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Tethys Oil's share of the production, before government take, from Blocks 3&4 onshore the Sultanate of Oman amounted in October 2021 to 334,326 barrels of oil, corresponding to 10,785 barrels of oil per day. **>B1**



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HRH PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN ACCORDED OFFICIAL WELCOME

HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) was accorded an official welcome yesterday on the occasion of his visit to the Sultanate of Oman. **>A4**



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OMAN, SAUDI JOIN HANDS TO MEET PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS

Saudi Crown Prince
leaves Oman after a
two-day visit

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) held a round of official talks at Al Alam Palace yesterday. At the outset of the session, His Majesty the Sultan once again welcomed HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman and wished him and his official delegation a pleasant stay in Oman. **>A3**



*HRH Prince
Mohammed
bin Salman
given highest
civilian award*

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik hosted an official luncheon in honour of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on the occasion of his visit to the Sultanate of Oman. **>A3**

JOINT DECLARATION

725-km road between Oman and Saudi Arabia to open

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on Tuesday issued a joint communique reading as follows: "Based on the deep-rooted ties of history and fraternity between the leaderships of the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and their peoples, in consolidation of their steadfast bilateral relations and, in response to the directives of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud,

Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, made a visit to the Sultanate of Oman on 6 and 7 December 2021.

A round of official talks was held by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman. They explored aspects of joint cooperation and ways of developing it in different fields and commended the level of coordination in political, economic, military and security spheres for the good of the two peoples.

The two sides also lauded the accomplishments made during the historic visit of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to Saudi Arabia in July 2021.

They underlined the outcome of the Royal visit, which resulted in expanding the scope of bilateral relations and the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the establishment of the Omani-Saudi Coordination Council, which will contribute to the realisation of the desired integration in all sectors.

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES



OMAN Sultanate and Saudi Arabia sign MoUs

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OMAN Oman, Ukraine to boost bilateral ties

2 Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs met with Dmytro Senik, Deputy Foreign Minister, Chief Digital Transformation Officer in Ukraine. **>A5**

WORLD UAE to adopt Saturday- Sunday weekends

3 The UAE is to adopt a new four and a half days working week, effective from 1st January, 2022. The move applies to government entities and comes alongside new working hours, with Monday to Thursday workdays. **>A6**

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Maghrib.....	5:26pm
Isha.....	6:41pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5:17am

COOPERATION

HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman thanks HM

<FROM A1 The two sides expressed their determination to augment the rate of economic cooperation through the motivation of the government and private sectors with the aim of forging quality commercial and investment exchange to serve their visions (Oman Vision 2040 and Saudi Vision 2030) and consolidate partnership between the two countries' private sectors. In this respect, the two sides welcomed the opening of the 725-km Desert Highway linking the two countries and expected to significantly boost the travel of citizens and the smooth flow of supplies towards the desired full-fledged economic integration. They also welcomed the opening of border checkpoints in Oman and Saudi Arabia.

In the field of energy and climate change: In the field of energy, the two sides extolled Opec+ efforts—led by KSA, with the participation of Oman—that resulted in stabilising petroleum markets. They also underscored the importance of such sustained cooperation and the commitment of all participating countries to the mandates of the Opec+ agreement.

The two sides stressed the need to study all opportunities for cooperation in the oil, gas and petrochemicals sector, as well as cooperation in advancing petroleum products trade, the use of renewable energy and its technologies, electrical energy, commercial exchange and maximizing benefits from local energy content for implementing power projects.

The Omani side valued the initiatives made by Saudi Arabia to address climate change, including Saudi Arabia's Green Initiative and Green Middle East launched by HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

They agreed to step up cooperation in the field of energy and climate change within the framework of Green Middle East to enhance gains at local, regional and international levels.

The two sides also welcomed an initiative to implement Circular Carbon Economy, launched by KSA when chairing the G20 Summit. The initiative was hailed by the economic group as an integrate and comprehensive framework to address challenges posed by gas emissions responsible for global warming. The initiative, based on the use of available technologies, constitutes an economically sustainable method to manage gas emissions.

Cooperation in the commercial field: The two sides agreed to increase incentives that contribute to the easy flow of trade, cooperation in food security, joint investment in sectors of standardization, health, medical drug production, advanced technologies, innovation, renewable energy, industry, tourism, petrochemicals, converting industries, logistics and financial technology.

To this effect, two agreements were signed in the field

of standardisation.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction with the outcomes of the third meeting of the Saudi Omani Business Council and the Economic Forum held on the sidelines of the meeting.

A group of leading Omani and Saudi firms signed a number of agreements. MoUs were signed by OQ and Aramco, OQ and Sabic Petrochemicals, Asyad and a Saudi shipping company, OQ and ACWA Power, Oman Mining Company and its Saudi counterpart and Muscat Stock Exchange and Tadawul stock exchange.

In the media field: The two sides affirmed their keenness to upgrade the level of cooperation and welcomed the signing of an MoU in the field of Radio and TV, an MoU on the exchange of news between Oman News Agency and Saudi Press Agency and an MoU in the field of visual, audio and print media.

The two sides also welcomed the meeting held by Oman Journalist Association and Saudi Press Association.

In the field of tourism: The two sides reiterated their determination to bolster joint action in the field of tourism and the development of the sector due to its significance in augmenting domestic product, creating employment opportunities and diversifying the economy.

In the political arena, the two sides reaffirmed the fundamentals of Al Ula Declaration issued on 5 January 2021, which approved the implementation of the vision of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques endorsed by the GCC Supreme Council during its 36th session in December 2015.

All departments of the Council were tasked with doubling efforts towards the finalization of the remaining steps within a specific schedule. This includes complementing pillars of the economic unity within the framework of the GCC's joint defence and security schemas, in addition to the formulation of a unified GCC foreign policy aimed to safeguard the interests and gains of the GCC, spare it any involvement in regional and international conflicts and meet its peoples' aspirations for prosperity.

The two sides exchanged views about matters of common concern in the regional and international arenas. They affirmed their determination to work together to serve the joint interests and consolidate security and stability in the region and the world at large.

They also voiced their support for all efforts aimed at the establishment of peace in the Middle East. They underlined the importance of reaching a comprehensive settlement for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative and related international legitimacy resolutions in a manner that safeguards the right of Palestinian people to set up their own independent state on the borders of 1967, with East Je-

rusalem as its capital.

About Yemeni affairs, the two sides agreed to continue efforts to find a political solution to the Yemeni crisis based on the GCC initiative, the outcomes of the National Comprehensive Dialogue, the Security Council Resolution and the Saudi Arabian Initiative—all with the overall aim of alleviating the suffering of the Yemeni people.

The two sides also welcomed the success of the elections in Iraq and expressed their hopes for the formation of an Iraqi government capable of establishing peace and security and realizing the country's prosperity.

The two sides welcomed the accord reached by parties to the Transitional Stage in Sudan and reaffirmed their support for all that might achieve security and stability in Sudan. They wished Sudanese people progress and prosperity.

About the situation in Lebanon, the two sides affirmed the importance of conducting comprehensive reforms to help Lebanon emerge from its crisis and to make sure that it will not constitute a hotspot for any terrorist or criminal acts that might compromise the stability of the region.

The two sides affirmed the significance of reaching political solutions for the Syrian and Libyan crises to help end the suffering of the Syrian and Libyan peoples and safeguard their territorial integrity.

The two sides expressed the importance of consolidating security and stability in Afghanistan. They warned against harboring terrorists or extremists or any acts of recruitment of Afghan refugees in areas of conflict. They also voiced their support for relief efforts and humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan.

In this context, the Omani side valued KSA's call for an extraordinary meeting of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, scheduled to be held in Pakistan on 19 December 2021.

Iranian nuclear file

The two sides also underscored the significance of cooperation in terminally and effectively addressing the Iranian nuclear file, its components and its repercussions to help contribute to the establishment of regional and international security and stability. In this context, they affirmed their support for principles of good neighborliness, respect for UN and international resolutions and the need to spare the region all destabilization activities.

At the end of the visit, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman thanked His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him and his delegation.

In his turn, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his best wishes for the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. He wished Saudi people further progress and prosperity." -ONA

TBY to host Oman Vision 2040 event

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Business Year, in partnership with The Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion and the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit, is hosting a special event, Oman Vision 2040 and The Future of Investment, Sunday, 12 December at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The event will be attended by 150 top CEOs and government figures, who will gather to discuss the future of investment.

The event is organised in collaboration with The Oman International Development & Investment Company SAOG (OMINVEST), as its Strategic Partner and with the support of leading sponsors.

Sunday's programme will begin

with an address by Qais Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion, followed by a speech from Abdullah Al Hakmani, Head of Projects Management Office at the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit.

The event will offer the international business community an opportunity to understand the key pillars of Oman Vision 2040, not only as a wide-ranging blueprint for economic and social development, but also as a roadmap on where the Omani economy is heading in the coming decades.

The panel discussion will feature key personalities from diverse sectors of the country, including Anwar Al Jabri, Group President for Investment Banking at OMINVEST and CEO of Jabreen Capital;

Aimen Al Hosni, CEO, Oman Airports; Mohammed Al Harthy, Executive Vice President, Strategic Development Sector of Be'ah; Eng. Saleh Al Rumhi, CEO, Oman Electricity & Transmission Company and Khaled Al Kayed, CEO, Bank Nizwa.

The session will be moderated by Mohab Al Hinai, Co-founder of Sustainable Investments and feature debate around the upward competitiveness of Oman in the global landscape, the key strategic sectors leading investments and diversification away from an oil-based economy, environmental, social and governance initiatives, capital preservation and high-risk adjusted investment returns and the role of international stakeholders in the country's socioeconomic development.



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MONDAY

HM Youth Cup 2020 results

MUSCAT: Assigned by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Sayyid Saud Hilal Al Bussaidi, Minister of State and Governor of Muscat will patronise next Monday over the ceremony of announcing results of His Majesty the Sultan's Cup for Youth 2020.

42 clubs

This edition of the competition saw the participation of 42 clubs, namely: Ahli Sidab, A'Seeb, Oman Club, Muscat, Bowsher, Quriyat, Salalah, Al Nasr, Dhofar, Al Ittihad, Mirbat, Khasab, Madha, Diba, Bukha, Ibri, Yanqul, Nizwa, Bahla, Samail, Al Bashaer, Fanja, Al Hamra, Sohar, Saham, A'Suwaig, Al Khaboura, Al Salam, Majees, A'Rustaq, Al-Musna'a, Al-Mudhaibi, Bidiyah, Al Nahdha, Al Wusta, Al Kamil wa Al Wafi, Al Wahdah, Sur, Al Tali'ah, Al Uru-ba, Ja'lan and Masirah.

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Saudi Crown Prince concludes his visit



HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud and his accompanying delegation left here on Tuesday, after an official two-day visit to the Sultanate

MUSCAT: HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and his accompanying delegation left here on Tuesday, after an official two-day visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The Saudi Crown Prince was seen off at the Royal Airport by His Highness Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of

Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'mani, Minister of the Royal Office, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior (Head of the Mission of Honour), Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the KSA and members of the Saudi Embassy in Muscat.

During his visit to the Sultanate of Oman, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman was accompanied by an official delegation comprising HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz



Al Said, Minister of Energy, HRH Prince Turki bin Mohammad bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of State, Member of the Council of Ministers, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of Sports, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of Interior, HRH Prince Abdullah bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of the National Guard, HRH

Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Said, Foreign Minister, HRH Prince Badr bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Said, Minister of Culture, Dr. Musaed bin Mohammed Al Aiban, Minister of State, Member of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi, Minister of Commerce and acting Minister of Media and Abdullah bin Saud Al Anazi, KSA Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. -ONA



Oman, Saudi Arabia hold talks

<FROM A1 The Saudi Crown Prince expressed his gratitude to His Majesty for the warm reception and hospitality accorded upon his arrival.

The session reviewed various aspects of bilateral cooperation, ways to consolidate ties between the peoples of the two countries and means of realising their aspirations. The two sides also exchanged views about issues of common concern.

The session was attended from the Omani side by His Highness Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for the Council of Ministers, His Highness Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan, His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Nu'mani, Minister of the Royal Office, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior (Head of the Mission of Honour), Sayyid Badr bin Hamad

Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Dr. Mohammed bin Hamad Al Rumhy, Minister of Energy and Minerals, Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the KSA. It was attended from the Saudi side by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of Energy, HRH Prince Turki bin Mohammad bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of State, Member of the Council of Ministers, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of Sports, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of Interior, HRH Prince Abdullah bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Said, Minister of the National Guard, HRH Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Said, Foreign Minister, HRH Prince Badr bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Said, Minister of Culture, Dr. Musaed bin Mohammed Al Aiban, Minister of State, Member of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi, Minister of Commerce and acting Minister of Media and Abdullah bin Saud Al Anazi, KSA Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. -ONA

Oman, Saudi Arabia sign MoUs in commercial, standardisation fields

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The pacts coincide with the current visit to Oman by HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, KSA Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in Saudi Arabia.



The MoUs were signed by Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, and Dr. Majid Al Qasabi, Minister of Commerce, Acting Minister of Media in KSA.

The MoU in the field of commerce deals with exchanging expertise on enhancing the competitiveness of national industries, protecting national products against harmful practices, study-

ing experiences on developing the ease of digitized trade, regulating commercial activity, organizing promotional offers, encouraging joint economic activities, upgrading the level of commercial exchange, foreign trade and exploring markets and export opportunities.

The MoU in the field of standardization encourages the exchange of information and studies in research and cooperation in the fields of specifications, measurements, criteria and labs, as well as consumer protection and cooperation in achieving mutual concordance and acknowledgement. -ONA

BOLSTER COOPERATION

MoUs signed in media fields

MUSCAT: The governments of the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) yesterday signed a number of memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to enhance cooperation in the fields of audio, visual and print media.

The pacts were concluded within the context of the two-day official visit of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, KSA Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence.

The MoUs were signed by Dr. Abdullah Nassir Al Harrasi, Minister of Information, and Dr. Majid Abdullah Al Qasabi, Saudi Minister of Commerce, Acting Minister of



Media in KSA.

The MoUs provide for the exchange of legislations, expertise and views about all that might help in disciplining the media, including ethical content of satellite channels, radio FM stations, internet-based media, artworks and electronic games.

The MoUs also deal with the exchange of research papers in the fields of media monitoring and statutes regulating media activity, as well as cooperation in producing cinema content and furnishing a lucrative environment for investment in the media sector.

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FUNCTION



His Majesty hosts luncheon for Saudi Crown Prince

<FROM A1 Prior to the luncheon, His Majesty the Sultan conferred on HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman the Oman Civil Order—1st Class, deemed the loftiest Omani medal allocated for kings, heads of state, crown princes and heads of governments whose countries share special relations with the Sultanate of Oman.

The luncheon was attended

by members of the Royal Family, Chairmen of the State Council and Shura Council, as well as some ministers. It was also attended by the official delegation accompanying the Saudi Crown Prince.

After that, His Majesty the Sultan bid farewell to HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who left Oman later on Monday.

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HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman accorded official welcome in Oman



His Majesty the Sultan accompanied the Saudi Crown Prince to the Dais of Honour where the Royal Anthem of Saudi Arabia was played, while the artillery fired a 21-gun salute for the Saudi Crown Prince

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Upon the arrival of the motorcade of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman at Al Alam Palace courtyard, His Majesty the Sultan accompanied the Saudi Crown Prince to the Dais of Honour where the Royal Anthem of Saudi Arabia was played, while the artillery fired a 21-gun salute

for the Saudi Crown Prince.

Then, His Majesty the Sultan shook hands with members of the official delegation accompanying the Saudi Crown Prince, wishing them a pleasant stay in their second home Oman.

On his turn, the guest shook hands with some members of the Royal Family, Chairmen of the State Council and Shura Council, ministers, commanders of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) and the Royal Oman Police (ROP).

After that, His Majesty the Sultan and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman proceeded to the hall where they took Arabian coffee. -ONA



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The Tax Authority pointed out that the entities whose operations are governed by income-tax terms and conditions have an obligation to submit their income tax reports so that they could be entitled either for paying 3 percent or for waiving of this percentage, if they meet the conditions.

The Tax Authority explained that the Tax Law deems deliberate abstinence from submitting declaration a crime punishable by imprisonment of not less than



three months and not exceeding 6 months, in addition to a fine ranging between OMR500 and OMR20,000 or either of the two penalties. This penalty does not

absolve the offender of the administrative penalty, which involves a fine against a non-abiding taxpayers ranging between OMR100 and OMR2,000. -ONA

MEETING

Oman, Ukraine discuss means to boost bilateral relations

MUSCAT: Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs met at the general diwan of Foreign Ministry here yesterday with Dmytro Senik, Deputy Foreign Minister, Chief Digital Transformation Officer in Ukraine.

The meeting discussed the bilateral relations between the two countries and means of enhancing economic and technical cooperation to serve the joint



interests. The two sides also exchanged views on several topics of common interest.

The meeting was attended by a number of officials from both sides. -ONA

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Travellers at Oman airports reach over 2.8mn till September 2021

MUSCAT: The total number of passengers travelling through airports in the Sultanate of Oman (Muscat, Salalah, Sohar and Duqm) till the end of September 2021 reached 2,870,810, compared to 3,908,289 passengers as of the end of September 2020, comprising a decline by 26.5 percent.

The total number of flights at the airports of the Sultanate of Oman reached 26,636 flights until the end of September 2021, including 18,604 international flights through Muscat International Airport, Salalah Airport and Sohar Airport and 8,032 domestic flights at Muscat International Airport, Salalah Airport, Sohar Airport and Duqm Airport, compared to 32,693 flights in September 2020, including 28,455 international flights at Muscat International Airport, Salalah Airport and Sohar Airport, and 4,238 domestic flights at Muscat International Airport, Salalah Airport, Sohar Airport and Duqm



Airport by the end of September 2020.

Nationalities of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan topped the total number of passengers in Oman's airports till the end of September 2021.

The number of Indian pas-

sengers stood at 82,162 (arrivals 48,519, departures 33,643). Bangladeshi passengers stood at 33,685 (arrivals 20,086, departures 13,599). Meanwhile, the Pakistani passengers stood at 26,627 (arrivals 17,437, departures 9,190).

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All participating Companies shall submit a Bid Bond of 1% in a sealed envelope to OWWSC's Chairman of Tender Committee not later than **3.00 pm** on the bid submission date. Bid Bond must be obtained from a Bank registered in the Sultanate of Oman and it should be addressed in favour of OWWSC.

The bid along with all required documents shall be uploaded through OWWSC e-tendering page not later than **3.00 pm** on the date specified above.

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China terms US boycott as 'grave distortion of spirit of Olympic Charter'

China slammed the Biden administration for the decision and called the move a 'pretentious act'

BEIJING: After the US announced to boycott the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China slammed the Biden administration for the decision and called the move a 'pretentious act' that will lead to 'political manipulation' and grave distortion of the spirit of the Olympic Charter.

"Such a pretentious act is only a political manipulation and a grave distortion of the spirit of the Olympic Charter," Chinese Embassy in the US spokesperson Liu Pengyu said in a statement to Sputnik news agency. The spokesperson also said that the "Biden administration's decision to boycott the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing is a political manipulation that has no impact on the success of the event".

"No one would care about whether these people come or not, and it has no impact whatsoever on



WINTER OLYMPICS: The move marks an escalation of pressure by the US on China over allegations of forced labour and human rights abuses in China's western region of Xinjiang.

the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics to be successfully held," Liu said.

"No invitation has been extended to US politicians whatsoever, so this 'diplomatic boycott' simply comes out of nowhere," Liu said.

In a symbolic protest against China's "ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity in Xinjiang," the Biden administration has decided not to send an official

US delegation to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, said White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Monday.

US athletes will still participate in the Olympics, but the administration will not be sending government officials to the games. The same policy applies to the Paralympic Games to be held in Beijing, CNN reported.

According to CNN, the move marks an escalation of pressure by the US on China over allegations of forced labour and human rights abuses in China's western region of Xinjiang.

The US generally sends a delegation to the Olympics. Notably, in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, first lady Jill Biden lead the US's diplomatic delegation. **ANI**



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FIRED

CEO of mortgage company fires over 900 employees on Zoom call

WASHINGTON: Vishal Garg, the Indian origin Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of US-based mortgage provider company Better.com has fired around 900 of his employees over a Zoom call.

According to CNN, in a recording of the video call that happened on Wednesday, Garg could be heard saying, "If you're on this call, you are part of the unlucky group that is being laid off. Your employment here is terminated effective immediately."

He then stated that employees could expect an HR email detailing their benefits and severance. Garg had reportedly cited market efficiency, performance and productivity as the reason behind the firings.

"This is the second time in my career I'm doing this and I do not

want to do this. The last time I did it, I cried," Garg said on the call.

Later, in a statement to CNN, Kevin Ryan, CFO said, "Having to conduct layoffs is gut-wrenching, especially this time of year. However, a fortress balance sheet and a reduced and focused workforce together set us up to play offense going into a radically evolving homeownership market."

Reports suggest that among those who were fired were the diversity, equity and inclusion recruiting team.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, several individuals have lost employment, which is a major setback given that they are already in financial distress due to the health crisis. Job losses in such a time are only going to exacerbate the problem. **ANI**

CORONAVIRUS VACCINE

Vaccine mandates should be 'last resort': WHO

GENEVA: Mandatory vaccinations against the coronavirus are an "absolute last resort," the World Health Organization's top Europe official said on Tuesday.

"Mandates around vaccination are an absolute last resort and only applicable when all feasible options to improve vaccination uptake have been exhausted," WHO Director for Europe Hans Kluge said.

Kluge said that although mandates have increased vaccine uptake in some cases, "public confidence and public trust" must also be considered.

"The effectiveness of mandates is very context-specific," he added. "What is acceptable in one society and community may not be effective and acceptable in another."



Where are vaccines mandatory?

Austria announced in November that it would impose a vaccine mandate starting in February 2022. This, along with a new lockdown, sparked protests attended by thousands.

A number of other European countries including Germany have been debating whether to implement a vaccine mandate. In Greece, vaccines are mandatory for people over 60.

Indonesia, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Turk-

menistan have made vaccinations against the coronavirus mandatory for all adults.

Debate on vaccinating children

Kluge also noted that the number of coronavirus cases had increased in all age groups, and the highest rates are currently observed in the 5-14 age group. He further pointed out that children risk passing the infection to parents and grandparents in the home.

In light of these statistics, Kluge added that "vaccinating children should be discussed and considered nationally."

The EU's drug regulator, the European Medicines Agency, backed giving children the BioNTech-Pfizer vaccine in late November. **dw**

FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS

Four-and-a-half-day working week announced by UAE

Times News Service

ABU DHABI: The UAE Government is to adopt a new four-and-a-half-day working week, effective from January 1, 2022. The move applies to Federal government entities and comes alongside new working hours, with Monday to Thursday workdays now starting at 7.30am and ending at 3.30pm and Friday working hours from 7.30am-12.00pm.

Alongside the move, Friday sermons and prayers across the Emirates will be held from 1.15pm. Government staff will have the flexibility to make arrangements to work from home on Fridays, as well as to arrange their working hours on a flexible basis.

The Emirates is the first nation in the world to introduce a national working week shorter than the global five-day week.

The extended weekend comes as part of the UAE government's efforts to boost work-life balance and enhance social wellbeing, while increasing performance to advance the UAE's economic competitiveness.

Adopting an agile working system will enable the UAE to rapidly respond to emerging changes and enhance wellbeing in the workplace.

From an economic perspective, the new working week will better align the Emirates with global



markets, reflecting the country's strategic status on the global economic map. It will ensure smooth financial, trade and economic transactions with countries that follow a Saturday/Sunday weekend, facilitating stronger international business links and opportunities for thousands of UAE-based and multinational companies.

The new working week will also bring the UAE's financial sector into closer alignment with global real-time trading and communications-based transactions such as those driving global stock

markets, banks and financial institutions. The move is expected to boost not only trading opportunities but also add to the flexible, secure and enjoyable lifestyle the Emirates offers its citizens and residents.

The Federal Authority for Government Human Resources proposed the new workweek following comprehensive benchmarking and feasibility studies reflecting potential impacts of the move on the economy, on social and family ties and on the overall wellbeing of people in the Emirates.



AL BUSTAN PALACE
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Tender Announcement

Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel invites sealed bids for the below.

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1. Vehicle Lease	15th December 2021	RO 10,000/-per Document.

Reputable Companies with experience and proven track record in this area, may obtain a detailed scope from Finance Department from Wednesday 8th December, 2021 onwards between 09:00 – 14:00 hours.

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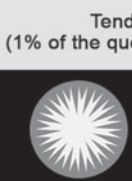
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On or before 15th December 2021 before 2 pm.**

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Dhofar Integrated Services Company S.A.O.C (DISC) invites reputable contractor for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region.

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Pre-qualification	Contractors participating in the tendering process shall be registered electrical contractor with Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) Grade – C and above. Apart from the above, the Contractors participating in the tendering process shall have Competent Electrical Person (CEP) certified by DPC and copy of the valid CEP certificate shall be submitted along with bid without which the bids will not be considered for evaluation. Further, Tenderers will be evaluated as per the HSE qualification criterion specified in the Tender documents.
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Qatar	3	3	0	0	6	1	9		قطر
Oman	3	1	1	0	5	3	4		عمان
Iraq	3	0	2	1	1	4	2		العراق
Bahrain	3	0	1	2	0	4	1		البحرين

Group B	U	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT	المجموعة ب
Tunisia	3	2	0	1	6	3	6		تونس
UAE	3	2	0	0	3	2	6		الإمارات
Syria	3	1	0	2	4	4	3		سوريا
Mauritania	3	1	0	2	3	7	3		موريتانيا

Group C	U	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT	المجموعة ج
Morocco	3	3	0	0	9	0	9		المغرب
Jordan	3	2	0	1	6	5	6		الأردن
Saudi Arabia	3	0	1	2	1	3	1		السعودية
Palestine	3	0	1	2	2	10	1		فلسطين

Group D	U	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT	المجموعة د
Algeria	2	2	0	0	6	0	6		الجزائر
Egypt	2	2	0	0	6	0	6		مصر
Lebanon	2	0	0	2	0	3	0		لبنان
Sudan	2	0	0	2	0	9	0		السودان

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FIFA ARAB CUP QATAR 2021:
OMAN REACH QUARTERFINALS



DOHA: The Omani national team qualified for the quarter-finals of the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021 after beating its Bahraini counterpart 3-0 on Monday at Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in the final round of Group A.

Oman came second in group A with 4 points behind Qatar 9 points, Iraq came third with two points, and Bahrain in last place with one point.

The quarter-finalists Oman were able to rest their scoring stars, only after racing into an unassailable 3-0 lead against Bahrain. Arshad Al Alawi was the game's central figure, heading home the second goal before turning provider to lay on the third for Khalid Al Hajri. The pair were withdrawn soon after by their Croatian coach, Branko Ivankovic, having been assured of their contribution to Oman – the lowest-ranked team to make it through thus far – taking their place in the last eight.

The FIFA Arab Cup 2021™ has its first confirmed quarter-finals, with Qatar-UAE and Tunisia-Oman set to kick off the knockout phase on Friday.

Those ties were set after a dramatic day of action on which fortunes fluctuated and positions changed, with the Eagles of Carthage leapfrogging the Emiratis into top spot in Group B and Oman streaking past Iraq to qualify from Group A.

DOHA

INFANTINO PRAISES ATMOSPHERE DURING FIFA ARAB CUP MATCHES



DOHA: The President of the International Football Association (FIFA), Gianni Infantino, praised the wonderful atmosphere in the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021, which is being hosted in Doha with the participation of 16 teams under the FIFA umbrella.

While Infantino was at Al Thumama Stadium in Doha on the sidelines of the Tunisia-UAE match, he said: "Today we watched a wonderful football match where the atmosphere of the match was very wonderful and the stadiums were filled with fans."

Infantino also praised the level of the match, expressing his hope that the competition and excitement will intensify between the teams in the crucial stages to test the stadiums and equipment to prepare for hosting the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The FIFA President inspected the facilities of Al Thumama Stadium, one of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 stadiums. -QNA



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Sajid Khan bamboozles Bangladesh after Pakistan declare early on Day 4

In the 26 overs Bangladesh played on Tuesday, Sajid Khan returned with figures of 12-3-35-6 to put Pakistan in sight of a possible victory



DHAKA: Pakistan's hopes of collecting maximum World Test Championship (WTC) points from a rain-marred second Test got a real impetus from off-spinner Sajid Khan as Bangladesh were left wobbling at 76 for seven and requiring another 24 runs to avoid a follow-on at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Tuesday.

After only 63.2 overs were bowled in the first two days and the third day was completely rained-off, Pakistan declared their first innings at 300 for four after resuming at 188 for two. In the 26 overs Bangladesh played on Tuesday, Sajid Khan returned figures of 12-3-35-6 to put Pakistan

in sight of a possible victory that looked unlikely and unexpected when play commenced on the fourth day.

This was Sajid Khan's best figures in a four-Test career after his first three Tests had yielded six wickets. His best performance in a 43 first-class matches career is

also 6-35, which he is expected to improve on Wednesday, of course, weather permitting.

While Sajid mesmerised all the top-order batters, only Nazmul Hossain (30) and Shakib Al Hasan (23 not out) offered some resistance to keep Bangladesh's slim hopes alive in the Test.

Earlier, Pakistan batted for just over 35 overs in which they added 112 runs and lost the wickets of overnight batters Babar Azam (76) and Azhar Ali (56) to declare at 300 for four.

However, Mohammad Rizwan and Fawad Alam put together an unbroken 103-run fifth-wicket stand to put Pakistan in a position where they could afford to declare and try to make a match out of it.

Rizwan returned unbeaten on a 94-ball 53 that included four fours and a six, while Fawad's 50 not out came off 96 balls and was laced with seven fours. Brief Scores: Pakistan 300/4d (Babar Azam 76, Azhar Ali 56; Taijul Islam 2-73) vs Bangladesh 76/7 (Nazmul Hossain 30, Shakib Al Hasan 23*; Sajid Khan 6-35) **ANI**

COMMENTARY

Candid chat with West Indian Dwayne Bravo

Anis Sajan, Vice Chairman, Danube Group



It was indeed a great pleasure to host Dwayne Bravo on a zoom chat and know quite a lot about the champion player.

When I asked him how does he feel after announcing his retirement, he clarified that he has just retired from international cricket and his fans can look forward to seeing him franchise cricket and he still has a lot of cricket left in him.

I asked him how does he feel being the only player to win 16 T20 titles, he said he always keeps having a banter with Kieron Pollard that he has won 17 titles and not 16 titles as a player he has won the Big Bash with Sydney Sixers which was missing in the ESPN cricket and he remembers every win as he said whenever he played for his country or any Franchise he played to win and gave his hundred percent and is proud of all the 17 wins which is a record in itself.

When I asked him about his debut Test which was against England at the home of cricket at Lord's, it was a dream come true to play Test cricket which was the ultimate and his childhood hero Brian Lara was the captain and he still cherishes that moment. There was no T20 at that time and he feels the star's just aligned at the tender age of 23. He had told his parents that he wanted to be the next Brian Lara and his dream of sharing the dressing room with Brian Lara and it was a special moment and he still shares a very strong friendship.

He has scored three hundreds in Test cricket which will be always special but the hundred against Australia is more special as it was scored against the number one team which had Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath and to score at their home ground was indeed a proud moment for him.

He said he started his test career at the age of 20 but was deprived of playing more test cricket at the age of just 26 because of the West Indies board and he could not show the world what he was capable of in test cricket.

When I asked him about the ODI career and in the 2006 series against India and the slower ball he bowled to outwit Yuvraj Singh to win the game for West Indies. His slower ball after that game became very famous and people still remember that delivery which is potent in the white ball format.

When I asked him he was stuck at 199 ODI wickets, he said his last ODI was in 2014 and in this year's series against Australia he requested Phil Simmons to give him a chance to play one last ODI to achieve that landmark of 200 wickets which is only taken by Curtly Ambrose and Walsh but sadly he did not get another chance to achieve this record in ODI and that shall always be a regret.

I reminded him about his special knock in the T20 World cup in England which won him the Man of the Match award and it was special as people recognised him as a T20 player and everyone not only in West Indies remember him but also in India love him.

He said he was a goalkeeper in the school days and he carried that energy on the field when fielding which made him a dynamic fielder.

To be continued...

COVID OUTBREAK

Tottenham Hotspur hit by COVID outbreak

LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur FC have been hit by a COVID-19 outbreak in their camp ahead of Thursday's Europa Conference League match against Rennes.

Up to six Spurs, first-team players and two members of backroom staff are believed to have tested positive for COVID, as per Sky Sports. This is a big blow to head coach Antonio Conte with so many crucial fixtures coming up. After playing Rennes in midweek, the north London team will travel

to Brighton followed by Leicester, before hosting Liverpool and then West Ham in the Carabao Cup quarter-final in two weeks' time.

With the 10-day period of self-isolation for anyone who tests positive, Spurs' players hit by the outbreak could miss the next three games. Last time when Spurs players were on the field they produced a strong performance to beat Norwich City 3-0 as they remain unbeaten under Conte in the league. **ANI**





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OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by February 2022 reaching \$73.20, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by \$3.06 from the price of Monday, which was \$70.14. - **ONA**

MARKET

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 3,968.77 points, down 0.85 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.28 per cent at 531.62 points. Oman Cables Industry, was the top gainer, up by 7.81 per cent, while Dhofar Generating down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser.

Tethys October oil production in Oman hits 334,326 barrels

Oil production in Oman is currently subject to production limitations under the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus agreement



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Tethys Oil's share of the production, before government take, from Blocks 3&4 onshore the Sultanate of Oman amounted in October 2021 to 334,326 barrels of oil, corresponding to 10,785 barrels of oil per day.

Oil production in Oman is currently subject to production limitations under the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus (Opec+) agreement. As a consequence, production from Blocks 3&4 is subject to limitations but is likely to fluctuate on a monthly basis, Tethys Oil said in its produc-

tion update for October 2021.

The company further said in its statement that the Official Selling Price (OSP) for Oman Export Blend Crude Oil for October 2021 amounts to \$69.38 per barrel. The OSP, as published by Sultanate of Oman's Ministry of Energy and Minerals, is the benchmark price for Tethys Oil's monthly oil sales excluding trading and quality adjustments.

Tethys Oil, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Tethys Oil Block 3&4, has a 30 per cent interest in Blocks 3&4. Partners are Mitsui E&P Middle East BV with 20 per cent and the operator CC Energy

Development (Oman branch) holding the remaining 50 per cent.

Tethys Oil is a Swedish oil company with a focus on onshore areas with known oil discoveries.

The company's core area is the Sultanate of Oman, where it holds interests in Blocks 3&4, Block 49, Block 56 and Block 58.

Tethys Oil has net working interest 2P reserves of 26.9 mmb and net working interest 2C Contingent Resources of 13.9 mmb and had an average oil production of 11,336 barrels per day from Blocks 3&4 during 2020. The company's shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (TETY).

OQ GROUP

Pact signed to study development of new petrochemical project in Duqm

Times News Service

MUSCAT: OQ Group signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sabic to study the development of a petrochemical project in the Special Economic Zone of Duqm (SEZD). This step coincided with the visit of the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to Oman. The project involves a world-scale steam cracker unit (SCU) and derivatives units producing olefins derivatives (ethylene and propylene) are expected to utilise the feedstock by-products from the SCU.

The agreement was signed by Talal Bin Hamed Al Awfi, CEO of OQ Group and Abdulrahman Al-Fageeh, Executive Vice President for Petrochemicals, who signed the MoU on behalf of Sabic.

Commenting on the MoU, Al Awfi welcomed the agreement and said: "This agreement focuses on the development of a new pet-



rochemical project in the Duqm Special Economic Zone. OQ aims to enhance the integration of the refinery and petrochemical industries with other downstream industries as part of its vision to maximise the added value and contribute to the development of downstream industries. We look forward to enhancing our strategic partnership with Sabic and benefiting from its expertise to carry out this project."

For his part, Al-Fageeh stated,

"We are honoured to sign this MoU with OQ as our focus has always been on key collaborations and on building fruitful relationships for sustainable growth, regionally and globally. With our diverse global portfolio, along with our manufacturing competencies, we are confident of helping to drive the development of downstream industries in Oman, just as we are currently a key enabler in the achievement of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 objectives."

OQ, ATC collaborate

OQ also signed a non-binding MoU with the Aramco Trading Company's (ATC) to explore joint commercial opportunities in the energy sector between the two companies. The MoU was signed in Oman by OQ Group CEO Talal Hamid Al Awfi and ATC CEO Ibrahim Al Buainain.

The two parties intend to collaborate directly or through their affiliates on exploring business prospects in the Omani port of Duqm and nearby crude oil storage terminal of Ras Markaz.

Under the MoU, the parties will undertake a joint review of ATC supplying feedstock to Duqm Refinery & Petrochemicals Industries Company (OQ8), as well as possible offtake of oil products by ATC from OQ8.

ATC and OQ may expand the scope of the MOU to include renewables, waste streams, green ammonia as well as green hydrogen.

STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS

MSX inks agreement with Saudi Tadawul

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Saudi Tadawul Group to strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation between the two Exchanges, while simultaneously creating a conducive investment environment for investors.

The MOU was signed by Haitham bin Salem Al Salmi, CEO of the Muscat Stock Exchange, and Eng. Khalid bin Abdullah Al-Hussan, CEO of the Saudi Tadawul Group, in a ceremony held on this occasion on December 6 at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The memorandum of understanding provides for strengthening a number of aspects of common interest and working to agree on the dual listing, activating the role of financial technology, sharing research and data between the two institutions. In

addition to learning from shared experiences, this MOU also helps to develop diversity and inclusion in the two exchanges, explore opportunities for bilateral exchange, and develop sustainability, environmental, social and corporate governance.

On the partnership stretch, Haitham Al Salmi mentioned "There is tremendous growth potential in both markets and this agreement will help MSX learn from the peer experience and knowledge to enhance further growth possibilities, as Tadawul is not only one of the best regional exchanges in the GCC but also a great industry partner."

He also mentioned, "The two exchanges will work in cooperation with each other to further the case of ethical capital growth in the region while keeping in line with the global best practices to achieve new milestones."

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MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Oman Cables Industry, was the top gainer up by 7.81 per cent, while, Dhofar Generating down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 3,968.77 points, down 0.85 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.28 per cent at 531.62 points. Oman Cables Industry, was the top gainer up by 7.81 per cent, while, Dhofar Generating down 6.67 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Bank Nizwa were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 355 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.7 million, with more than 10.5 million shares changing hands. Out of 42 traded securities, 11 advanced, 9 declined and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR777,000 while domestic investors were

net buyers for OMR509,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR269,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,381.39 points, up 0.26 per cent. Sohar International Bank, Bank Muscat, Al Anwar Investment and Oman Arab Bank were up 1.90 per cent, 1.23 per cent, 1.05 per cent and 0.62 per cent respectively. Global Investment Holding, Bank Nizwa and National Bank Oman were down 3.23 per cent, 1.05 per cent and 0.53 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,038.73 points, up 0.87 per cent.

Services Index was up by 0.08 per cent before closing at 1,590.15 points. Renaissance Services, SMN Power Holding and Al Batinah Power were up 4.76 per cent, 2.17 per cent and 2.08 per cent respectively. — United Securities

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	3,992.70	3,969.90	3,980.98	3,968.77	12.21	0.31
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,397.65	6,370.73	6,381.39	6,365.04	16.35	0.26
Industry Index	6,042.72	6,025.27	6,038.73	5,986.77	51.95	0.87
Services Index	1,596.25	1,587.01	1,590.16	1,588.98	1.18	0.07
MSX Shariah Index	531.04	529.22	529.22	531.62	-2.40	-0.45
MSX TR INDEX	4,804.63	4,777.20	4,790.53	4,775.84	14.69	0.31

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
10,564,860	1,770,259	355	21,952,312,882	11	9	22	42

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	P/A VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM000001707	39,000	40,390	8	1.000	1.040	1.000	1.035	0.960	0.075	7.813	1.035	0.980	1.030	0.100	92,839,500
OM000000324	51,000	22,440	2	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.420	0.020	4.762	0.440	0.420	0.462	0.100	104,020,400
OM000000268	24,110	9,386	6	0.388	0.390	0.388	0.390	0.380	0.010	2.632	0.390	0.378	0.390	0.100	85,800,000
OM000000398	612,250	65,815	15	0.107	0.110	0.107	0.107	0.105	0.002	1.905	0.110	0.108	0.110	0.100	319,936,665
OM0000002796	341,784	167,954	32	0.480	0.486	0.480	0.482	0.486	0.006	1.235	0.486	0.492	0.496	0.100	1,758,641,568
OM000001772	111,321	10,697	11	0.098	0.099	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.001	1.053	0.096	0.095	0.096	0.100	19,200,000
OM0000001160	3,000	387	1	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.131	0.131	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.129	0.130	0.100	11,135,000
OM0000001525	124,419	17,211	10	0.138	0.139	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.000	0.000	0.139	0.139	0.139	0.100	32,706,000
OM0000001535	100,000	31,000	4	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.100	250,409,422
OM0000002200	50,000	5,600	2	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.100	218,861,636
OM0000003000	150	100	1	0.668	0.668	0.668	0.672	0.672	0.000	0.000	0.668	0.652	0.664	0.100	46,368,000
OM0000003026	519,049	363,185	44	0.700	0.704	0.696	0.700	0.700	0.000	0.000	0.696	0.692	0.696	0.100	525,000,000
OM0000005005	108,016	53,884	8	0.484	0.500	0.480	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.480	0.480	0.486	0.100	27,500,000
OM0000006920	213,000	19,809	2	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.084	0.093	0.100	5,300,000
OM0000001418	29,540	6,981	5	0.235	0.238	0.235	0.236	0.238	-0.002	-0.840	0.238	0.238	0.261	0.100	47,200,000
OM0000002266	89,050	28,425	30	0.320	0.320	0.318	0.320	0.324	-0.004	-1.235	0.318	0.312	0.318	0.100	19,585,367
OM0000003968	490,838	164,816	35	0.340	0.340	0.330	0.336	0.344	-0.008	-2.326	0.330	0.332	0.336	0.100	218,717,261
Total	17	2,906,527	1,008,180	216											

Parallel Market

OM0000000428	SMN POWER HOLDING	92,611	4,361	7	0.047	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.001	2.174	0.048	0.047	0.047	0.100	9,382,873
OM0000000425	ALBATINAH POWER	26,947	1,315	5	0.049	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.001	2.083	0.048	0.048	0.052	0.100	33,069,484
OM0000000352	GALFAR ENGINEER	47,000	3,525	4	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.074	0.001	1.351	0.075	0.073	0.075	0.100	15,223,983
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	16,000	2,246	3	0.140	0.141	0.140	0.140	0.139	0.001	0.719	0.141	0.130	0.143	0.100	4,700,003
OM0000005260	OMAN ARAB BANK	17,500	2,835	4	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.161	0.001	0.621	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.100	270,444,420
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	5,000	815	1	0.163	0.163	0.163	0.164	0.164	0.000	0.000	0.163	0.163	0.164	0.100	4,920,000
OM0000001186	NATIONAL BISCUIT	9	36	1	3.980	3.980	3.980	3.960	3.960	0.000	3.980	0.000	3.980	1.000	3,960,000	
OM0000001568	BANK DHOFAR	3,100	302	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.062	0.062	0.000	0.065	0.056	0.068	0.100	7,750,000	
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	20,000	1,360	2	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.100	8,287,500
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MRK	91	81	1	0.892	0.892	0.892	0.920	0.920	0.000	0.892	0.892	0.892	0.892	0.100	87,400,000
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	645,018	80,627	8	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.100	374,543,930
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	57,000	4,104	3	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.100	18,258,480
OM0000004669	SHARQIAH DESALIN.	470	55	1	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.000	0.000	0.117	0.110	0.117	0.100	11,442,853
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	493,000	47,328	13	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	16,800,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	158,645	7,774	12	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.049	0.100	35,005,911
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	196,959	9,851	7	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	4,000	1,200	1	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.100	21,117,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	158,892	30,078	6	0.189	0.190	0.187	0.189	0.190	-0.001	-0.526	0.190	0.190	0.188	0.100	307,303,861
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	17,000	1,632	2	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.097	-0.001	-1.031	0.096	0.094	0.099	0.100	14,322,838
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	5,573,006	524,908	33	0.096	0.096	0.094	0.094	0.095	-0.001	-1.033	0.095	0.095	0.097	0.100	210,273,585
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	7,000	280	2	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.041	-0.001	-2.439	0.040	0.040	0.042	0.100	8,840,400
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	91,750	5,505	6	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.062	-0.002	-3.226	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.100	12,000,000
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	26,500	1,856	7	0.070	0.072	0.070	0.070	0.075	-0.005	-6.667	0.072	0.070	0.072	0.100	15,556,800
Total	23	7,657,998	731,774	130												

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ACWA Power inks pact to finance new projects

Times News Service

MUSCAT: ACWA Power and Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking (Natixis CIB), a subsidiary of Groupe BPCE, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) stating their intention to collaborate on the advancement of ACWA Power's projects in the region.

The MoU was signed in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, by Clive Turton, Chief Investment Of-

ficer of ACWA Power, and Anne-Christine Champion, Co-Head of Natixis CIB. It paves the way for the two parties to explore opportunities to develop new projects in the region, including in renewable and clean energy, with an objective for Natixis CIB to finance up to approximately \$2 billion over two years for ACWA Power's future project pipeline.

Paddy Padmanathan, President and Chief Executive Officer,

ACWA Power, said: "Building on a hugely successful longstanding partnership, we are proud and privileged to document the vision to further expand this relationship through this MoU. This MoU signed today demonstrates our shared commitment to advancing the renewable energy and decarbonisation ambition in the markets we serve by expanding cost-competitive financing solutions through innovative structures."

REPORT

Middle East and Africa is fertile ground for growth of super-apps

MUSCAT: Super-apps development in the Middle East and Africa (MEA) is emerging fast as the region proves to be a potentially fertile ground for its growth, according to a new report.

In a study commissioned by MEA and carried out by Economist Impact titled 'From online bazaar to one-stop-shop: The rise of super-apps in the Middle East and Africa', the paper examines how population growth, digital access, connectivity, a diverse demographic, increasing trust, and affordability is contributing to the rapid progress of super-apps in the region."

"From ride-hailing services to grocery delivery, and financial services such as buy-now-pay-later to microfinancing, super-apps offer a single location from which a consumer can engage in diverse commercial transactions, from calling a cab to paying an electricity bill," the report said.

The study also draws parallels between the ecosystems that drove the rapid rise of super-apps such as WeChat, Meituan or AliPay in China a decade ago to the Middle East and Africa region currently where the super-app model is showing early promise. Emerging players are seeking to emulate the Chinese-born concept.

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LACK OF VITAMIN D MAY AFFECT YOUR CARDIO HEALTH

Lack of Vitamin D, which you can easily receive from sunshine, can not only affect your bones but also your cardio health, according to a study by the University of South Australia. The research has been published in the 'European Heart Journal'. In the first study of its kind, researchers from the UniSA's Australian Centre for Precision Health at SAHMRI have identified genetic evidence for a role of vitamin D deficiency in causing cardiovascular disease.

The study showed that people with vitamin D deficiency are more likely to suffer from heart disease and higher blood pressure than those with normal levels of vitamin D. For participants with the lowest concentrations the risk of heart disease was more than double that seen for those with sufficient concentrations.

Globally, cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the leading cause of death worldwide, taking an estimated 17.9 million lives per year. In Australia, CVD accounts for one in four deaths and costs the Australian

economy five billion dollars each year, more than any other disease.

Low concentrations of vitamin D are common in many parts of the world, with data from the UK Biobank showing that 55 per cent of participants had low levels of vitamin D (50 nmol/L) and 13 per cent have a severe deficiency (25 nmol/L).

Low levels of vitamin D were recorded by an estimated 23 percent of people in Australia, 24 percent of people in the US, and 37 percent of people in Canada. Chief investigator, UniSA's Prof Elina Hypponen said that appreciating the role of vitamin D deficiency for heart health could help reduce the global burden of cardiovascular disease.

"Severe deficiency is relatively rare, but in settings where this does occur it is very important to be proactive and avoid negative effects on the heart. For example, deficiency can be a problem for people living in residential care who

may have limited exposure to the sun," Prof Hypponen said.

"We can also get vitamin D from food, including oily fish, eggs and fortified foods and drinks. This said, food is, unfortunately, a relatively poor source of vitamin D, and even an otherwise healthy diet does not typically contain enough. If we don't get any vitamin D through the sun, this is one of the rare nutrients for which we sometimes need to take a daily supplement to keep up with the requirements," she added.

"Understanding the connection between low levels of vitamin D and CVD is especially important, given the global prevalence of this deadly condition. Our results are exciting as they suggest that if we can raise levels of vitamin D within norms, we should also affect rates of CVD. In our study population, by increasing vitamin D-deficient individuals to levels of at least 50 nmol/L, we es-

timate that 4.4 per cent of all CVD cases could have been prevented," she said.

This large-scale Mendelian study used a new genetic approach that allowed the team to assess how increasing levels can affect CVD risk based on how high the participants' actual vitamin D levels were. The study used information from up to 267,980 individuals which allowed the team to provide robust statistical evidence for the link between vitamin D deficiency and CVD.

"It is not ethical to recruit people with vitamin D deficiency to a randomised controlled trial and to leave them without treatment for long periods," Prof Hypponen said.

"It is exactly this type of difficulty setting which demonstrates the power of our genetic approach, given we can show how improving concentrations affects the risk in those most in need, without exposing participants to any harm," she explained. "Those with the lowest concentrations are likely to have the strongest effects, yet a population-wide approach to eradicate vitamin D deficiency could reduce the global burden of CVDs," she concluded.



FEATURE



TOLL IN INDONESIAN VOLCANO ERUPTION RISES TO 34

The volcano had erupted on Saturday, leaving thousands homeless. Indonesian President Joko Widodo has visited the area and pledged to rebuild

The death toll from the eruption of the Mount Semeru volcano on the island of Java has risen to 34, Indonesia's national disaster agency announced on Tuesday.

Mount Semeru is the highest mountain on the island of Java, which is the world's most populous island and contains the Indonesian capital Jakarta. It last erupted in January, leaving no casualties.

How much damage did the eruption cause?

Mount Semeru ejected a mushroom of hot ash into the sky on Saturday and rained hot mud as thousands of residents fled the area. The disaster left entire streets filled with mud and ash and destroyed countless homes and vehicles.

Lava and searing gas swept as far as 11 kilometres down Mount Semeru's slopes.

National Disaster Mitigation

Agency spokesperson Abdul Mu-hari said 56 people were hospitalized after the eruption, mostly with burns. He said rescuers were still searching for 27 villagers reported missing, and that 3,000 houses and 38 schools were damaged.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo visited areas devastated by the eruption on Tuesday, vowing that communities would be quickly rebuilt. The areas in question are in the Lumajang district of the country's East Java province.

Widodo pledged to rebuild infrastructure as he spoke to survivors gathered on a soccer field. He said a bridge connecting Lumajang to other cities would be rebuilt and more than 2,000 houses would be moved out of danger zones.

Officials earlier said residents of the hardest-hit villages will be relocated within the next six months, and each family will be given 500,000 rupiahs (\$34.70, €30.75). -nw



ROUND-UP

All-new Jeep Grand Cherokee L amazes customers with exceptional capabilities

During a test drive, the latest updates and features of the Jeep brand were displayed as well as its various models, renowned for its superior capabilities and outstanding performance, no matter the terrain

MUSCAT: Dhofar Automotive recently organised a driving experience for its customers to showcase its all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee L in Hawana Salalah alongside carnival activities.

During this test drive, the latest updates and features of the Jeep brand were displayed as well as its various models, renowned for its superior capabilities and outstanding performance, no matter the terrain.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to view the all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee L first-hand,

one of the latest models of Jeep, through test drives that were a part of the event. In addition, representatives of the Dhofar Automotive sales team were present to answer the attendees' enquiries. The event and driving experiences of the new Jeep model received widespread acclaim.

The interior and exterior of the newest model are designed and engineered to deliver an unmatched combination of even more legendary 4x4 capabilities, superior on-road enhancements, premium styling and impressive crafts-



manship. It also hosts a myriad of advanced safety and technology features.

Commenting on the organisation of the driving experiences for the new Jeep Grand Cherokee L, Hatem El-Naggar, General Manager at Dhofar Automotive, said, "Jeep models have won the confidence of everyone across all the governorates of the Sultanate. We, at Dhofar Automotive, are proud of our growing base of our cus-

tomers. Through this event at the Hawana Salalah, we can reinforce our relationship with our customers, introduce them to new models and features while simultaneously keeping pace with their dynamic demands so that we can continue to serve them better. This is a positive reflection in enhancing our successes at Dhofar Automotive, with a focus on achieving the company's goals and always keeping a high level of customer service at

the forefront. The new Jeep Grand Cherokee L saw huge interest from everyone who attended, since it boasts of unmated off-road capability with a refined driving experience on paved roads. Even more so, for the first time in the history of the brand, this model includes a third row of seats and spaciousness for seven passengers."

"Since its first launch, 30 years ago, the Jeep Grand Cherokee has been one of the most preferred ve-

hicles in Oman and continues to be the best-selling SUV in the range of models we offer. The design of the new model is based on a survey conducted for Jeep customers around the world, thus meeting the requirements of our most loyal customers. The launch of the Grand Cherokee L will undoubtedly contribute to enhancing the presence of the Jeep brand in the local market. It will also play an integral role in placing us in a sector-leading position, with a model that perfectly combines practicality and luxury," he added.

The average price for the all-new Jeep Grand Cherokee L ranges between OMR 21,588 and OMR 29,100 inclusive of -VAT, with a wide lineup that includes V6/V8 engines and 4 trims including premium and luxury versions. It is available in five different variants, namely Laredo, Limited, Overland, Summit and Summit Reserve.

In the Sultanate, Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, and RAM models are available at Dhofar Automotive showrooms with different equipment classes.

COLLATERAL-FREE FINANCING

Bank Muscat's Corporate Internet Banking helps MSMEs transact easily and securely

MUSCAT: In line with its customer-centric vision "To serve you better, everyday" and commitment to excellence in providing banking and financial services to all its customers, Bank Muscat the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate continues to keenly support Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) through its Retail Enterprises (Najahi) unit.

The collateral-free financing offered by Najahi and its online banking facilities has been supporting small businesses in growing their business.

Over the years, Bank Muscat has been working steadily to further improve its portfolio of services and solutions as well as enhance



the ease of banking through all customer touchpoints.

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Bank Muscat's Corporate Internet Banking services provide a fast, convenient and secure banking experience for MSMEs control their finances 24x7. Available in

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SPECIAL DRAWS



51 winners move towards their dreams with Ahli Islamic National Day draws

MUSCAT: Celebrating the glorious month of November, and rewarding the loyalty of its customers, Ahli Islamic announced the winners of its special draws on the occasion of Oman's 51st National Day, along with the scheme's monthly prize draw. The draws are a part of the bank's popular Qitaf prize scheme, which seeks to establish a culture of saving among customers and helps them achieve their goals.

The event was streamed live on the bank's social media platforms. The value of the prizes reached OMR 102,000, with OMR 2,000 each awarded to a total of 51 winners as part of the celebratory occasion. Along with one lucky winner rewarded with OMR 20,000 as part of the monthly draw scheme for November.

Announcing the winners of Qitaf draws, Yousuf bin Salim Al Rawahi, Deputy General Manager and Head of Ahli Islamic, said, "Ever since its launch, Qitaf prize scheme has changed lives of several of our customers. It has helped change their lifestyles by inculcating wise saving methods in their lives. We are confident that continuing to reward our customers inspires them to secure a better future by adopting savings as a life approach. Aligning to the spirit of the Sultanate's 51st National Day, we were keen to hold a special draw during which prize money will be presented to a wid-

er base of winners."

"Qitaf aims not only to establish a culture of savings but also to provide customers with opportunities to invest in profitable assets, in accordance with the bank's standards, which are based on Sharia-compliant Mudharaba principles. This year, we are seeking to reward more than 4,200 customers from all branches of the bank with prizes totalling more than OMR 1,250,000," Al Rawahi added.

Qitaf account holders are qualified for draws once a minimum average balance of OMR 100 is retained in the balance, while those who hold a minimum average balance of OMR 1,000 are qualified for the quarterly draws where the bank will offer one winner a grand prize of OMR 100,000. The bank calls on its customers to increase their savings and follow up on the announcement of the draw on its various social media platforms.

Qitaf reflects Ahli Islamic's vision of providing an innovative banking experience to customers. Since its launch, the scheme has been widely recognised, which is reflected in the increase in the volume of deposits in the Sharia-compliant account. These are positive indicators that restate the progress of Ahli Islamic, and its strategic roadmap to enable achieving the aspirations of its customers and changing their lives for the better.

BANK DHOFAR'S ISLAMIC BANKING WINDOW

Over OMR100,000 await lucky winners at Maisarah's year-end mega prize draws

MUSCAT: Following the resounding success of its prize scheme draws throughout the year, Maisarah Islamic Banking Services - BankDhofar's Islamic banking window - is gearing up for the largest prize values among all at the year-end mega draws.

As per the scheme, three lucky winners from across the Maisarah branch network will win OMR 2,000 in the children category, OMR 10,000 in the Standard and Affluent Banking category, and OMR 100,000 in the Priority Banking category.

Valid through 31 December 2021, there are also weekly prizes of OMR 100 each granted to three winners from each branch, with a total number of 30 winners every week. Moreover, there are exclusive prizes for children in the monthly draws where one winner per branch is awarded OMR 100, with a total number of 10 winners every month. For Standard and Affluent Banking customers, there are monthly prizes of OMR 500 each for one winner per branch, with a total number of 10 winners every month. Meanwhile, Prior-



ity Banking Customers have the chance to win OMR 2,000 each for one customer from every branch, with a total number of 10 winners every month.

Moreover, Maisarah recently revealed the winners of cash prizes with a total prize amount of OMR 52,800 for 68 winners during special draws held for healthcare pro-

fessionals, teachers, retirees, Ministry of Defense and Royal Oman Police employees, as well as new Maisarah customers and existing customers with new credit cards.

Earlier, Maisarah gave away exclusive prizes in celebration of the National Day on November 18 where OMR 50,000 had been given to 50 customers, OMR 1,000 each. Earlier, Maisarah announced the winners of the Omani Women's Day special draw where 10 lucky winners were granted OMR 1,000 each during a special draw marking the day.

In addition to the expected profit of up to 2.5% per annum (subject to the weightages applicable for each month), the account - which is a personal saving account that is based on the Islamic concept of Mudaraba - allows customers to win cash prizes distributed from the shareholders' funds. Each OMR 100 gives customers the chance to win cash prizes as per terms and conditions of the scheme, and winners are randomly selected by an automated system in line with the approved procedures for the prize draws.

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ROUND-UP

First-ever all-new Toyota Raize Turbo SUV launched in Oman

Pairing outstanding fuel efficiency and manoeuvrability with distinctive design and ample interior space, the all-new Raize SUV highlights Toyota's focus on catering to the needs of the brand's most discerning customers and comes equipped with a host of convenient features

MUSCAT: At a launch event held online on Toyota Oman's social media channels on Facebook and YouTube, Saud Bahwan Automotive unveiled the first-ever, Toyota Raize Turbo compact SUV. The online event gave social media users an opportunity to catch all the happenings surrounding the most awaited model at Toyota.

Pairing outstanding fuel efficiency and manoeuvrability with distinctive design and ample interior space, the all-new Raize SUV highlights Toyota's focus on catering to the needs of the brand's most discerning customers and comes equipped with a host of convenient features.

Yuichi Imamura, Chief Engineer in charge of development, said: "With the new Toyota Raize, our vision was to differentiate the vehicle from every other SUV on the market by combining an amazingly spacious interior and distinctive styling with a confidence-inspiring balance of manoeuvrability, safety, and stability. Raize's new platform ensures world-class handling, stability, and ride comfort together with a host of carefully considered features to meet the needs of our discerning customers in the region."



Commenting on the vehicle's launch, Kei Fujita, Chief Representative, Middle East and Central Asia Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation, said, "We are excited to introduce the new Toyota Raize in Oman. This vehicle opens a totally new genre in the compact SUV market, and we are confident that our customers will enjoy time spent within its surprisingly spacious cabin, whether they are travelling on their daily commute or a weekend adventure."

"The new Raize reflects Toyota's commitment to developing diverse mobility solutions and offers the space, practicality, and comfort demanded by today's active lifestyle. I would like to extend our gratitude to our customers for their constant support and inspiration, which continue to motivate us to create 'ever-better' cars that exceed their expectations," Fujita added.

The brand-new Raize is available with a 1-litre turbocharged engine providing smooth and responsive acceleration and produc-

ing 97 hp and 14.2 Kg.m. of torque. Paired with Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT), which simulates a seven-speed sequential shift transmission to deliver powerful, smooth acceleration from start-off and at low speeds, and quiet and efficient transmission at higher speeds. A newly developed lightweight, highly rigid body and suspension contribute to outstanding handling, stability, and ride comfort. The vehicle also boasts excellent manoeuvrability, with a 5.1-metre turning radius.

The vehicle's front end features a robust and smart look, with angular bumper corners and a trapezoid lower grille, creating a powerful, wide appearance.

Muscular wheel arches contribute to the vehicle's assertive stance, while the use of sleek LED headlights reflects the advanced technologies within.

The new Raize's interior offers comfort and convenience, with an instrument panel has been designed to ensure an outstanding field of



view from the driver's seat. Steering wheel switches are also optimally positioned to give the driver intuitive control over multimedia and vehicle functions and an illuminated centre console makes it easier to locate items placed in the tray.

The vehicle's spacious cabin hosts a range of practical features, including an 8-inch multimedia

screen that comes integrated with the USB port on the head unit that allows passengers to connect external media devices, a four-speaker sound system, a powerful air conditioning system, and 60/40 split and foldable rear seats.

As with any other Toyota model, safety remains a top priority for the new Raize, which comes with

a comprehensive array of safety features, including dual front SRS airbags, Vehicle Stability Control, Anti-lock Braking System, Hill-start Assist Control, Rear fog lamp, and Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, among many others.

The all-new Raize Turbo SUV is now on display at the Toyota showrooms.

EXPANDING ITS KG SECTION

ABQ Seeb International School launches pre-KG classes

MUSCAT: The first years of school are an exciting and important time in any child's development. To enhance growth at a young age and in line with setting an exemplar standard within the sector, ABQ Seeb International School is expanding its KG section to include two pre-KG classes, starting from January 2022.

Humayun Kabir, ABQ Education Group Chief Executive Officer, says, "ABQ is the largest international school operator in Oman, and already trusted by thousands of Omani and expatriate families to educate their children. We are excited to launch our new sub-brand, ABQ Explorer. Going forward, ABQ Explorer will incorporate all ABQ kindergartens, including the pre-KG sections."

ABQ Explorer strives to provide and promote a quality and nurturing environment for the developing young child. ABQ Explorer follows the highly credited, UK-based international Early Years Curriculum (IEYC), adapted to the specific

needs of students living in Oman. The IEYC is a research-based curriculum recognising global best practices in early childhood education and the developmental needs of 2 to 5-year-olds.

Sharl Prinsloo, Principal of ABQ Seeb International School, explains, "With this new addition to our school, we will be able to accommodate children from as young as 2 years and 2 months. We even offer an extended care option whereby working parents will be able to drop off their child earlier and pick them up later than a typical 'mornings only' alternative."

ABQ aims to create an environment that is beneficial to the growth, learning and development of its youngest students, which is also safe, engaging and fun. The schools are meant to help all students to discover the joy of learning, explore and make new friends. ABQ's classrooms are equipped with purpose-built furniture, equipment and educational games which aid in the holistic develop-



ment of its students.

Prinsloo continues, "It is never too early to begin exploring the world. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to capture the curiosity of young children and instil in them a life-long love for learning.

ABQ Explorer sets the stage for the children's academic journey with us as they are able to remain in one school from age 2 through to Grade 12."

The IEYC process of learning successfully captures children's



natural curiosity as a starting point and balances child-initiated and teacher-enhanced learning within an encouraging environment.

With over 45 years of cumulative school operating experience and 300+ educators, ABQ has a

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