stability

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate stresses the importance of interdependence and cooperation among all at the opening of the Conference of the World Council of Religious Leaders on Faith and Diplomacy 2021

The Sultanate, represented by the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs, participated virtually in the opening ceremony of the Conference of the World Council of Religious Leaders on Faith and Diplomacy 2021 (Faith and Diplomacy: Generations in Dialogue), which is taking place in Lindau, in Germany, from 4-7 October.

The Sultanate's speech was delivered by Dr. Muhammad bin Said bin Khalfan Al Mamari, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs.

This year's conference addresses three pivotal topics in its various sessions: peace and security, environmental protection, and humanitarian action, with a focus on the importance of equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

The number of participants this year is about 1,000 from speakers and attendees in person and via virtual networks from more than 60 countries and 11 different religions.

Key speakers include Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the



Director-General of WHO, and Jeffrey Sachs, President of the United Nations Network for Sustainable Development Solutions.

Al Mamari began his speech by thanking the organisers of this conference for the "global efforts to foster peace and stability, build bridges of love and harmony" in this world.

He also spoke about the challenges facing the world today, represented by feelings of fear and suspicion, hate speech, and the lack of trust due to misinformation and fabricated rumours.

He stressed Oman's efforts and its permanent quest towards "creating a culture of inclusion and harmony, by involving individuals, groups and relevant centres in initiatives and dialogues to promote equality, prevent discrimination, counter rumours, refute misleading information, and spreading messages that promote trust in individuals and between societies.

MEETING

Sayyid Khalifa praises HM for support to judicial system

MUSCAT: The general assembly of the Supreme Court (SC) held its first meeting of Judicial Year 2021-2022 under the chairmanship of Sayyid Khalifa Said Al Busaidi, Chairman of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the Council for Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary.

Sayyid Khalifa commended the achievements made over the past judicial year and expressed gratitude for His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik's patronage and support for the judicial system.

Sayyid Khalifa also thanked the judges and members of the Public



Prosecution Department for the efforts they exerted during the past judicial year.

He hoped that the new judicial year would see more accomplishments and enhance the goals of Oman Vision 2040 towards the realisation of fair justice that promotes the process of development in the Sultanate.

The general assembly discussed the formation of judicial chambers for the year 2021-2022 and related statistics. Sayyid Khalifa exhorted judges to espouse active measures to ensure quick and standardised settlement of claims. -ONA

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Jinping is committed to Taiwan agreement, says US President

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WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden said on Tuesday that he and President Xi Jinping of China "will abide by the Taiwan agreement."

"I've spoken with Xi about Taiwan," Biden told reporters at the White House.

"We agree we'll abide by the Taiwan agreement. That's where we are. And we made it clear that



I don't think he should be doing anything other than abiding."

Biden appeared to be referring to the United States' long-standing "One-China" policy. This political stance officially recognizes Beijing

rather than Taipei. But Washington's decision to establish diplomatic ties with Beijing instead of Taiwan comes with the proviso that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means.

Taiwan 'on alert'

Earlier, Taiwanese Premier Su Tseng-chang sharply criticized China's recent incursions into Taiwan's air defence zone, saying Taipei needs to be "on alert" and that Beijing's actions in recent days have "gone too far."

Officials have also expressed concern over the growing threat they say China presents.

Taiwan's Defence Minister on Wednesday said tensions with Beijing are the worst they have been in more than 40 years.

Chiu Kuo-cheng also warned that China would be capable of launching a full-scale invasion by 2025.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory, which should be taken by force if necessary. Taiwan, on the other hand, says it is an independent country and will defend its freedoms and democracy.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan is set to meet Chinese foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi in Switzerland on Wednesday. **aw**



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MEETING

UN special envoy meets with Taliban minister

KABUL: UN Special Representative Deborah Lyons met with Khairullah Khairkhwa on Tuesday, the current Afghan Minister of Information and Culture and discussed the pressing issues concerning Afghanistan.

Both sides agreed on the need to find common ground to support Afghans for a stable Afghanistan. "@DeborahLyonsUN & Khairullah Khairkhwa met at Ministry of Info&Culture today. They agreed on the need for the Taliban and the international community to find common ground on pressing issues so all possible support to Afghan people can be made available & help #Afghanistan's stability & development."

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) tweeted.

Last month, Lyons met former Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and discussed the ongoing situation in the country. The UN representative had stressed the need to get humanitarian aid for the Afghan people.

It is been over a month since the Taliban captured Kabul after an aggressive and rapid advance against Afghanistan government forces. The country plunged into crisis last month after Kabul fell to the Taliban and the democratically elected government of former president Ashraf Ghani collapsed. **ANI**

NOBEL PRIZE

Benjamin, MacMillan win 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

STOCKHOLM: This year, the Nobel Prizes for science present an all-male line-up. Like the awards in Medicine and Physics earlier this week, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to two male scientists.

Germany's Benjamin List and US-based chemist David MacMillan were awarded the Chemistry prize for their development of a precise new tool for molecular construction: organocatalysis.

While their tool might sound complicated, it's exactly the opposite: it makes the job of chemists easier, cheaper and greener.

Pernilla Wittung Stafshede of the Nobel Prize Committee called it "truly elegant."

What did they do?

Chemists build molecules, which then make up much of our surrounding world: they capture light in solar cells, form lightweight running shoes or inhibit the progression of disease in the body. Because of this, many of our industry and research areas depend on the ability of chemists to construct molecules.

But to construct molecules chemists need a catalyst — a tool for controlling and accelerating chemical reactions. Researchers long believed that there were just two catalysts: metals and enzymes. In 2000, that changed: List and MacMillan developed a third catalyst which builds on small organic molecules, called asymmetric organocatalysis. Their organic catalyst is both environmentally friendly and cheap to produce.

"This concept for catalysis is as simple as it is ingenious, and the fact is that many people have wondered why we didn't think of it earlier," said Johan Åqvist, chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry.

A booming breakthrough

While List and Macmillan discovered this new type of catalyst independently from one another, in a sense, they did it side-by-side: Coincidentally, they had the brilliant idea almost simultaneously in 2000, while working in the same corner of the world.

List was conducting research at the Scripps Research Institute in southern California and MacMil-



lan was in Berkeley when their organocatalyst was born.

Since then, organic catalysts have transformed from a newcomer to a staple in chemists' tool boxes.

The Nobel Committee for Chemistry described the development of this type of catalyst as "a gold rush, in which List and Macmillan maintain leading positions."

Their rapid expansion in chemistry research is due to their ability to drive asymmetric catalysis. Oftentimes, when new molecules are being built, two molecules can form, which are mirror images of one another.

Chemists will often only need one of these molecules, particularly when producing pharmaceuticals. With organic catalysts,

researchers can produce large volumes of different asymmetric molecules, instead of two of the same kind.

The Chemistry Prize

Chemistry was the most important science for Alfred Nobel — the originator of these prizes — and his achievements. That goes for the development of his own inventions as well as the processes he introduced into industrial production — it was all based on chemistry. As such, chemistry was the second area of fundamental research that Nobel mentioned in his testament and will.

In 2020, the Nobel Prize for Chemistry was awarded for a potentially revolutionary human gene editing technology known as CRISPR-Cas9.

Two scientists were recognised for their work in this area, one from France and the other from the USA: Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna, respectively.

Together, it is said Doudna and Charpentier have revolutionised medicine and biotechnology. CRISPR-Cas9 makes it techni-

cally possible to develop therapies against hereditary diseases and the cultivation of plants resistant to disease.

The Committee said at the time that CRISPR-Cas9 had opened new possibilities for molecular life sciences, that the technology could help researchers develop innovations in cancer treatment and fulfil the dream of curing hereditary diseases.

It said Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna had made one of the most powerful tools in gene technology a reality. The Committee said researchers would be able to modulate or modify the DNA of animals, plants and microorganisms with the height of precision.

A week of prizes

Chemistry is the third and final science award in this week of Nobel Prizes.

The week began with Physiology or Medicine on Monday. That was won by David Julius und Ardem Patapoutian for the discovery of human receptors for temperature and touch. **aw**

REJECTS ACCUSATION

Zuckerberg denies Facebook puts profit over users' safety



WASHINGTON: Facebook Chief executive officer (CEO) Mark Zuckerberg has rejected accusations that the social network prioritises profit over its users' safety. This comes after former company product manager Frances Haugen told a congressional testimony on Tuesday that the social network was allegedly aware it inflicted harm on the mental health of teenagers but did not do much to prevent content promoting "hate and division." "At the heart of these accusations is this idea that we prioritize profit over safety and well-being. That's just not true," Zuckerberg wrote on Facebook, adding that the platform cares "deeply about issues like safety, well-being and mental health."

Zuckerberg on Wednesday said that many of the accusations

make no sense. He noted that if Facebook wanted to ignore harmful content, then its team would not create "an industry-leading research program to understand these important issues in the first place."

A former Facebook employee on Tuesday had accused Mark Zuckerberg of pushing for higher profits while being cavalier about user safety.

"I am here today because I believe that Facebook's products harm children, stoke division, and weaken our democracy," she had said during her opening remarks, reported CNN.

Haugen, 37, had said that effective regulation of Facebook would need to start with transparency, including allowing "full access to data for research not directed by Facebook." **ANI**



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Sri Lanka team arrives in Oman for training ahead of T20 World Cup

In addition to these two matches against Oman, Sri Lanka will play two more warm-up matches ahead of the Cricket World Cup

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Sri Lanka's national cricket team has arrived in Oman to take part in a warm-up camp ahead of the Twenty20 Cricket World Cup, which is set to begin on 17 October.

The island country will take on Oman in their first of two twenty20 games on the 7th, with the match set to begin at the Oman Cricket Association's grounds at 4pm.

The second game takes place on the 9th. "After this tournament, both teams will play in the qualifying round of the World Cup, but the two teams will not face each other in that round," said a statement from Sri Lanka Cricket. "A team of 23 players has left for Oman for the World Cup, but only 15 of them will be able



T20 WORLD CUP: Sri Lanka will take on Oman in their first of two twenty20 games on October 7.

to participate in the Twenty20 World Cup."

In addition to these two matches against Oman, Sri Lanka will play two more warm-up matches ahead of the Cricket World Cup. The two matches, starting today, will be crucial in selecting the final 15. Sri Lanka will begin their tournament when they face Namibia on 18 October.

The arrival of the players was a cause of delight for Ameer Ajwad, Sri Lanka's ambassador to Oman.

"This will be the first time the national teams of Sri Lanka and

Oman will meet at international level, and it coincidentally happens to be during this year, when both countries are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with each other," he said.

"We are very well prepared: first of all, we have to go through the qualifiers, so it is very important that we get into the first position," said Dasun Shanaka, Sri Lanka captain, ahead of his team's departure from Colombo. "We feel we have a better chance by going through the league stages."

Sri Lanka squad - Dasun Shanaka (captain), Dhananjaya de Silva (vice-captain), Kusal Perera, Dinesh Chandimal, Avishka Fernando, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Charith Asalanka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Kamindu Mendis, Chamika Karunaratne, Nuwan Pradeep, Dushmantha Chameera, Jayasinghe, Mahesh Theekshana, Lahiru Kumara, Binura Fernando, Akila Dhananjaya, Pulina Tharanga, Minod Bhanuka, Pathum Nissanka, Ashen Bandara, Lakshan Sandakan, Ramesh Mendis.

Can Virat Kohli and team go the distance this year?



Anis Sajjan, Vice Chairman, Danube Group

Before the UAE leg of IPL had started, Virat Kohli had announced that this would be the last time he would captain Royal Challengers. A lot of pundits had questioned the timing of the announcement as they felt it would put pressure not only on him but his players as Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) have never won a title in the 13 years' history of IPL.

And RCB who were on 10 points after seven games started poorly losing their first two games to KKR and Chennai. But they bounced back in style in the last three games, thanks to Glenn Maxwell who has been their hero with the bat on winning two back to back Man of the Match awards and are now on 16 points after 14 games. If RCB win their remaining two games against bottom placed Sunrisers Hyderabad tomorrow and their last game against Delhi, they can be on 20 points and have every chance to be in the top two.

Virat Kohli as a captain has looked in good touch along with his partner Devdutt Padikkal and has given brisk start to their team. He has

been well supported by Glenn Maxwell and Srikanth Bharat.

The only player not to fire for them is AB De Villiers and if he clicks too, Royal Challengers Bangalore team will be hard to stop. Their bowling has also looked good with Harshal Patel being the highest wicket taker with 26 wickets and Yuzvendra Chahal has also looked very good in the spin department.

The importance of finishing in the top two will be an added incentive for Royal Challengers Bangalore as it gives them an extra byte of the cherry if they have a bad game in the first qualifier and Virat Kohli will be wary of this fact and will be eyeing to reach at the top of the points table with two wins in the last two matches before the big games.

The last time RCB reached the top two was in 2016 where they lost to eventual champions Sunrisers Hyderabad and Virat would like to go one step ahead in this year's IPL by signing off with a win in his last stint as captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore. Moreover, if Virat can get this IPL title it will be extra confidence before the T20 World Cup which begins immediately after the IPL ends.

KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

Oman to meet Australia in World Cup 2022 Asian qualifiers

DOHA: The national football team of the Sultanate will play its Australian counterpart in the third encounter of the World Cup 2022 Asian Qualifiers. The match starts at 10.30, Oman time, at Khalifa International Stadium here.

The match is of great significance for the Oman team, which will return to Muscat to play against Vietnam as part of the fourth round.

Oman will try their best to win points of the match and challenge the clean record of Australia, which made history as the only team to have registered 10 consecutive victories in World Cup qualifiers.

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secutive victories in World Cup qualifiers.

During its training camp in Qatar, Oman played two friendlies with

Nepal and Qatar military team.

Their players showed enthusiasm and look forward to taking on Australia. -ONA

FOOTBALL

La Liga president Tebas admits to poor ties with Real Madrid chief

MADRID: The president of the Spanish football league La Liga Javier Tebas on Tuesday admitted that he has a poor relationship with Real Madrid president Florentino Perez and went as far as to say that the club would "do better with a different president."

Speaking in an interview on Spanish radio station Cadena Cope, Tebas said that he was certain that "one day" he would return to visit the Santiago Bernabeu stadium, but that for the moment there was too much "tension" between him and Perez.

"I don't know if Florentino Perez and I will make peace, but I think it's difficult as we have two different ways of understanding professional football," commented Tebas.

La Liga has strongly opposed the plans for a European Superleague headed by Real Madrid and Tebas insisted that Perez "doesn't want La Liga to grow because if that happened, it would mean the end of the Superleague project."

"Real Madrid oppose all of the agreements we make and in private Perez tells people I'm cor-

rupt, although in public he gets other people to say things ... He can say I'm a poor administrator, but never corrupt," continued the LaLiga president.

Tebas insisted that the Superleague project, which would see Europe's biggest clubs form a breakaway competition, was "non-negotiable ... It's a dead project," and he said that although FC Barcelona had also formed part of the project that he was "not fighting with (Barca president) Joan Laporta."

-Xinhua

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

Finch confirms Warner as his opening partner



MELBOURNE: Australia limited-overs skipper Aaron Finch on Wednesday confirmed that he along with David Warner will open the batting for their side at the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Warner has not played a T20I for Australia since September 2020, and he has missed Australia's last 14 matches in the shortest format due to a combination of injury and schedule clashes. He has also not been among the runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for SunRisers Hyderabad and the franchise dropped the left-handed batter from the playing XI as well.

"Yep, absolutely. He's (Warner) one of the best players to ever play

to play the game for Australia. I've got no doubt that his preparation, while he would love to be playing for Hyderabad no doubt, I know that he's still training away. He'll be good to go," ESPNcricinfo quoted Finch as saying.

Finch will be entering the T20 World Cup under an injury cloud. He had missed Australia's tour of Bangladesh due to knee surgery.

"Over the last couple of weeks, my recovery has progressed really well so it's looking more and more likely that I'll be fit and ready to go for them. And just in terms of the intensity that I've been able to train, the amount of accelerations decel-

erations putting load through my knee, that's all really positive. So, yeah, I've got no issues," said Finch.

"I had probably my biggest session in terms of fielding, changing direction, and all that stuff with batting involved as well so that's gone as well as it could be. I had a meeting with the surgeon yesterday and he was really happy with where it's at," he added.

Australia squad: Aaron Finch (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins (vc), Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Swepson, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa. **ANI**

CRICKET

England pulling out of Pakistan tour sends signal of 'western arrogance': Michael Holding

LONDON: Former West Indies pacer Michael Holding has said that England pulling out of Pakistan tour completely sends the signal of 'western arrogance'.

After New Zealand decided to abandon their tour of Pakistan right ahead of the first ODI, England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had announced that its men's and women's tour of Pakistan would not go ahead as planned. "What that signal sends to me is the same western arrogance. I will treat you how I feel like treating you - it doesn't matter what you think, I will just do what I want. Four days in Pakistan was all they would have spent, I am absolutely sure they would not have done that to India. You know why? Because India is rich and powerful," Sky Sports quoted Holding as saying.

"They were going for four days. Pakistan went to England [in 2020] before vaccines were available for six, seven weeks, something like that. They stayed, they played their cricket, they were in that bubble. I was in that bubble and it wasn't fantastic but it was better than going out into society, where we know Covid was and without any vaccinations available to anyone," he added.

Further criticising the ECB, Holding said: "They stayed, they played, and honoured what Eng-



land wanted them to honour, and now you have an opportunity to try and repay them to a small degree."

Earlier, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja had said that England and New Zealand's decision to not play series in Pakistan is a lesson for them and now they will just look after their own interest.

"I am severely disappointed in

England's withdrawal but it was expected because this western bloc gets united unfortunately and tries to back each other. So you can take any decision on the basis of security threat and perception. There was a sense of anger because first New Zealand got away without sharing information about the threat they were facing," ESPNcricinfo had quoted Raja as saying. **ANI**

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by December 2021 reaching \$80.46, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 98 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was at \$79.48. - OMA

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 3,954.46 points, up 0.17 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.24 per cent at 576.87 points. Oman & Qatar Insurance was the top gainer, up by 2.38 per cent, while Oman United Insurance, down 4.44 per cent, was the top loser.

OPEC+ DECISION

Opec's oil strategy risks derailing recovery from pandemic

BERLIN: The alliance of some of the world's biggest oil producers said on Monday it wouldn't boost oil production beyond the 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) that it has been adding each month, shrugging off pressure from big consumers, such as the US and India, to rein in spiraling oil prices.

The Opec+ delegates pointed to the uncertainty around the still raging pandemic for their cautious approach.

The decision by the OPEC+ — an alliance between the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), led by Saudi Arabia, and a handful of other oil producers, helmed by Russia — sent crude prices to multiyear highs, further stoking inflation concerns, which are already weighing on the post-pandemic global economic recovery.

Benchmark crude contract

Brent North Sea and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures, the US benchmark, have nearly doubled in the past year to \$81.26 (€70.05) a barrel and \$77.62, respectively, as demand for the fuel soars amid a swift economic rebound from pandemic lows. Oil supply remains curtailed with major oil producers reluctant to unleash the millions of bpd of spare production capacity, and US shale producers struggle to attract investments to boost production.

"The outcome of the Opec+ meeting was no surprise, but when prices are at above \$80 per barrel Brent, this is a level that makes customers uncomfortable and producers happy but cautious," said Bjornar Tonhaugen, head of oil markets at Rystad Energy.

The oil prices have also been boosted by Opec+ producers struggling

to meet the planned 400,000 bpd increase in production, largely due to operational issues in Angola and Nigeria, maintenance in Kazakhstan and hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

"If output continues to fall short of the group's targets, oil prices could remain high into next year as well," Kieran Clancy, commodities economist as Capital Economics, said in a note.

Oil's steep climb coincides with a sharp rise in energy prices led by a spike in natural gas and coal prices, which has already pushed up inflation to multiyear highs across Europe and is hurting industrial production.

Natural gas prices in Europe have climbed to record highs amid limited supplies from Russia and strong demand for liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Asia. Gas stockpiles on the continent have

fallen to their lowest level in over a decade for this time of the year.

The short supply of gas has meant companies are being forced to turn to oil and coal for power production, further boosting demand for the two commodities.

"The recovery of the economy, the potential of a cold winter and fuel switching from gas to oil in Asia suggest a rather quick demand increase to as much as 100 million bpd in December, but if prices keep on rising, the elasticity of oil demand may kick in as consumers, out of cost reasons, cut consumption," Tonhaugen said.

"Producing nations, and namely Opec+, have to be careful not to allow prices to inflate too much, otherwise we may see an adverse reaction that could negatively impact post-pandemic economic growth," he added. — DW



CAUTIOUS APPROACH: The Opec+ delegates pointed to the uncertainty around the still raging pandemic for their cautious approach. — File picture

OMR82mn worth of treasury bills issued by CBO



The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5% while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility is 0.75%

MUSCAT: Oman's central bank raised OMR82 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from October 6 until November 3, 2021.

The average accepted price reached 99.950 for every OMR100, and the minimum ac-

cepted price arrived at 99.950 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.64781 per cent and 0.64813 per cent, respectively.

The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 0.75 per cent.

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

The treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates.

Additionally, the government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. -OMA



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Tender 26 / 2021

The Internal Tenders Committee at Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion Re-announces the following tenders:

Tender No	Title of the Tenders	Company rate	Tender document price R.O (Un refundable)	Deadline for Tender Document collection	Deadline For Offers Submission
26 / 2021	Maintenance for the Administrations of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion buildings Al Buraimi & Ibri	Specialized	25/. R.O	Wednesday 13/10/2021	Sunday 24/10/2021 Before 10:00 am

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Second:

Offers shall be submitted in a wax-sealed envelopes accompanied by the original Bank Guarantee or the cheque to the Secretariat of the Internal Tender Committee located in second floor of the Ministry's main building in Muttrah AlKubraa.

Third:

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CYCLONE SHAHEEN

Ominvest donates OMR100,000

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of its social responsibility initiatives, Oman International Development and Investment Company (Ominvest) announced a donation of OMR100,000 in support of those affected by Cyclone Shaheen that hit several parts of Oman.

In alignment with the company's purpose and corporate citizenship, the donation has been approved by Ominvest's board of directors to help address adverse conditions confronting our communities.

AbdulAziz Al Balushi, Group CEO, Ominvest said, "Our hearts go out to the families who have lost loved ones and homes because of Cyclone Shaheen. These are challenging circumstances that have affected many across different governorates of the Sultanate. At such times it is our duty at Ominvest to stand by the society and extend our sincere empathy and support."

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MARKET

MSM index ends higher

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A total number of 232 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.6 million, with more than 7 million shares changing hands. Out of 36 traded securities, 9 advanced, 11 declined and 16 remained unchanged. At the session close, Local investors were net sellers for OMR230,000

while GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR220,000 followed by foreign investors for OMR11,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,250 points, up 0.05 per cent. Prices of Oman & Qatar Insurance, Bank Muscat, Al Anwar Investment, Bank Dhofar and National Bank Oman were up 2.38 per cent, 2.17 per cent, 0.89 per cent, 0.85 per cent and 0.53 per cent respectively. Oman United Insurance, Global Investment Holding, Oman & Emirates Holding, Bank Nizwa and Ominvest were down 4.44 per cent, 1.52 per cent, 1.37 per cent, 1.05 per cent and 0.64 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,242.42 points, down 0.15 per cent. Services Index was down by 0.04 per cent before closing at 1,692.09 points. — **United Securities**

MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	3,959.14	3,951.78	3,954.46	3,947.56	6.90	0.17
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,264.41	6,245.31	6,250.64	6,247.75	2.89	0.05
Industry Index	6,242.43	6,240.01	6,242.43	6,251.67	-9.24	-0.15
Services Index	1,698.08	1,692.09	1,692.09	1,692.69	-0.60	-0.04
MSX Shariah Index	578.55	576.87	576.87	578.25	-1.37	-0.24
MSX TR INDEX	4,758.48	4,749.63	4,752.85	4,744.57	8.29	0.17

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
6,954,559	1,603,128	232	22,073,670,614	9	11	16	36

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

REGULAR MARKET

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000002796 BANK MUSCAT	743,484	349,161	19	0.466	0.472	0.464	0.470	0.460	0.010	2.174	0.464	0.464	0.466	0.100	1,680,003,152
OM0000001772 ALANWAR INVESTMENT	914,200	103,625	39	0.114	0.115	0.112	0.113	0.112	0.001	0.893	0.113	0.112	0.113	0.100	22,600,000
OM0000001525 OMAN INVST& FIN.	402,833	56,770	14	0.140	0.143	0.140	0.141	0.140	0.001	0.714	0.140	0.140	0.142	0.100	33,417,000
OM0000003968 OOREDOO	224,810	86,327	5	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.382	0.002	0.524	0.384	0.384	0.388	0.100	249,962,564
OM0000001749 OMAN CEMENT	12,000	2,736	2	0.228	0.228	0.228	0.228	0.227	0.001	0.441	0.228	0.226	0.230	0.100	75,438,978
OM0000001418 RAYSUT CEMENT	264,892	66,234	17	0.253	0.253	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.100	50,000,000
OM0000002168 AL ANWAR CERAMIC	5,000	2,430	1	0.486	0.486	0.486	0.488	0.488	0.000	0.000	0.486	0.464	0.486	0.100	107,360,000
OM0000003440 AL SHARQIA INV.	5,000	480	1	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.094	0.098	0.100	8,730,000
OM0000003026 OMAN TELECOM	185,289	121,811	15	0.736	0.736	0.720	0.736	0.736	0.000	0.000	0.736	0.740	0.736	0.100	352,000,000
OM0000005005 ALMAHA CERAMICS	58,080	31,384	19	0.542	0.542	0.540	0.540	0.542	-0.002	-0.369	0.540	0.538	0.540	0.100	29,700,000
OM0000003224 RENAISSANCE SER.	250,000	117,000	2	0.468	0.468	0.468	0.468	0.470	-0.002	-0.426	0.468	0.450	0.466	0.100	110,639,880
OM0000001533 OMINVEST	9,000	2,790	2	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.312	-0.002	-0.641	0.310	0.310	0.316	0.100	250,409,422
OM0000001160 NATIONAL GAS	20,000	2,820	1	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.142	-0.001	-0.704	0.141	0.138	0.141	0.100	11,985,000
OM0000003000 AI MAHA MARKTING	21,420	14,823	7	0.692	0.692	0.692	0.692	0.700	-0.008	-1.143	0.692	0.000	0.692	0.100	47,748,000
OM0000002226 ALJAZEERA SERVICES	102,000	38,760	3	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.386	-0.006	-1.554	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.100	23,257,624
OM0000002176 JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	38,000	13,346	9	0.352	0.352	0.350	0.352	0.358	-0.006	-1.676	0.352	0.350	0.352	0.100	43,964,052
OM0000001087 OMAN UNITED INSUR.	18,700	6,433	2	0.344	0.344	0.344	0.344	0.380	-0.016	-4.444	0.344	0.344	0.360	0.100	34,400,000
Total	17	3,254,718	1,016,729	158											
Parallel Market															
OM0000006979 OMAN QATAR INSUR.	968,700	166,395	29	0.170	0.173	0.170	0.172	0.168	0.004	2.381	0.172	0.172	0.172	0.100	17,200,000
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	11,200	536	3	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.001	2.174	0.047	0.046	0.047	0.100	68,742,269
OM0000002549 BANK DHOFAR	780,000	92,040	2	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.117	0.001	0.855	0.118	0.118	0.122	0.100	353,569,469
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,520,000	286,280	14	0.188	0.190	0.188	0.188	0.187	0.001	0.535	0.188	0.188	0.190	0.100	305,677,915
OM0000001517 HSBC BANK OMAN	150,000	13,500	5	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	10,028,151
OM0000001566 OMAN FISHERIES	1,000	75	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.080	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000001962 AL MADINA INV.	20,000	1,200	1	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.056	0.064	0.100	4,200,000
OM0000002028 GULF INT'CHEMI	1,000	106	1	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.105	0.105	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.095	0.112	0.100	2,205,000
OM0000002275 SHELL OMAN MRK	4,000	3,680	1	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.920	0.000	0.000	0.920	0.880	0.980	0.100	87,400,000
OM0000002374 UNITED FINANCE	30,000	1,710	1	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.056	0.057	0.100	19,901,231
OM0000002804 ASAFFA FOODS	1,550	533	1	0.344	0.344	0.344	0.344	0.344	0.000	0.000	0.344	0.310	0.344	0.100	41,280,000
OM0000003521 GALFAR ENGINEER	1,000	77	1	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.077	0.076	0.077	0.100	15,426,970
OM0000003711 SOHAR POWER	2,850	127	2	0.044	0.045	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.040	0.046	0.100	9,724,440
OM0000004788 MADINA TAKAFUL	160,000	16,160	6	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.000	0.000	0.101	0.100	0.102	0.100	17,875,000
OM0000004925 ALBATAH POWER	879	44	1	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.100	34,418,239
OM0000007811 MUSANDAM POWER	1,600	480	1	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.300	0.300	0.330	0.100	23,228,700
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	9,062	850	2	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.095	-0.001	-1.053	0.094	0.093	0.102	0.100	21,275,585
OM0000001681 OMAN EMIRATES HO.	30,000	2,160	1	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.073	-0.001	-1.370	0.072	0.070	0.075	0.100	8,775,000
OM0000003125 GLOBAL INV. H.	7,000	455	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.066	-0.001	-1.515	0.065	0.064	0.067	0.100	13,000,000
Total	19	3,669,841	586,399	74											

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DUBAI: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is exhibiting its strengths with specific emphasis on power transmission, water and renewable energy projects at the Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) and Dubai Solar Show which opened on October 5 at the Expo 2020 Dubai Exhibition Centre.

L&T, an Indian multinational conglomerate engaged in technology, engineering, construction, manufacturing, and financial services with \$21 billion in revenue, is a platinum sponsor of this three-day event which has over 1,200 exhibitors from 55 countries.

“Over the years, WETEX has been an ideal platform for us to showcase our capabilities and track record, build partnerships, review the latest technologies, innovations and benefit from one of the best global experiences in the energy and water sectors,” said T Madhava

Das, Whole Time Director & Senior Executive Vice President (Utilities), Larsen & Toubro. “While our power transmission & distribution business vertical has already established its credentials in the Middle East, our water infrastructure business is gradually gaining prominence having executed some key infrastructure projects including the Jebel Ali Sewerage Treatment Plant for the Dubai Municipality here in Dubai,” he added.

GREEN ENERGY

Utico to enter into hydrogen production

DUBAI: Utico, the Middle East's leading full-service utility and the only private water and power company in the UAE announced its entry into hydrogen production by 2024.

In a statement at the ongoing WETEX and Dubai Solar Show, Utico also said that it was exiting the Clean Coal Carbon capture project it had signed with Shanghai Electric in 2014, for which it had obtained the Middle East's first Federal Environmental Permit in 2016 done by TUV Nord.

Utico had also planned and announced the same scale 350MW supercritical project at the Duqm Special Economic Zone in 2016 with a bio fertiliser plant using carbon to produce Agro & Pharma grade Algae with a 200MW solar facility that would offset carbon emissions by greater than 70 per cent, making it cleaner than natural gas. Both projects would have captured greater than 1 million tonnes of CO2 per year.

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For most people, mental and physical health problems are seen as entirely separate. However, many professionals believe that if you have one type of problem, then the chances of developing another increase.

The connection between mental and physical health is often viewed in terms of stress. If you're having problems with your work or family life, then this may start to affect your physical health. For example, a stressed person might eat junk food because they're too tired to cook.

The connection between mental and physical health is also considered in terms of the immune system since stress affects the body's ability to fight off infections. Again, this can be because people are too tired to eat well and look after themselves.

Another way that mental and physical health are connected is through stress and hormone levels. These, in turn, affect different parts of the body, including the brain.

A person with unhealthy diet, exercise, and sleep habits may have the following characteristics:

- Inconsistent energy levels, irregular motivation to do normal things
- History of severe depression or anxiety attacks
- Inconsistent bowel movements, irregular bladder habits
- Irregular sleep cycle
- Diet includes junk food and/or inadequate nutrition, causing a

variety of digestive problems including constipation, diarrhoea, acid reflux, etc.

- Physical illness or psychological problems can cause a person to be overwhelmed by stress
- High tolerance for stress and challenges until the last straw breaks them (they are stressed out all day, then have an anger attack at home)

Here's how mental health problems might lead to physical health problems:

Anxiety

If you suffer from anxiety, then you may begin to suffer from insomnia and depression. Without proper amounts of sleep, your immune system will not function as well and you're likely to put on weight. As some of the main symptoms are poor appetite, nausea, and a raised heart rate, sufferers often become malnourished.

Psychological stress is also a known factor in diseases such as ulcers, heart failure, and high blood pressure. People with anxiety disorders are twice as likely to suffer from depression later in life than the population at large – it's thought that this may be because of the stress they've experienced.

Depression

Depression has been linked to both heart disease and diabetes. These are serious illnesses with a high mortality rate, so anyone carrying this dual burden is very likely to suffer badly due to their physical condition as well as the

depression itself.

Depression has been linked to an inability to manage stress and build resilience – it's thought that people who experience traumatic events, such as being in a war zone or having to deal with a significant loss, benefit by talking about the experience with someone with similar experiences.

In recent years, there has been more of an effort to train mental health professionals in this area. As with any illness, there is an element of social support that can be critical in helping someone to recover. This is especially the case for those who have lost someone close to them or are in a profession where they see death on a regular basis, such as police work or ER nursing.

Ways to stay mentally healthy

Get at least seven hours of sleep every day. According to the National Sleep Foundation in the US, insomnia is linked to a number of mental health issues, including obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), depression, and anxiety. People with more than six hours of sleep per night have fewer feelings of depression and anxiety compared to those who slept for less than six hours.

Make time to exercise every day. Exercise is great for your brain, not just your body. For people suffering from depression and anxiety, regular aerobic exercise (such as walking or running) helps reduce symptoms by helping to fight off depression-inducing chemicals. Aerobic fitness is also linked to lower levels of anxiety and improved cognitive functioning.

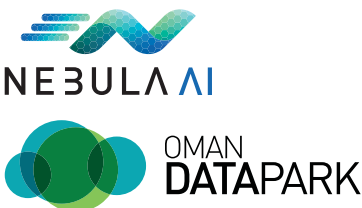
Eat a balanced diet. Eating healthier foods has been shown to help boost moods, improve memory, and prevent or manage the symptoms of depression and anxiety. Make sure you're getting plenty of proteins from lean meats, fruits, and vegetables. Limit the amount of added sugar, saturated fats, and processed foods in your diet.

People often ask, "is sleep or exercise better for anxiety?" As explained, one is not more or less important than the other. Rather, the balance of healthy sleep, exercise, and a healthy diet among other habits have the power to give yourself the best relief from mental issues like anxiety. -articlecity

ROUND-UP

OMAN DATA PARK LAUNCHES FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND NEBULA AI PLATFORM

Maqbool Al-Wahaibi: The launch of AI service enables the Sultanate to store its data internally



MUSCAT: As one of the vital enablers contributing to the improvement of productivity in economic sectors and a key pillar driving the national economy for technological transformation, Oman Data Park (ODP), the Sultanate's first IT-managed and cloud services provider, has launched Nebula AI service on Wednesday by joining the NVIDIA Partner Network (NPN) Cloud Service Provider Partner Programme.

The launching ceremony was under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Ali bin Amer Al Shidani, Under-secretary for Communications and Information Technology, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology in presence of high-level VIP delegations, business, and media representatives. The event was also graced by both virtual and physical presenters covering various aspects of AI and its benefits and was live streamed to a wider audience.

The launch of the Nebula AI platform, the first-of-its-kind in Oman, comes in line with Oman's vision for 2040 and within the Sultanate's exerted efforts to keep pace with the latest technological developments in the field of computing, compatible with the requirements of the fourth industrial revolution and AI.

The Sultanate had advanced 11 positions in the government's readiness index for implementing AI in 2020, while it ranked 48th globally and sixth in the Middle East, according to the Oxford Insight Index.

Highlighting the Importance of AI for Oman's economy, Eng. Maqbool Al Wahaibi, CEO, Oman Data Park stated: "AI is transforming every industry, whether it is by improving customer relationships in financial services, streamlining manufacturer supply chains, or helping doctors deliver better outcomes for patients. It gives us great pleasure to be at the forefront to provide this platform, which will enhance the technological transformation processes in the Sultanate in order to accelerate the utilization of AI in various economic fields in Oman."

"As the launching of Nebula AI service will contribute to sealing Oman's entry into the world of AI, Oman Data Park has practically proven its success of bringing innovative services to Oman to fuel further economic growth. Coupled with our impeccable track record of over nine years of service in the cloud services industry, we now look forward to helping businesses leap ahead on innovation

“IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ODP HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO PROVIDING CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES, CLOUD STORAGE, CLOUD NETWORKING, AS WELL AS WEB HOSTING AND CYBER SECURITY SERVICES

and profitability through the use of AI, both locally and beyond," Maqbool Al Wahaibi added.

Joining virtually for the event, Mr. Jaap Zuiderveld, vice president, EMEA at NVIDIA, stated, "AI is transforming every industry, helping nations and businesses solve their biggest challenges in agriculture, healthcare, climate and more. As an NVIDIA NPN partner, Oman Data Park is helping to grow the nation's AI expertise to create new opportunities with the world's leading AI systems."

Al Wahaibi also said that the utilization of AI services is considered an important factor for improving the productivity of many economic sectors, such as banking and finance, energy, healthcare, logistics and retail. It saves time and money and enhances operational efficiencies, as well as leads to an increase in revenue. AI also enhances the performance of sophisticated intellectual tasks such as decision making and problem solving, as well as increases customer services proactively.

He also highlighted that the Nebula AI service platform is powered by the NVIDIA DGX A100 system, which is suitable for all AI workloads, offering unprecedented compute density, performance, and flexibility in the world's first 5 petaFLOPS AI system. This will enable both govern-



ment and private sector entities to explore the various benefits of AI with the guarantee of data sovereignty, security, and reliability.

A teaming agreement was also signed at the launch, between ODP's CEO Eng. Al Wahaibi and Bikal UK's CEO Mr. Raj Sandhu, which was attended by James Goldman, Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy Muscat.

A statement from H.E. Mr. Bill Murray, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman

stated, "Technology is an area of strength for the UK in particular, with London recognised as the 'AI capital of Europe.' The potential for collaboration between the UK and Oman in the technology sector is vast, and I am excited by this partnership between Oman Data Park and Bikal. It will create job opportunities and support the development of Oman's tech ecosystem and local talent in alignment with Vision 2040. Congratulations to ODP and Bikal!"

"Our collaboration with Oman Data Park is key to the creation of new AI and 5G technologies in Oman and the GCC. Having a forward-looking partner in the region will enable Bikal to bring UK university researched innovations with the ability to develop the tech locally. This partnership will open joint opportunities in Oman and the UK over the coming years," said Raj Sandhu, CEO, BIKAL UK.

According to a PWC research,

AI is estimated to contribute around 15.7 trillion USD globally by 2030, while the Middle East is estimated to accrue 2% of the total global benefits of AI in 2030, which is equivalent to 320 billion USD. The forecast reports also show that annual growth is expected to range between 20-34% per year across the region.

Forecasts from Gartner indicate that by 2025, 50% of enterprises will have devised AI orchestration platforms to operationalize AI, up from fewer than 10% in 2020. By 2025, AI will be the top category driving infrastructure decisions, due to the maturation of the AI market, resulting in a tenfold growth in compute requirements. And by 2025, 10% of governments will use a synthetic population with realistic behavior patterns to train AI while avoiding privacy and security concerns.

It is noteworthy that ODP has greatly contributed to providing cloud computing services, cloud storage, cloud networking, as well as web hosting and cyber security services. ODP operates an advanced Virtual Data Center across Oman in the field of cyber security based on the latest industry standards, helping customers mitigate risks with its services and save up to 55% on the total cost of ownership compared to traditional data centres.



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A'Saffa Foods launches new range of pre-packaged poultry dishes

Comprising three dishes at launch, including chicken shuwa spicy, shuwa Omani, and chicken broast, Thawaq A'Saffa allows you to prepare these tasty dishes in just eight minutes

MUSCAT: A'Saffa Foods has announced the launch of Thawaq A'Saffa – a new range of delicious, pre-packaged poultry dishes.



Comprising three dishes at launch, including chicken shuwa spicy, shuwa Omani, and chicken broast, Thawaq A'Saffa allows you to prepare these tasty dishes in just eight minutes.

A'Saffa uses local spices in each of these dishes, the shuwa in particular, to ensure you enjoy an authentic and high-quality Omani meal. All you need to do is heat the dishes in a microwave for just eight min-

utes and then serve with rice and any other garnishing you prefer. Moreover, as with any product produced by A'Saffa, Thawaq A'Saffa is hygienically processed from quality chicken from the

company's farms. Doing so ensures you enjoy a fresh and healthy chicken dish with a delicious taste that will remind you of home-cooked meals. Thawaq A'Saffa is now available

for sale at leading supermarkets across the country. For more information on A'Saffa Foods and its products, please visit www.asaffa.com or follow our social media handles.

ON OCTOBER 13

Focus on challenges facing manufacturing sector at OER summit and awards event

MUSCAT: OER's Manufacturing Summit and Awards 2021, a flagship event by the Sultanate's premium business magazine, will take place at Sheraton Oman Hotel on October 13.

Madayn, MIZAH, Credit Oman and Oman Manufacturers Association (OMFA) are the endorsement partners of the Summit, which is organised by UMS Events. Shell Oman Marketing Company and Raysut Cement are the Strategic Partners while Al Maha Ceramics, Sohar Aluminium, Moon Iron and Steel Co (MISCO), Al Tamman Indsil Ferrochrome (FZC) LLC (ATIFC), Areej Vegetable Oils and Derivatives (Minara brand) and Voltamp Energy have signed up as the Associate Partners.

MHD Automotive, Construction Equipment and Renewable Energy, a vertical established under MHD, is the official commercial vehicle partner. *Times of Oman* and *Al-Shabiba* are the media partners and oerlive.com, the online media partner, while SSA International is the knowledge partner.

OER's Manufacturing Summit will train the spotlight on the opportunities and challenges facing the manufacturing sector in Oman. The first-panel discussion will deliberate on 'Negotiating a new Reality.' The panel discussion will train the spotlight on a cross-section of issues affecting the manufacturing sector in Oman, including strengthening supply chains for minimal disruption. The second panel discussion will deliberate on 'Crosscurrents changing manufacturing - Covid-19 to Industry 4.0.'

The panel session will do an in-depth analysis of best practices and the way ahead for the manufacturing sector in Oman.

It will do a deep dive into unlocking the potential of the sector, creating job opportunities and negotiating newfound challenges i.e. logistical disruption, shrinking international export markets and enhanced global and regional protectionist policies.

OER's first of its kind Manufacturing Summit will bring in gov-

ernment officials, C-suite executives, consultants and analysts to discuss a cross-section of issues impacting the manufacturing sector in Oman, possible solutions and the way ahead.

The manufacturing sector is one of the priority sectors identified by Tanfeedh or The National Programme for Enhancing Economic Diversification. The sector is also a key sector for the creation of job opportunities within the country. Oman offers a strong value proposition for manufacturing with a wide range of industrial estates and special economic zones (SEZs) adding to the attraction. Madayn, the nodal agency for industrial estates which manages and operates eight industrial cities in Sur, Sohar, Raysut, Nizwa, Buraimi, Rusayl, Samail, Ibri in addition to Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM) and Al Mazunah Free Zone attracted OMR6.6 billion worth of investments in 2019.

Oman's geostrategic location is also a considerable advantage with the country's three principal

sea gateways in Sohar, Duqm and Salalah connecting it to some of the world's busiest trading routes and most dynamic markets.

A number of manufacturing companies have undertaken Industry 4.0 initiatives such as digital transformation, smart manufacturing and flexible production. These changes have led to process improvement, increase quality management and enhanced safety.

Profit Leadership

A workshop on "Profit Leadership," will be held during the summit. Naveen Narayan, Managing Director – SSA International, who is also a Lean and Six Sigma expert, will conduct the workshop to enable business leaders to identify and beat profit leakages and also facilitate businesses to be more effective post-COVID-19.

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

GLOBAL STAGE



Malabar Gold & Diamonds attracts global attention at Dubai Expo 2020

DUBAI: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the leading global jewellery retailer with over 260 retail outlets across 10 countries, is garnering global attention at the World Expo 2020 by showcasing the art, culture, heritage and tradition of Indian handcrafted jewellery.

Inaugurating the India Pavilion at Expo 2020, Piyush Goyal - Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, appreciated Malabar Gold & Diamonds contributions to the manufacturing of Indian hand-crafted jewellery and for taking the lead role as an Indian international jewellery brand in showcasing the country's cultural heritage, art and craft to the global audience.

Following the inauguration, M P Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group along with the leadership team from Malabar Group met with Piyush Goyal - Union Minister of Commerce & Industry to discuss their 'Make in India, Market to the World' initiative. This concept aims to introduce jewellery manufactured in India to the global audience, thus helping boost exports and create employment and skill development opportunities in the country across various fields including jewellery manufacturing, sale, supply chain, and IT. The increase in export will further boost the country's industrial & economical growth.

It gives us immense happiness to be representing India at Dubai Expo 2020, a global stage showcasing the excellence in art, culture, trade & technological

advancements. Inspired by the cultural diversity of the nation, we pride ourselves in catering to the needs of our diverse customers from across the globe through our versatile jewellery designs," said M P Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Group.

Ahammed had welcomed the Indian government's decision to implement mandatory hallmarking for gold artefacts earlier this year. For the past 20 years, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has provided transparency and quality to its customers by selling only BIS hallmarked gold.

Mandatory BIS hallmarking of gold jewellery and the HUID has proved to be a major step towards implementing gold purity standardisation, making jewellery retail trade more transparent and organised and also a decisive step towards curbing gold smuggling in the country.

He also added that it has further increased trust and credibility in the industry, congratulating and thanking the government for this landmark decision.

In the last 28 years, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has transformed into a global player across the verticals of gold and diamond jewellery retail, manufacturing, and multi-retail businesses.

Following the brand's international expansion plans, Malabar Gold & Diamonds aims to triple its retail network to over 750 outlets by 2025.

This large-scale growth of the company is also creating several job opportunities.

SKYTRAX AWARD

Qatar Airways announced 'Airline of the Year'

DOHA: Qatar Airways has been announced as the 'Airline of the Year' by the international air transport rating organisation, Skytrax, in addition to securing five additional awards including World's Best Business Class, World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge, World's Best Business Class Airline Seat, World's Best Business Class Onboard Catering and Best Airline in the Middle East. The airline continues to stand alone at the top of the industry has now won the main prize for an unprecedented sixth time (2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019 and now 2021).

Known as the Oscars of the Aviation Industry, the 2021 Skytrax awards covered the period from September 2019 to July 2021 with the results reflecting a mix of more normal travel times combined with travel during the pandemic. The extended period clearly demonstrated the resilience and flexibility of Qatar Airways, as it not only delivered continued excel-



lence during normal times, but steadfastly continued flights and offered a lifeline to its customers across the globe during the most challenging of times. Qatar Airways also became the first global airline to receive the Skytrax COVID-19 Safety Rating in January 2021 while its home and hub, Hamad International Airport, was recently voted the World's Best Airport 2021 in August.

In addition, the airline also received recognition for its luxuri-

ous Al Mourjan Lounge, a calming oasis for travellers, which was voted the World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge. Meanwhile, the patented Qsuite remains the clear leader in business class luxury having being named as the World's Best Business Class Airline Seat, with the premium cabin being voted World's Best Business Class for the fifth year in succession. The continued evolution of the food offering on board was also recognised as Qatar Airways scooped the World's Best Business Class Onboard Catering award, a fitting tribute to the ongoing development and enhancement of the food and beverage product. Finally, the airline was also announced as Best Airline in the Middle East, further emphasising passengers' preference for Qatar Airways in the region due to its exceptional quality, global network, consistent reliability and flexibility, with every passenger journey experiencing Hamad International Airport, the

only Skytrax five-star airport in the region.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said: "Being recognised as the World's Best Airline for the sixth time is an incredible achievement for our airline and I want to thank our loyal passengers for this award. Having gone through one of the most challenging years in aviation history, this award is fitting recognition for all the hard work by the entire Qatar Airways family to take care of our passengers. We never abandoned them when they needed us the most, we kept flying to get people home, focused on biosafety to provide customer and employee reassurance and continued to innovate during this period."

Skytrax Chief Executive Officer, Edward Plaisted, said, "To be named as the World's Best Airline is a great recognition of Qatar Airways high standards, and to win this highest accolade for the sixth time is a remarkable achievement."

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