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COVID PROTECTION MEASURES TAKE SHAPE

Oman to receive 20% of COVID-19 vaccines this year

First doses of
COVID-19 vaccine
received by
Sultanate to be used
for frontline workers



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Frontline workers who are taking care of patients suffering from COVID-19, and are therefore most likely to be infected, will be among the first to be vaccinated against the disease, when the first doses come to the country. Dr Mohammed Al Hosani, Undersecretary for Health Affairs at the Ministry of Health, said, "So far, there is no vaccine licensed by international bodies, and the results of vaccine trials are promising."

"We have knocked on all the doors and many companies showed their readiness to offer the vaccine," he added. "The Sultanate joined the Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunisation (GAVI), and we will

be provided 10 per cent of the vaccines by them, and receive another 10 per cent from companies, so that we have enough to meet 20 per cent of the population's needs before the end of this year."

However, as priority, the vaccines will be used for healthcare and other emergency service personnel. "These vaccines will be first given to health workers, the army and the police, who deal with citizens on the front lines."

Oman has long been committed to procuring a vaccine to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Earlier, in July, the Minister of Health, Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, said that the country was in close collaboration with GAVI to receive doses of the vaccine. **>A3**



New 300-bed field hospital to open soon

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With a capacity of more than 300 beds spread over an area of more than 6,000 square metres, preparations are in final stages for the COVID-19 field hospital at the old Muscat Airport.

Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior – Chairman of the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19), and members of the committee on Monday inspected the COVID-19 field hos-

pital set up on the premises of old Muscat International Airport.

Equipment

Sayyid Hamoud and the panel members inspected equipment of the hospital and its different components and they listened to a detailed account about ways to deal with COVID-19 patients. Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al Hosani, Health Affairs Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Health, hoped that the 312-bed field hospital will begin its operation by the end of September or early October. **>A3**



New rules for roadworks
contractors in Muscat

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Al Hamra: Old charm well preserved

1 If you want to know about the traditional life of Oman, visit the village of Al Hamra. The mud wall buildings, the old ceilings and wooden doors attract visitors. You can find here some well preserved houses. Other notable places nearby are the village of Ghul and Bimah as well as the Al Hoota Cave, one of the largest cave systems in the world. Located in the Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah, Al Hamra is well known for its geographical, cultural and historical diversity, it is one of the many popular tourist destinations in Oman. **>A4**



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Global coronavirus toll nears 1 million

2 With a total of 959,528 fatalities, the global death toll from COVID-19 is set to cross the one million mark on Monday. The number of infections has reportedly crossed 30 million. **>A6**

MARKET

Oman's oil and gas sector to grow 14%

3 The Sultanate's oil and gas industry is expected to grow at a compound rate of 14 per cent between 2020 and 2027, according to a new report by the CMFE Insights Research Foundation. The report also added that the Asia-Pacific market is expected to see the fastest growth in terms of imports from the Omani oil and gas market during the forecast period, after analysing global opportunities available in global regions, such as North America, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and India. **>B1**

NATIONWIDE EXERCISE

E-Census work 92% complete, results expected this year

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MUSCAT: The E-Census 2020 has exceeded 92 per cent completion, and its results are expected to be announced by the end of 2020, according to the Acting General Director of the E-Census 2020 project.

"Most of the E-Census 2020 tasks, including building its system and integration with the main agencies are in the final stages. This is an evidence of the development of services and databases in the Sultanate, as the country's government agencies have high-quality databases, and individuals and institutions are keen to constantly update their data," Zayid bin Khalifa Al Harrasi, Acting General Director of the Electronic Census for Population, Hous-

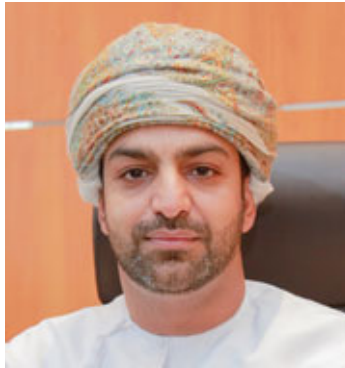
ing, and Establishments, said.

Al Harrasi added, "E-Census 2020 follows recommended methodologies and best practices to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the data. The project seeks to build an electronic system that integrates main administrative registers, which will be available to various agencies and will electronically link them for continuous updates. This will provide decision-makers with accurate and timely information."

Data sources

E-Census 2020 is based on data from national registers that cover three statistical hubs; population, housing and establishments. Each hub has one main reference source.

The population database includes data from the Royal Oman Police, Ministry of Education,



Zayid bin Khalifa Al Harrasi, Acting General Director of the E-Census 2020 project

Ministry of Higher Education Research and Innovation, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Development. The housing database is linked



to electricity companies, the National Centre for Statistics and information, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning. The establishments database is linked to the Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion, the Ministry of Labour and municipalities.

Partnership

Al Harrasi said, "As the project is based on the principle of community and agencies partnership in building a comprehensive national database of high quality, we

have witnessed a great response by citizens, residents and establishments to update their data. Therefore, we encourage every institution or business owner and every citizen and resident to continuously update their data at the concerned authorities on a periodic basis when there is any amendment or change, for example, if a person obtains a master's degree, he must go to the Ministry of Higher Education Research and Innovation to update his data, and if he moves from one gov-

ernorate to another or from one home to another he has to update his residence address data with the ROP."

Utility

"The data and indicators that the E-Census will undoubtedly contribute in setting the national plans and strategies in a way that serves the objectives of Oman 2040 Vision, which is related to fields of education, employment, health, economic and other sectors," he said.

"Providing accurate data on the number of residents, units and establishments in each geographical area will contribute to determining the needs of that region and the necessary services for it, as well as this data aids the investors to know and study the successful projects for each region." **>A3**

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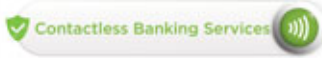
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Oman to receive %20 of COVID-19 vaccines this year



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New rules for roadworks contractors in Muscat

Contractors who do need to demolish or cut through mountains must obtain a licence to do so from the Muscat Municipality

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Companies carrying out roadworks that require the cutting through mountainous terrain are not allowed to do so between sunset and sunrise, as well as during weekends, Muscat Municipality has said, as part of a number of measures announced to ensure the safety of people in the governorate.

Contractors who do need to demolish or cut through mountains must obtain a licence to do so from the municipality, as well as repair any roads that have been damaged because of the work undertaken.

The measures were put in place to prevent accidental landslides and rock fall during excavations, which could cause damage to lives and property, and to balance urban planning with environmental sustainability, a subject that has received attention in cities all over the world.

Any demolition activity requires prior approval from the municipality, as well as a bank guarantee of OMR2,000 valid for two years. Requests to conduct earthworks in mountains must be submitted to the municipality, which will respond within 30 days. A lack of response within this period means it has been rejected.

Muscat Municipality said in a statement, "In order to get a licence, contractors have to submit the required application, as well as the corresponding forms. The contractor is also required to provide a bank guarantee worth OMR30,000, valid for two years, in case the roadworks involve digging in a spiral curve under a two-lane dual carriageway. "An amount OMR7,500 is to be added for every extra lane under which work takes place," added the body.

"The consultant is obliged to submit to the municipality an undertaking to resolve any damage that might have occurred because of collapse or slippage of the road, within a span of 10 days from the time of the incident. He is then obliged to make the repairs with a month's period of the municipality approving his application."

All debris that has been unearthed during the excavation will need to go into a landfill, without which contractors will not be able to recover the amount for which they were insured by Muscat Municipality.



PRIOR PERMISSION: Muscat Municipality has put these measures in place to prevent any possible accidents during excavation work.



The disposal of waste must be overseen by a competent authority, which will provide the contractor with a letter stating it has been carried out in compliance with the necessary procedures.

On issuing this letter, as well as a certificate of completion of work from the municipality, contractors involved in roadworks can recover their insurance money. They will also be liable for any damage caused during the roadworks and waste disposal.

The statement added: "Anyone who violates the provisions

of this regulation shall be penalised with the following administrative penalties: an administrative fine of OMR2,500 in case mountain works have been carried out without a licence, and an administrative fine of OMR500 if any other provisions have been violated

"The violator will be granted a period of ten days to remove the causes for the violation," added Muscat Municipality. "If the violation is not corrected within the said period, their licence shall be considered revoked."

Duqm airport inspected ahead of reopening on October 1



SAFETY FIRST: Teams from the Civil Aviation Authority inspected Duqm Airport to ensure all safety and health protocols have been implemented.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Teams from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) inspected Duqm Airport to ensure all safety and health protocols have been implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, as airports are set to reopen for passenger flights on October 1.

The CAA inspected Duqm Airport on Sunday, with a statement from the government body saying, "The authority took part in assessing the level of compliance of the safety protocols and security requirements at Duqm Airport, which had been implemented by them." The Government Communications Centre added: "The Civil Aviation Authority has begun checking the protocols for



health and safety at Duqm Airport, as it prepares to officially resume regular passenger flights from the beginning of October."

Opened in January 2019, Duqm airport was built to provide greater connectivity to the town, given the role it is expected to play as the centre of Oman's non-oil economy in the years to come.

The Special Economic Zone Authority of Duqm (SEZAD), said earlier this year, "Duqm Airport is the most recent airport in the Sultanate. It is hoped that the airport will play an important role in linking Duqm with the world, while focusing on shipping lines. The airport runway is capable of receiving various types of aircraft."

COVID-19 vaccine

The Minister pointed out that efforts are being exerted by the Health Ministry to secure the procurement of the vaccine after ensuring its safety and efficiency. He explained that Oman seeks to participate in research on the COVID-19 vaccine, to secure priority in obtaining the vaccine as soon as it is produced. Earlier this month, the minister also met with Munu Mahawar, the Ambassador of India to Oman, to discuss procuring vaccines being manufactured by Indian companies, once they had passed clinical trials.

COVID-19 FIELD HOSPITAL

Hospital to start with 100 beds

In a press statement, Dr. Mohammed said that the hospital will start functioning with 100 beds, noting that the facility includes a shelter furnished with 23-24 beds. If deemed necessary, the facility will be converted into a standard hospital.

Dr. Mohammed explained that the hospital, now under construction, is dedicated to COVID-19 patients to ease pressure on referral hospitals of Muscat Governorate and adjoining governorates.

The field hospital will not directly receive COVID-19 patients,

Visit programme

E-census 2020, uses the electricity account number to update the current addresses of citizens, residents and establishments, to determine geographical location. To facilitate the procedures for updating the residence address data, both citizens and residents can add the electricity account number through the website of the Royal Oman Police <http://rop.gov.om> or by visiting the Civil Status Department and submit the electricity account number to update the place of residence, the official added.

As part of E-census initiative,

the project has launched a visit programme to a sample of private sector enterprises in all governorates to update and complete the data needed to link addresses of enterprises and employees to electricity account number.

"The E-census project is in the pilot operation phase of the system, which relates to testing the system and extracting and reviewing the final statistical indicators and training human resources to operate the system. The E-census 2020 results will be announced by the end of 2020," he concluded.

but patients whose condition calls for admission will be transferred here, only for medium-level care. Serious cases that may develop at the field hospital will be transferred to referral hospitals by ambulance, Dr. Mohammed added.

Built on an area of 6,100 square metres, the field hospital will help restore the operational capacity of basic health services, besides keeping risks posed to hospital health workers at bay.

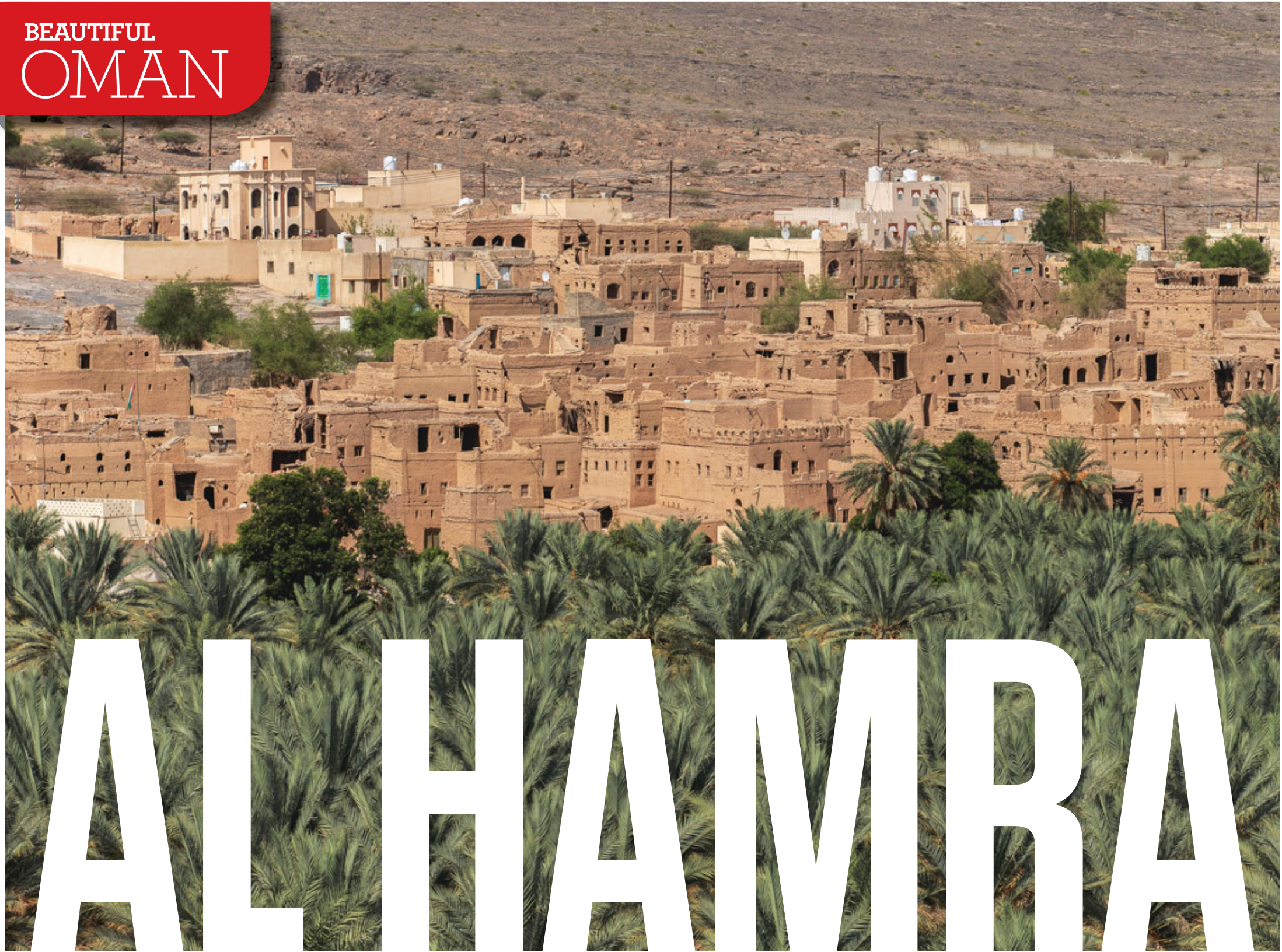
The field hospital will operate with a team from the Health Ministry consisting of 30 doctors,

115 nurses, 7 technicians, 7 assistant pharmacists and seven X-ray technicians. The adjoining shelter will be set up on an area of 10,000 square metres with capacity to accommodate 384 beds.

The facility's establishment is a fruitful outcome of cooperation between government and private parties, including the Ministry of Health, the Civil Aviation Authority, Oman Airport Company, Petroleum Development Oman, Royal Court Affairs, Royal Oman Police and other parties concerned. -OHA

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WHERE: The wilayat of Al Hamra is in the Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah and it is a well-preserved old town in Al Dakhiliyah region. Known for its geographical, cultural and historical diversity, it is a popular tourist destination in Oman. There are many mountains and several villages located on the flat hills.

WHAT'S SPECIAL: Jabal Shams, Birkat Al Sharaf, Misfat Al Abriyeen and Al Hoota Cave are some of the significant places in the wilayat. While Jabal Shams is the highest peak at an altitude of 12,000 feet, it takes about 15 minutes from Al Hamra to reach the foot of the mountain where Misfat Al Abriyeen is located. One can see the vibrant farms and the plantations here.

This place is also famous for terrace farming and the lush greenery around makes Misfat the most sought-after destination. There is a falaj system for irrigation and one can see date palm trees, pomegranates and different types of wild flowers. If you want to know about the traditional life of Oman, visit the old village of Al Hamra. The mud wall buildings, the old ceilings and wooden doors attract visitors.

You can find here some oldest preserved houses. Other notable places are the village of Ghul and Bimah. At the foot of Jabal Shams lies Al Hoota Cave, one of the largest cave systems in the world.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Coronavirus cases in Oman cross 94,000

MUSCAT: The total number of positive COVID-19 cases in the Sultanate reached 94,051, while the number of recoveries stood at 85,781, comprising 91.2 percent.

Meanwhile, the total number of COVID-19 related death cases stood at 853, the Ministry

of Health said. The Ministry also pointed out that 69 cases were hospitalised over the past 24 hours, adding that the total number of current hospitalised COVID-19 infected patients stands at 551, of them 180 are in intensive care units (ICU). -ONA



‘Safety of health cadres should be our priority’

The Minister of Health emphasised that the health cadres are the greatest weapon in encountering challenges faced by patients



QUALITY CARE: Dr Qamra Al Sariri, Director General of Quality Assurance Centre said the Sultanate has made a significant progress over the past 10 years in the field of patients' safety.

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Under the theme 'Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety', the Ministry of Health (MoH) represented by the Directorate General of Quality Assurance Centre held a virtual conference with the participation of many stakeholders worldwide.

The conference aimed to raise awareness on the safety of health workers and patients, and adopting strategies for their wellbeing.

Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Saidi, Minister of Health, emphasised in a recorded address that the health cadres are the greatest weapon in encountering challenges faced by patients, and they are a wealth that cannot be replaced. They are the biggest help to patients, and ensuring their safety is necessary to provide high-quality healthcare services to patients."

Dr Qamra Al Sariri, Director General of Quality Assurance Centre affirmed that the Sultanate was selected as a WHO Col-

laborating Centre on Quality of Care and Patient Safety in the fourth quarter of 2018 as a tribute to the significant progress made by the country over the past 10 years in the field of quality and patient safety and continued co-operation with WHO through the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office.

In this regard, Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean said: "It is crucial that we recognise the professionalism and dedication of health workers and invest greater resources to protect them from the occupational risks they face at the workplace. Eight months into this pandemic we still see countries facing challenges in procuring adequate personal protective equipment for health workers and increasing testing capacity, which is impeding early detection, isolation of cases and tracing of contacts.

This is placing health workers at unnecessary risk of infection, especially as we know that a large number of people infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic."

Dr Al Mandhari added that training on infection prevention and control measures is needed for those working on the frontlines of this pandemic, coupled with supportive measures to enhance compliance of these measures in the workplace.

This year's World Patient Safety Day highlights core themes related to the safety of health workers, including occupational and environmental safety at workplace, mental and psychosocial health, as well as means and importance of following precautionary measures to prevent epidemic at workplace environment, and the significance of training professional competitive personnel capable of countering pandemics.

ROYAL DECREE

Amendment of Income Tax Law

MUSCAT: The Taxation Authority stated that the Royal Decree No. 118/2020 issued on September 14, 2020 on amendment of some provisions of the Income Tax Law, promulgated by Royal Decree No. 28/2009 comes within the Sultanate's joining a number of international agreements concerned with taxation.

The Taxation Authority added that the said international

agreements, which are related to exchange of information were signed on 26 November 2019 at the Headquarters of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris and that the procedures for issuance of Royal Decrees for ratification of the agreements are underway.

The Taxation Authority also stated that joining such interna-

tional agreements required enacting legal provisions on identification of the data to be disclosed/released, the persons targeted by such provisions and their liabilities and protection and confidentiality of data exchanged with the taxation authorities in the other countries within the Sultanate's contribution to the international efforts aimed to limit tax evasion and frauds. -ONA

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



JOINT CAMPAIGN: The meeting approved a programme for organising a joint GCC campaign aimed to disseminate awareness on investment in securities markets. - ONA

Key issues in GCC markets discussed

MUSCAT: The Sultanate, represented by the Capital Market Authority (CMA), participated yesterday in the 21st meeting of the Committee of Heads of GCC Capital Market Authorities. This is affiliated to the Secretariat General of the GCC States.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Salim Al Salmi, Executive President of the Capital Market Authority, chaired the Sultanate's delegation via video conference.

The meeting approved a programme for organising a joint Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) campaign aimed to disseminate awareness on investment in securities markets. The meeting

also discussed the key issues and development witnessed in the regional and international capital markets.

They also reviewed the minutes of the meetings of the teams affiliated to the Committee, of which some have dealt with the strategies and mechanisms for the integration of capital markets.

The meeting also reviewed the memorandum of the Secretariat General on the requirements of opening accounts, the procedures for Know Your Customer (KYC) and the annual workshops scheduled for 2020 on trading surveillance. - ONA



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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Muscat Gas Company SAOG (the "Company") is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the extraordinary general meeting of the company, which is scheduled to be held at 3 pm , on Wednesday , 30th September 2020, via the electronic platform to hold general meetings which you can be accessed through the website of the Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) , if the quorum of the meeting is not completed, a second extraordinary general meeting will be held at 3 pm on Monday 5 October 2020 to discuss the following agenda:

1. To approve the of cancellation of the resolution of the extraordinary meeting held on July 9, 2020 to sell the company's share in the shares capital of United Industrial Gases LLC, which is 30%, at an amount of only 2,050,000 Omani Rials (two million fifty thousand Omani Rials) to Air Product Leasing B.V
2. To consider and approve the sale of the entire company's 30% shareholding in the United Industrial Gases Company LLC to Mohsin Haider Darwish Investment LLC against an amount of 2,050,000 Omani Rials (two million and fifty thousand Omani Rials) (as per attachment).

According to the Company's Articles of Association and the controls for holding General Meetings using modern technology issued by the Authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

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10 dead in Mumbai building collapse



CONDOLENCES: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed condolences to the bereaved families in the building collapse incident in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi.

According to the NDRF, the estimated number of people trapped at the site is between 25 to 30

BHIWANDI: At least ten people were killed after a three-storey building collapsed in Patel Compound area here on Monday morning.

The incident happened at around 3:40 am. Five people were also injured. The rescue operation by NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) is underway at the site of building collapse in Bhiwandi, Thane. According to the NDRF, the estimated number of people trapped at the site is between 25 to 30. This number may change as the rescue operation is in progress.

"As many as 20 people were rescued by the locals," the NDRF had said earlier. The Director-General (DG), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) said that one more individual, a 19-year-old youth, has been rescued alive from the site of the building collapse and that the operations will continue as it is likely that more people are still trapped in the debris.

PM Modi, President Kovind express grief

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed condolences to the bereaved families in the building collapse incident in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi.

"Saddened by the building collapse in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra. Condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for a quick recovery of those injured. Rescue operations are underway and all possible assistance is being provided to the affected," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet on Monday.

The President tweeted, "The loss of lives in the building collapse at Bhiwandi, Maharashtra is quite distressing. In this hour of grief, my thoughts and prayers are with the accident victims. I wish speedy recovery of the injured. Local authorities are coordinating rescue and relief efforts." **ANI**

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UNITED STATES

Biden urges not to vote for new SC justice nominee before election

WASHINGTON: US Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden on Sunday called on some decisive Republican senators to reject a vote on a new Supreme Court justice nominee before the election to replace late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Delivering a speech in Philadelphia, Biden made the plea to "the handful of" Republican senators "who really will decide what happens" with the seat on the highest court vacated by Ginsburg's death on Friday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said Friday the Senate will vote on a nominee picked by President Donald Trump, who told reporters the following day that he intended to announce a woman for the job next week.

"Don't vote to confirm anyone nominated under the circumstances President Trump and Senator McConnell have created," Biden said. "Don't go there. Hold your constitutional duty, your conscience. Let the people speak. Cool the flames that have been engulfing our country."



The former vice president said Friday that the sequence should be that "the voters should pick a President, and that President should select a successor to Justice Ginsburg," meaning the new justice should be selected by the one who wins the upcoming presidential election.

"To jam this nomination through the Senate is just an exercise in raw political power, and I don't believe the people of this nation will stand for it," Biden said in Philadelphia. "If Donald Trump wins the election, then the Senate should move on his selection and weigh the nominee he chooses fairly." **Xinhua**

INFECTIONS

Global coronavirus death toll nears 1 million



FRANKFURT: The global death toll from COVID-19 looked set to hit 1 million on Monday, with a total of 959,528 fatalities due to the virus. Meanwhile, more than 30 million infections have been reported worldwide.

Infections have been reported in more than 201 countries and territories since the first cases were identified in China in December 2019.

Europe

Munich's coronavirus committee is meeting on Monday to discuss new measures to combat the rising number of cases in the city, after the infection rate exceeded 50 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants over the past week.

Several European countries could be facing second lockdowns, as the number of new cases rises across the continent. New lockdowns are coming into effect in Madrid and Vienna.

On Friday, Madrid's regional government ordered a lockdown from Monday in some of the poorer areas of the city and its

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outskirts, that are home to about 850,000 people.

British health minister Matt Hancock warned that the country could impose another lockdown if people don't heed measures put in place to stop the spread of the virus. New cases have risen sharply in recent weeks, with 3,899 reported on Sunday alone.

Czech Health Minister Adam Vojtech resigned amid a surge in new cases and heavy criticism for his handling of the pandemic. Prime Minister Andrej Babis said that epidemiologist Roman Prymula will replace Vojtech.

Americas

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Sunday reported a death toll of nearly 199,000. The US also reported 42,561 new cases, bringing the total in the world's most infected country to 6,748,935.

Asia-Pacific

India's most popular tourist site, the Taj Mahal, reopened to visitors, even as the country of 1.3 billion people looks ready to overtake the US as the global leader in virus infections. India has eased several restrictions in recent months, including on many train routes, domestic flights, markets and restaurants.

Schools in the South Korean capital Seoul and nearby areas resumed in-person classes for the first time in almost a month, after the number of daily cases dropped to the lowest levels since mid-August.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern lifted all virus-related restrictions across the country, except in the second-wave hotspot Auckland. **BW**

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Woman suspected of sending poison to Trump arrested

Authorities are probing additional similar packages mailed to addresses in Texas that may be connected to the same sender

WASHINGTON: A woman who is suspected of sending the package containing the deadly poison ricin to US President Donald Trump was arrested after she attempted to enter the United States from Canada through the border, a federal law enforcement official said.

The accused was arrested by US authorities and carrying a gun, the official was quoted by CNN as saying.

She is expected to face charges. A person familiar with the probe said that the package was mailed from St. Hubert, Quebec and contained a granular substance with similar physical characteristics to ground castor beans.

The arrest was confirmed by a spokeswoman from the FBI Washington Field Office and the investigation is currently underway.

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MAIL PACKAGE: A person familiar with the probe said that the package was mailed from St. Hubert, Quebec and contained a granular substance with similar physical characteristics to ground castor

addresses in Texas that may be connected to the same sender in Canada, according to a US law enforcement official.

“We are aware of the concerning reports of packages containing ricin directed toward US federal government sites,” Mary-Liz Power, chief spokeswoman for Canada’s Minister of Public Safety Bill Blair, told CNN on Saturday.

“Canadian law enforcement is working closely with their US

counterparts. As this is an active investigation we cannot comment further,” she had said.

Law enforcement officials intercepted the suspicious package containing the poison before it could reach the White House. Two tests were conducted to confirm the presence of ricin, CNN reported on Saturday citing two law enforcement officials.

All letters for the White House are sorted and checked at an off-

site facility before reaching the White House.

Ricin is a highly toxic substance extracted from castor beans that have been used in terror attacks. It can be used in the form of powder, mist, pellet or acid.

If one ingests the poison, it causes vomiting and internal bleeding of the stomach and intestines, failure of the liver, spleen and kidneys and subsequent death by collapse of the circulatory system. **ANI**



UK at coronavirus ‘tipping point’: Health Secretary

LONDON: British Health Secretary Matt Hancock said Sunday that Britain is facing a “tipping point” regarding the coronavirus pandemic and more restrictions are possible to cope with the spread of virus.

“We face a choice. If everybody follows the rules -- and we’ll be increasingly stringent on the people who are not following the rules -- then we can avoid further national lockdowns,” Hancock told the BBC.

“I don’t want to see more measures, more restrictive measures, but if people don’t follow the rules that is how the virus spreads,” he said.

“But we of course have to be prepared to take action if that is what is necessary,” he said. “We will support people who do the right thing and we will come down hard on people who do the wrong thing.”

The government has announced fines of up to 10,000 pounds (about 12,974 U.S. dollars) for those who fail to self-isolate as requested as part of its efforts to urge Britons to follow the rules.

Also on Sunday, the mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, warned that London should be placed under new lockdown restrictions as early as Monday to curb the recent surge in cases, local media reported.

Britain recorded another 3,899 infections overnight on Sunday, as the death toll rose by 18, according to official figures.

Meanwhile, opposition Labour leader Keir Starmer called on the British government to entrust coronavirus testing to local authorities who have a comprehensive understanding of their communities.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has warned that a second wave of COVID-19 in Britain is “coming in”, and his government may need to “intensify things to help bring the rate of infections down.”

Countries such as Britain, China, Russia and the United States are racing against time to develop coronavirus vaccines. **Xinhua**

Schitt’s Creek creates history at the Emmy’s with seven awards



CALIFORNIA: Canadian show Schitt’s Creek made history at the 72nd Emmy awards on Sunday. It won in every comedy category, including best series, and all 4 acting awards. No show has ever achieved that before.

HBO’s “Succession”, about a family struggle over a media empire, raked in the Best Drama award. Zendaya was honored with the best actress in a drama series for her role in ‘Euphoria’. At 24, Zendaya is the youngest recipient of the award. She is also only the second Black actress to win in the category.

The coronavirus pandemic was a key reference in this year’s ceremony, with essential workers such as an UPS deliveryman

presenting an award.

Regina King, who won the best actress award in the limited drama series category, urged voters to have a voting plan before the US election on November 3.

“Vote up the ballot. Please go to ballotpedia.com and find out who are voting in your municipal elections. It is very important. Be a good human”, she said.

This year’s Emmys saw a record number of nominations of Black people. However, Anthony Anderson, a nominee, expressed his disappointment at several Black actors being overlooked for the final awards. “This isn’t what it should have been... but Black stories, Black performances and Black lives matter,” he said. **DW**

EYEING THE CATCH AT SUNSET

A bird is seen eyeing its catch as the sun sets at Manila Bay in the Philippines on September 20, 2020. — Xinhua/Rouelle Umali



AGRICULTURE BILL

Suspended MPs on indefinite protest on India’s Parliament premises



NEW DELHI: All the eight MPs who were on Monday suspended from the Rajya Sabha announced an indefinite protest on the Parliament premises, demanding the revocation of their suspension.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu today announced the one-week suspension of Trinamool Congress’ (TMC) Derek O’Brien and Dola Sen, Aam Aadmi Party’s (AAP) Sanjay Singh, Indian National Congress’ (INC) Rajeev Satav, Ripun Bora and Syed Nasir Hussain, CPI(M)’s KK Ragesh and Elamaram Karim for unruly be-

haviour with the Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman yesterday during the passage of the farm bills. Leaders of the parties of the suspended MPs have criticised the central government. Terming the suspension of eight MPs from Rajya Sabha for one week as “unfortunate”, West Bengal Chief Minister and founder Chairperson of Trinamool Congress (TMC) Mamata Banerjee today said that her party will fight against the “fascist” government in Parliament and on the streets.

“Suspension of the 8 MPs who fought to protect farmers inter-

ests is unfortunate & reflective of this autocratic Govt’s mindset that doesn’t respect democratic norms & principles. We won’t bow down & we’ll fight this fascist Govt in Parliament & on the streets. #BJPKilledDemocracy,” Banerjee tweeted. Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, “I condemn this kind of expulsion of the members of Rajya Sabha in such a brazen and undemocratic manner. We will protest to restore the status quo ante of our members in Rajya Sabha.” **ANI**

Kings XI Punjab reports umpiring howler against DC to match referee

Kings XI Punjab has reported the wrong call they suffered due to an error in judgment by on-field umpire Nitin Menon

DUBAI: Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) has reported the umpiring howler they had to endure against Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match on Sunday, sources within the Punjab franchise confirmed. The side has reported the wrong call they suffered due to an error in judgment by on-field umpire Nitin Menon and now the matter would be addressed by match referee Javagal Srinath.

“The umpire’s verdict was shocking and this call cost us the game, we have now reported the matter to the match referee for assessment. We will see what referee’s decision is,” sources within KXIP told ANI on Monday.

Earlier, it was confirmed that KXIP skipper KL Rahul has the right to bring Menon’s umpiring error to the notice of the match referee. Once the matter reaches the match referee, IPL Governing Council (GC) will then take a call on the howler that saw KXIP lose



INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE: Once the matter reaches the match referee, IPL Governing Council (GC) will then take a call on the howler that saw KXIP lose their opening game against Delhi Capitals.

their opening game against Delhi Capitals at the Dubai Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Speaking to ANI, an IPL GC official said that the Punjab franchise has the right to report the matter and it will then be taken up for assessment. He went on to add that such mistakes are defini-

nitely “not a good advertisement” for the game.

“The process is that the team reports the matter through the captain and team manager. After that, we assess it as the governing council. The match referee also puts in his report wherein he can mention the same,” the official said.

“Whether this would have changed what happened is difficult to say as the strike would have changed and Mayank was hitting the ball sublimely and the change of strike could have thrown that out of gear.”

The incident took place in the 19th over of KXIP’s chase when

Agarwal played a shot and took two runs. However, on-field umpire Menon deemed it as a single.

Both teams scored 157 runs in the allotted 20 overs and Delhi Capitals won the match in the Super Over.

Former cricketer Virender Sehwag, who himself has represent-

ed KXIP in the league, said the umpire’s call made the difference in the match and he should be ‘Man of the Match’.

“I don’t agree with the man of the match choice. The umpire who gave this short run should have been the man of the match. Short Run nahin tha. And that was the difference. #DCvKXIP,” Sehwag wrote on Twitter.

Preity Zinta calls on BCCI to introduce new rules

Kings XI Punjab co-founder Preity Zinta expressed frustration after the on-field umpire made an error during the team’s Indian Premier League (IPL) clash against Delhi Capitals.

Zinta questioned that what is the point of technology if it cannot be used and urged the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to introduce new rules to “improve the game”. “I travelled enthusiastically during a pandemic, did 6 days of Quarantine and 5 covid tests with a smile but that one Short Run hit me hard. What’s the point of technology if it cannot be used? It’s time @BCCI introduces new rules. This cannot happen every year. #DCvKXIP @lionsdenkxip,” Zinta tweeted.

“I’ve always believed in being graceful in a win or loss and in the spirit of the game but it’s also important to ask for policy changes that improve the game in the future for everyone. The past has happened and it’s imp to move on. So Looking ahead and being positive as always,” she said in another tweet. **ANI**

CORONAVIRUS

Two players test positive for COVID-19 ahead of French Open

PARIS: The organisers of the French Open on Monday confirmed that two players competing in the qualification tournament have tested positive for COVID-19.

Along with these two players, one coach has also tested positive for the virus. However, the identities of players haven’t been revealed. Three other players also came in contact with the coach and as a result, a total of five players will not be competing in the qualification tournament set to begin from tomorrow.

“The Roland-Garros tournament directors can confirm that 2 players competing in the qualifying tournament have tested positive for COVID 19 and three others have confirmed close contact with a coach who has tested positive for COVID 19. In line with tournament health protocols, the 5 players will not compete in the qualifying tournament which begins tomorrow and will self isolate for a period of 7 days. In total, some 900 tests have been carried out since Thursday 17 September,” the organisers said in an official statement.

Earlier, the organisers of the upcoming French Open had confirmed that spectators would be allowed inside the stadium despite



the concerns regarding the growing number of coronavirus cases in the country.

The French Open is scheduled from September 27 to October 11 and stars like Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal have already confirmed their availability for the competition. The decision to let spectators attend was announced as health protocols were unveiled for the clay-court Grand Slam.

“The French Tennis Federation has adopted a responsible organisation strategy by limiting the number of spectators at the tournament. Roland-Garros stadium, which spans just under 30 acres in total, will be split into three separate sites, each of which will include a show court and its surrounding outside courts,” the French Open organisers had said in an official statement.

“In order to adhere to the maximum number of people authorised to gather in one place, the sites’ capacity will be limited to 5,000 spectators for the Philippe-Chatrier and Suzanne-Lenglen sites, and 1,500 spectators for the Simone-Mathieu site. These exceptional measures mean that the current health and safety guidelines can be respected,” it added. **ANI**

VIDAL JOINS INTER MILAN



Lionel Messi posts farewell message for Arturo Vidal

BARCELONA: Barcelona’s Lionel Messi on Monday posted a farewell message for teammate Arturo Vidal, who is set to join Italian club Inter Milan.

“I only knew you from facing each other and you always seemed like a phenomenon to me, but then I was lucky enough to meet you personally and you surprised me even more,” Messi said in Spanish on an Instagram post. “They were two years sharing many things and you made

yourself notice a lot, the dressing room will miss you, @kingarturo23official. I wish you all the best in this new stage at your new club. We will cross paths again, for sure,” he added.

Vidal has already arrived in Milan. “@kingarturo23 has landed in Milan!” Inter Milan tweeted.

Barcelona are currently gearing up for the La Liga clash against Villarreal, slated to take place on September 28. **ANI**

INJURED

Will find out more about Ashwin’s injury: Ponting

DUBAI: Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting said they will find out more about all-rounder Ravichandran Ashwin’s injury soon.

Ashwin displayed a sublime form on Sunday during the match against Kings XI Punjab (KXIP), taking two wickets in his first over. However, off the last ball of the over, he dived to save a single and hurt his shoulder in the process. After that, Ashwin went off the field with team physio Patrick Farhart. Delhi Capitals secured a win against KXIP in the Super Over.

“Still buzzing the morning after! Thrilled with the way we fought back after our start, @MS-toinis with both bat and ball and @KagisoRabada25 with a quality super over. We’ll find out more about @ashwinravi99’s injury



soon and hopefully he’s ok to play against the Super Kings,” Ponting wrote on Twitter.

Marcus Stoinis played brilliantly in the match, scoring 53 runs off just 21 balls. Both teams had scored 157 runs in the allotted 20 overs.

In the final over, KXIP needed 13 runs to win. Mayank Agarwal scored 12 runs off the first three

balls but Stoinis made a stunning comeback.

Stoinis bowled a dot ball before taking two wickets off the last two deliveries, taking the match into the Super Over. Agarwal was dismissed after scoring 89 runs off 60 balls.

Delhi Capitals will now take on Chennai Super Kings on September 25. **ANI**

FOOTBALL

Mbappe inspires PSG to win at Nice, St-Etienne held by Nantes

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe scored on his return from a COVID-19 quarantine as Paris Saint-Germain claimed a 3-0 victory at Nice in Sunday’s Ligue 1 action.

The French striker was one of the seven PSG players that tested positive before the new season and missed their opening three games - of which PSG suffered defeats to Lens and Marseille and won 1-0 over Metz.

Mbappe won and converted a penalty in the 38th minute to put PSG in front and Angel Di Maria added another in first-half injury time after Mbappe’s attempt was saved by Nice goalkeeper but the Argentine winger tucked the loose ball away from close range.

“It’s great to play and to be back with my teammates. I return with a victory and a goal, so I am happy. We are getting our feeling back, our way of playing,” the

21-year-old Mbappe said after the match.

Di Maria turned provider in the second half as his free-kick set up for Marquinhos’s header to seal the game 3-0.

“We were the better side, that’s for sure. We had lots of chances to score several goals in the first half, but it was still tight because Nice also had chances after our first two goals. But Keylor was exceptional,” said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel.

The win was a relief for the German coach and the struggling defending champions as they have scored only one goal in the opening three games, which was the worst record for the capital club since the 1984-1985 season.

League leaders Saint-Etienne wasted a two-goal lead and missed out on a fourth straight win after drawing 2-2 at Nantes.

Midfielder Adil Aouchiche

opened the score for the Greens only two minutes into the game after slotting home Yvan Neyou’s cross. Left back Yvann Macon extended the lead in the 66th minute but the hosts responded quickly as Moses Simon pulled one back only five minutes later, before Renaud Emond levelled the score for Nice five minutes before the final whistle.

But the draw was enough for Saint-Etienne to top the standings on goal difference over second-placed Rennes.

Seventh-placed Marseille needed a late header from substitute Valere Germain to clinch a 1-1 home draw with Lille in the latest match of the day. Brazilian forward Luiz Araujo helped Lille take the lead at the start of the second half and could have doubled it when his effort hit the cross bar in the 65th minute. **Xinhua**

OMAN OIL PRICE DECREASES

The price of Oman oil has increased with prices for delivery by November 2020 reaching \$41.80, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil declined \$1.19 from the price of Friday, which was \$42.99. - OMA

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MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSM index closed at 3,626.27 points, up 0.20 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.02 per cent at 517.52 points. Ahli Bank Perpetual, up 3.38 per cent was the top gainer while Renaissance Service, down 2.43 per cent, was the top loser.

Oman's oil and gas sector to grow by 14%

A new report says that the Asia-Pacific market is expected to see the fastest growth in terms of imports from the Omani oil and gas market during the period from 2020 to 2027



FORECAST: As the demand for new innovative solutions increases and more startups emerge, Oman's oil and gas market is expected to grow due to excessive demand in the forecast period. - OMA

BERLIN: The Sultanate's oil and gas industry is expected to grow at a compound rate of 14 per cent during between 2020 and 2027, according to a new report by the CMFE Insights Research Foundation.

The report added that the Asia-Pacific market is expected to see the fastest growth in terms of imports from the Omani oil and gas market during the forecast period, after analysing global opportunities available in global regions, such as North America, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and India.

As the demand for new innovative solutions increases and more startups emerge in the area that will lead to growth and excessive demand for Oman's oil and gas

market in the forecast period.

Vital information

The report indicated that this market study provides vital infor-

mation and facts about the market and offers an overall statistical study of this market based on market drivers, restraints, and its future prospects. - OMA

ENCOURAGE OMANIS

Local community firms to get capital shares of new projects in Duqm



MEETING: Eng. Yahya bin Khamis Al Zadjali, In-Charge of Managing Operations of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad), held a meeting with a number of local companies and representatives of Tatweer and Iskan companies. - OMA

MUSCAT: Oman Company for Development of Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Tatweer) and Iskan Oman Investment Company announced their plan to allocate capital shares of their new projects in Duqm to the local community companies.

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During the meeting, several projects were discussed some of

which is the accommodation project for employees who are working in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. Accordingly, about 20 per cent of the big projects' capital, which are providing housing solutions in Duqm, will be allocated for the local community companies.

Long-term usufruct

This comes to promote the provision of long-term usufruct for 90 years as a gesture introduced by the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones to encourage Omani youth to work and live in Duqm. - OMA

COMPETITIVE INTEREST RATES

Own your dream home with Bank Muscat's Baituna finance

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to national development and priorities, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, offers Baituna home finance that makes the dream of owning a home come true.

The attractive features of Baituna home finance include competitive interest rates starting at 5.75 per cent and tenure up to 25 years. The competitive interest rate is particularly attractive for people looking for the best home finance deals in the Sultanate. Customers can obtain easy and convenient credit approval across the Sultanate at any of the dedicated Baituna Sales Centres at Qurum, Maabela, Nizwa, Salalah, Barka, Sur, Saham, Sohar, Ibri, Buraimi and Ibra or at the bank's retail banking branches.

Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, DGM - Institutional Sales & Product Development, said, "The real estate sector is a major component of the national economy and Bank Muscat is committed to supporting this crucial sector and strengthening its role in the development and growth of the Omani economy. Baituna facilitates purchase and construction of new homes as well as land for residential use. It also offers insurance coverage and fast processing of applications



Abdullah Tamman Al Maashani, DGM - Institutional Sales & Product Development, Bank Muscat.

across the bank's extensive network of branches and dedicated SalesCentres. The finance offers flexible payment options and requires only simple documentation. We encourage our customers to make their dream homes a reality with the convenience of Baituna home finance."

Baituna home finance is available for salaried government employees (Omani) with a minimum salary of OMR250 and minimum service of 3 months for up to 25 years of home financing while employees of Tier 1 private sector companies (Omani) minimum salary of OMR500 and a minimum of 6 months of service are

eligible for home loans having a tenure of up to 25 years.

Loans of up to OMR500,000 are available through Baituna subject to the applicant fulfilling the relevant criteria.

Easy processing, competitive interest rates and special guidance during the application process are some of the key advantages of getting home financing done through Bank Muscat Baituna. With Oman now also becoming an attractive real-estate investment destination for GCC and non-GCC nationals, Baituna offers some of the best home financing options in the Sultanate for different customer segments.

APPOINTMENT

Huawei appoints new president for Cloud and AI Business Group in Middle East

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With demand in the region increasing for cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, Huawei, a leading global provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices, has appointed a new regional president for its Cloud and AI Business Group as the company restructures its offerings in these fields.

Li Shi assumes the role of President of the Huawei Cloud and AI Business Group in the Middle East region effective immediately. Under his leadership, the group seeks to help governments and local industries to tap into the power of digitalisation while creating more intelligent and safer societies.

Based in Dubai, UAE, Shi will oversee the expansion of the group's regional product and solution portfolio along with partner ecosystems that will create ultimate service experiences by utilising Huawei's global capabilities. The executive will further seek to deliver comprehensive terminal-edge-cloud solutions and services to more of Huawei's customers and strategic partners, all with respect to data sovereignty that can support the digital economy and smart society of countries across the Middle East.

Shi has nearly 15 years of international experience with Huawei. He was most recently the CEO of Huawei UAE and had also previously held executive positions for Huawei in other Gulf and Levant countries.

Charles Yang, President of Huawei Middle East, said: "The innovations behind AI and cloud computing are advancing by leaps and bounds, and will soon pave the way to a digital Middle East in which all things are connected. Governments and enterprises are reinforcing their investments in these two fields. Under Li Shi's leadership, I am confident that Huawei's Cloud and AI Business Group will bring the value of ubiquitous computing to even more communities across the Middle East."

Li Shi, President for the Cloud and AI Business Group in the



Li Shi

Middle East, added, "Nearly every industry in the region has been re-booting for the digital age. Cloud and AI technologies will accelerate this transformation over the next decade. By offering new cloud services with our partners, enabling deeper AI research and development, and introducing new supercomputing capabilities to the region, our team will reinforce Huawei's unrivalled end-to-end capabilities in the ICT domain while inspiring innovation in organisations of all shapes and sizes."

Established earlier this year, Huawei's Cloud and AI Business Group in the Middle East is an evolution of the company's Cloud Business Department. Under the slogan "Cloud Everywhere", the restructuring enables a more focused approach to developing and deploying solutions that will form the bedrock of the digital world.

In particular, Huawei now offers customers an unparalleled machine vision and intelligent collaboration portfolio, leading to smarter governance and office experience. Different types of general computing power provide organisations in the region with multiple choices for strengthening their computing capability.

Moreover, Huawei's flagship all-flash storage is helping organisations to redefine their data infrastructure, while the Huawei Atlas series of computing and cloud services with heterogeneous architecture delivers an open-stack platform for developers to build applications that can lead the region's digital charge.

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MSM index ends higher

The top gainer was Ahli Bank Perpetual which closed higher by 3.38% while top loser was Renaissance Service which closed lower at 2.43% on Monday's trading session.

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INDICES							
Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%	
MSM30 Index	3,635.08	3,610.86	3,626.27	3,619.03	7.24	0.20	
Financial Index	5,861.36	5,822.66	5,847.12	5,836.34	10.78	0.18	
Industrial Index	3,963.66	3,952.89	3,955.31	3,957.67	-2.36	-0.06	
Services Index	1,567.90	1,559.57	1,559.57	1,567.79	-8.22	-0.52	
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	517.60	517.52	517.52	517.61	-0.09	-0.02	
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,138.42	4,110.85	4,128.40	4,120.15	8.25	0.20	
Trading Summary							
Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
10,287,767	2,622,328	377	19,642,035,830	10	11	21	42

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM00000002176	AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	1,079,176	110,585	45	0.098	0.104	0.098	0.102	0.099	0.003	3.030	0.102	0.103	0.104	0.100	12,739,592
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	457,000	44,800	13	0.095	0.099	0.095	0.098	0.096	0.002	2.083	0.095	0.095	0.096	0.100	238,581,660
OM0000001772	AL ANWAR HOLDING	92,207	6,330	6	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.069	0.068	0.001	1.471	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.100	13,800,000
OM0000003036	OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	15,963	9,962	3	0.628	0.628	0.628	0.628	0.624	0.004	0.641	0.628	0.628	0.632	0.100	471,000,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIA FINANCIAL SER.	41,210	3,091	6	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	21,895,138
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	519,901	192,353	22	0.368	0.370	0.368	0.370	0.370	0.000	0.000	0.368	0.366	0.370	0.100	1,202,323,339
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	182,712	70,892	17	0.388	0.388	0.388	0.388	0.388	0.000	0.000	0.388	0.388	0.390	0.100	252,566,361
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	94,942	18,948	15	0.200	0.200	0.198	0.200	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.198	0.197	0.200	0.100	11,000,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	6,090	1,846	3	0.308	0.308	0.306	0.308	0.310	-0.002	-0.645	0.306	0.306	0.308	0.100	61,600,000
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	51,860	8,194	14	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.160	-0.002	-1.250	0.158	0.157	0.158	0.100	14,330,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	83,696	18,890	7	0.228	0.228	0.224	0.226	0.229	-0.003	-1.310	0.224	0.226	0.230	0.100	74,777,232
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	14,099	5,414	2	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.390	-0.006	-1.538	0.384	0.380	0.384	0.100	38,400,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	813,739	39,873	28	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.050	-0.001	-2.000	0.049	0.049	0.050	0.100	15,050,170
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	218,669	69,825	30	0.328	0.328	0.314	0.320	0.328	-0.008	-2.439	0.314	0.314	0.320	0.100	75,651,200
Total	14	3,671,074	601,004	211												
Parallel Market																
OM0000000483	NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	306,810	50,927	8	0.166	0.166	0.165	0.166	0.163	0.003	1.840	0.165	0.163	0.166	0.100	269,907,066
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	39,636	8,662	5	0.217	0.220	0.217	0.219	0.216	0.003	1.389	0.220	0.217	0.228	0.100	6,570,000
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	6,000	492	1	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.081	0.001	1.235	0.082	0.081	0.085	0.100	10,250,000
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	21,000	2,200	3	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.104	0.001	0.962	0.105	0.104	0.105	0.100	2,205,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	238,789	39,682	14	0.165	0.167	0.165	0.166	0.165	0.001	0.606	0.166	0.165	0.168	0.100	49,171,471
OM0000001095	DHOFAR INSURANCE	2,083	354	1	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.000	0.000	0.170	0.170	0.187	0.100	17,000,000
OM0000001319	NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	2,282,586	245,678	35	0.108	0.108	0.106	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.103	0.106	0.100	3,625,717
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	408,392	37,382	7	0.092	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	184,028,777
OM0000001681	OMAN AND EMIRATES INV HOLDING	20,000	440	1	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	5,728,125
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT	100,000	2,300	6	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.023	0.024	0.100	4,764,882
OM0000002226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	13,200	2,297	5	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.000	0.000	0.174	0.174	0.175	0.100	10,649,544
OM0000002820	GULF INVEST SERVICES HOLDING	62,740	40,822	16	0.064	0.066	0.064	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.066	0.064	0.066	0.100	3,824,809
OM0000002911	THE FINANCIAL CORPORATION	30	2	1	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.000	0.079	0.100	5,532,367
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR	2,942	2,000	3	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.100	46,920,000
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	4,123	568	4	0.137	0.138	0.137	0.139	0.139	0.000	0.000	0.138	0.130	0.138	0.100	11,314,982
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	2,110	99	1	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.046	0.000	0.100	9,724,440
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	108,220	10,822	13	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.101	0.100	150,000,000
OM0000004768	AL MADINA TAKAFUL	5,475	411	1	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.100	13,125,000
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN INSURANCE	2,000	216	1	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.112	0.112	0.000	0.000	0.108	0.108	0.115	0.100	11,200,000
OM0000004925	AL RAFINAH POWER	360	19	1	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.000	0.000	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.100	35,769,034
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	500	28	1	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.054	0.055	0.100	38,577,942
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	66,628	6,863	4	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.110	0.100	16,021,691
OM0000007811	MUSANDAM POWER	12,000	3,888	1	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.324	0.326	-0.002	-0.613	0.324	0.324	0.358	0.100	22,806,360
OM0000004735	SEMBOCP SALALAH	345,820	37,694	6	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.110	-0.001	-0.909	0.109	0.100	0.109	0.100	104,048,343
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	456,233	24,648	19	0.057	0.057	0.054	0.054	0.055	-0.001	-1.818	0.054	0.054	0.056	0.100	78,980,479
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON	19,106	955	4	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.051	-0.001	-1.961	0.050	0.049	0.051	0.100	14,499,032
Total	26	5,091,693	519,949	162												

ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION

MEDC increases its network capacity in Muscat governorate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Muscat Electricity Distribution Company (MEDC), a member of Nama Group, carried out its operational and administrative work despite the exceptional circumstances caused by COVID-19.

The company had increased its network capacity in the Muscat governorate by 122 mega-volt-ampere during the first half of 2020 reaching a total network capacity in Muscat to 6,704 mega-volt-ampere.

This expansion contributed to keeping up with the increased demand in the Muscat governorate serving a total of 6,324 subscribers. Additionally, the company launched the operation of 3 primary substations, 37 of ground-mounted type distribution stations and 11 of poll mounted type; the distribution cables used amounted to a total distance of



NETWORK CAPACITY: Muscat Electricity Distribution Company has increased its network capacity in the Muscat Governorate by 122 mega-volt-ampere during the first half of 2020. - File picture

262km in the Muscat governorate.

It is worth noting that through the adoption of new technologies, MEDC managed to optimise its processes, reduce the turnaround time for such services as application submission, as well as better organise the distributing of work

shifts and the follow-through. Moreover, MEDC has extended its coordination with local authorities such as online bridging between the company and Muscat Municipality to provide the needed information before the construction work starts.

STOCK MARKET

India's equity indices crash amid weak global cues

MUMBAI: India's equity benchmark indices witnessed a sharp downswing during the afternoon session on Monday with across-the-board sell-off amid weak global cues.

In Asian markets, the sell-off was triggered after the International Consortium of Investigative Journalism reported on top-secret suspicious activity reports worth more than \$2 trillion.

Between 2010 and 2017, several banks helped facilitate transactions red-flagged by the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) for suspected money laundering, terrorism, drug dealing and financial fraud.

That led to a meltdown on Indian bourses as well with banking stocks taking a hit.

The BSE S&P Sensex closed 812 points or 2.09 per cent lower at 38,034 while the Nifty 50 moved lower by 283 points or



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2.46 per cent at 11,222.

All sectoral indices at the National Stock Exchange were in the red with Nifty PSU bank dipping by 4.4 per cent, private bank by 3.7 per cent, pharma and auto by 4.4 per cent each and realty by 5.9 per cent.

Shares of IndusInd Bank and ICICI Bank fell by 8.6 per cent

and 5 per cent respectively after the FinCEN leaks said almost all Indian banks could be part of the suspicious transactions.

Auto stocks slipped with Tata Motors down by 7.8 per cent and Mahindra & Mahindra by 5.1 per cent. Hindalco, Tata Steel and JSW Steel fell between 5 and 7 per cent.

However, some IT stocks like Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys were up a tad.

Meanwhile, Asian shares were in the negative zone after the FinCEN disclosures. Investors also awaited developments on US fiscal stimulus and Covid-19 vaccines amid a resurgence of infections in Europe.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng was down by 1.74 per cent while South Korea's Kospi edged lower by 0.95 per cent. Shanghai composite slipped by 0.63 per cent but Japan's Nikkei gained by 0.18 per cent. - ANI

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Unemployment, loss of income due to COVID-19 will weigh on business: Fitch

SINGAPORE: Fitch Solutions has made a further downward revision to India refined fuels demand forecast for 2020 from minus 9.4 per cent to minus 11.5 per cent in line with further deterioration in the country's economic outlook.

Its economists now forecast real GDP to contract by 8.6 per cent in FY21, down from minus 4.5 per cent previously. In the first quarter of FY21, GDP contracted by 23.9 per cent, the steepest contraction on record.

"The domestic COVID-19 outbreak shows no signs of abating with daily cases continuing to accelerate. While the nationwide lockdown in place since March 25 was lifted on May 31, state-level restrictions remain in place and will likely drag on the economic recovery," said Fitch.

High unemployment and the loss of income stemming from the coronavirus has severely depressed consumer spending, which in turn will weigh on business investment.

In response to the pandemic, the government has introduced a number of stimulus measures and, according to Fitch country risk analysts, will likely continue to boost spending in the face of a persistent revenue shortfall.

However, given the scale of the economic damage currently being wrought, the fiscal response is proving far from sufficient.



COVID-19 CRISIS: Demand weakness is spread across the board, with both consumer and industrial fuels set for steep declines. - File photo

Demand weakness is spread across the board, with both consumer and industrial fuels set for steep declines. With a nationwide lockdown in place over March to May, domestic demand plummeted, reaching its nadir in April at minus 48.7 per cent year-on-year growth for total fuels consumption.

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PROMOTION

Fuel efficient Nissan Kicks now available at affordable EMI

MUSCAT: Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), has announced a special low EMI on the compact crossover. Customers of Nissan Kicks can now avail an exceptionally low EMI rate of OMR114 (terms and conditions apply). EMIs are calculated based on a 3.2 per cent rate of interest, 20 2 per cent down payment, six-year loan tenure. Subject to credit approvals.

Nissan Kicks has been impressing with its excellent mileage, unique styling, roominess, personal technology, smart functionality, and advanced safety features. The spectacular Nissan Kicks combines emotion and practicality by blending familiar Nissan design signatures with striking modern themes. The crossover demands attention for its dynamic styling and nimble performance and the Nissan Intelli-

gent Mobility feature ensures seamless connectivity and advanced driver assistance features.

Nissan Kicks continues to be popular since its introduction due to its stylish design and “Excellent” Rated GSO Fuel efficiency of 17.8Km/litre. Nissan Kicks’ Dual Tone further augmented the style quotient of the innovative, stylish, and functional crossover. The range of Dual Tone available in SV and SL grades has created a new standard of design, driving enjoyment and technology within the segment.

A spokesperson for Nissan Oman said, “Nissan Kicks guarantees a top-quality driving experience with its expressive style, personal technology, intelligent safety, efficient powertrain and strong value positioning. Nissan Kicks is a great hit with all age group of car buyers who value in-



novation, agility and contemporary fashion trends. This is a good time for potential buyers to check out the Nissan Kicks which is available on low EMI.

The car’s advanced chassis control technology allows it to deal with the rough and tumble of the urban jungle while the drivers will

love the ease of parking thanks to the Around View Monitor and the amazing functionality of the 7-inch colour touchscreen.

The newcomer is aimed squarely at urban driving environments and combines a robust exterior and elevated driving position with compact dimensions for agile

performance and manoeuvrability. The body features an advanced aerodynamic design, which optimizes fuel consumption and minimizes noise. Nissan Kicks is also one of the first models to realize the concept of Nissan Intelligent Mobility, initially presented at the Geneva Auto Show in 2016.

Nissan Intelligent Mobility uses smart, relevant technology to make the driver’s life easier while also making advances towards Nissan’s long-term goal of zero-emission and zero fatality motoring. Nissan Kicks targets young people who are early adopters of such technology and who appreciate and embrace the way it can both simplify urban driving and connect them more easily to what matters. The Intelligent Mobility technology present in Kicks aims to reduce stress for drivers

through innovations such as the Around View Monitor (AVM) and the Moving Object Detection system (MOD).

Using four cameras, placed at the front and rear of the car and in both door mirrors, AVM creates a bird’s eye 360-degree view of the car, which can be displayed on the central monitor and used as a parking aid. When the MOD system detects a moving object – a pedestrian, for example – a warning is sounded to alert the driver to the hazard and prevent a potential accident.

Technology-loving Nissan Kicks owners will relish the convenience and simplicity of the suite of systems that are accessible via the centrally mounted 7-inch colour touchscreen. These functions include navigation, audio, and Bluetooth phone connections.

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Since its introduction in 1968, the legendary Toyota Hilux has been pushed to the limits, traversed unknown terrains, explored new frontiers and made a distinctive mark wherever it went and whatever it was used for.

The all-new introduction takes this unique ability even further with a robust mix of adventurous and sophisticated design, leading

technology, a list of thoughtful safety features and roomy and detailed interiors. To make work or pleasure, a recreational experience.

With the all-new Hilux Adventure, active adventure seeking individuals and families alike can look forward to a fun and memorable moments. Whether they are enjoying an unplanned weekend in the wadis or driving by the countryside for some break from the city's chaos. Or even just taking a swim in the seas. The Hilux Adventure's space, comfort and remarkable capability encourage you to just go ahead and realise your wishes, wherever, whenever.

The Hilux Adventure is designed to reflect a robust and adventurous look with a new bold &

powerful integrated trapezoidal grille with 'interlocking' skid plate and front bumper treatment. This striking new exterior is further enhanced by LED headlamps and fog lamps, exclusive over-fenders and a new machine finish and black 18 inch alloy wheel design. The rear of the Hilux Adventure is equipped with a bed-liner and an exclusive deck bar, Hilux emblem black garnish, Adventure emblem and new design exclusive LED rear combination lamps.

The Hilux Adventure is loaded with a powerful and proven 4.0-litre V6 engine producing 235 horsepower at 38.3kg-m of torque. This is paired to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The powerful Hilux Adventure is

engineered to excel on whatever terrain you choose.

The interior of the Hilux Adventure is as captivating as the exterior. A new driver's combi meter design, illuminated leather door trims, a new 8 inch display audio, black metallic ornamentation on interior trims and Adventure design seat and seat material. The enhanced multimedia system with updated software and quicker screen response incorporates Apple CarPlay and Android Auto for smartphone integration. The Miracast function is also available for viewing your mobile screen on the audio display.

Increasing convenience and delight for all occupants are features like smart entry and push-button

start, automatic air-conditioning and a 6-speaker Sound System as well as Miracast function.

In the terms of safety, the all-new Hilux Adventure is equipped with an array of active and passive safety features.

They include SRS airbags for the driver and front passenger to a knee airbag (for only the driver), Anti-lock Brake System (ABS), Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), Trailer-Sway Control (TSC), Hill-start Assist Control (HAC), Rear View Camera, Front and Rear Sensors and Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS).

The Hilux Adventure is built using high-tensile strength steel sheets and supplementary materials throughout the body structure

to help reduce passenger injuries, as well as extensive use of impact-absorbing structures for parts such as the engine hood, front fender and cowl to reduce impact force to the head and legs of pedestrians during a collision.

Adventure can help them maximise their tough and recreational experiences on-road or off-road, on weekdays or weekends, for planned or unplanned journeys, are encouraged to visit their nearest Toyota showroom.

In Oman, the nationwide parts and service network of Saud Bahwan Automotive supports Toyota's outstanding product quality. No wonder that today, Toyota is one of the most trusted and well-known brands.

FUSO BA BUS



Sale of first DICV produced Fuso buses begins

DUBAI: Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation announced that the first Fuso buses built in India have crossed a 100 unit production milestone.

The BA bus, which is exported out of the Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) Oragadam plant as a BU vehicle, is now available to customers in the United Arab Emirates.

The Fuso BA bus is a further step in collaboration under the Daimler Trucks Asia partnership; three organisations within the Daimler group MFTBC, DICV, and EvoBus contributed to its realisation. The sales strategy for the new product was arranged by MFTBC and EvoBus, while DICV oversaw the design and production process. The product was developed in response to customer demand for vehicles able to transport over 30 passengers. Since pilot sales for the product began in December 2019, the number of BA buses produced for the UAE market has now crossed 100 units. Cumulative production of the BA bus is planned to reach 800 units by the end of the year 2023.

The Fuso BA bus, which is modelled on the BharatBenz Staff Bus, seats 36 passengers and is designed to match local demand for student and employee transportation. The application of an existing model allowed for the speedy commercialisation of the vehicle for a market with strong growth in urban development and industrialisation. The

bus is installed with the economical 3.9 litres 4D37 4 cylinder engine that complies with Euro V emission norms. All seats are equipped with fire-retardant upholstery and 3 point seat belts for increased passenger safety. A roof hatch also enables emergency ventilation or evacuation, providing another level of assurance during commutes to match extreme summer conditions, the BA also comes standard with a high capacity air conditioner.

In addition to the new BA bus, the light-duty Rosa bus has also been available locally. Being the largest market in the MENA region for MFTBC, the UAE has traditionally been a stronghold of the Fuso brand. In 2019, Fuso vehicles achieved a market share of over 53 BU trucks and buses from DICV's Oragadam plant, as well as MFTBC's Kawasaki and Toyama plants, are exported to the country. Sales are currently overseen by Al Habtoor Motors, which has been a FUSO general distributor in the region since 1983.

Vehicle specifications:

Model: BA GVW: 9.6 tonnes, Engine (output): 4D37(125kW/170hp at 2500 rpm) Transmission: MO36 (6 forward, 1 reverse speed), Capacity: 37 (36 passengers + driver), Overall length/width/height: 9,080mm/2,350mm/3,137mm approx, Suspensions: Parabolic leaf spring with shock absorbers in front and rear, Brakes: Pneumatically operated drum brakes with antilock braking system

RENEWAL

Nexen Tyre and Manchester City announce third term partnership

MUSCAT: Nexen Tyre, a leading global tyre manufacturer, is proud to announce the renewal of its partnership with Manchester City Football Club – now in its third term.

This latest multi-year partnership is expected to further boost co-branding opportunities, media and marketing partnerships, and much more for both parties. Nexen Tyre has been supporting Manchester City since 2015 and became the first official sleeve partner in 2017, the first announcement of its kind in the Premier League. As part of the agreement, the Nexen Tyre logo will continue to appear on the left sleeve of playing shirts and expand to all available City teams and competitions. This will include both men's and women's playing kit, men's training kits, the Elite Development Squad (EDS) and eSports players.

Throughout this strategic partnership, both parties have achieved great success and growth: Manchester City was twice crowned Premier League champions, and Nexen Tyre completed its four major global R&D and production networks allowing the company to achieve its global expansion strategy.

By teaming up with Manchester City, Nexen Tyre has also strived to make a meaningful impact on young people's lives through youth football initiatives such as the City Football Foundation and the Nexen Man City Cup. The company will also roll out new programme



partnerships, including with the Dallas Cup and the College Ambassador Programme for young football enthusiasts in the US.

"We first partnered with Manchester City in 2015 after seeing the immense potential of the club and many opportunities ahead," said Travis Kang, Global CEO of Nexen Tyre. "Over the past five years, our relationship has grown from strength to strength, and we have also been able to boost our presence in the global market. We will use this partnership extension to continue building synergy as

a strategic partner while sharing our company values by rolling out a series of digital campaigns and exciting youth programmes."

"Manchester City has marked many milestones alongside Nexen Tyre and after becoming the first Premier League club to launch a sleeve partner we were delighted to then celebrate back to back Premier League titles with Nexen Tyre on our sleeves," said Ferran Soriano, CEO of City Football Group.

"We have been impressed by Nexen Tyre's ambition for creating exciting digital content cam-

paigns, as well as sharing City's passion for providing young people around the world with opportunities to play the sport that they love. Nexen Tyre has grown with us to be part of the fabric of Manchester City and we look forward to entering the third term of our successful partnership."

This latest multi-year extension will see Nexen Tyre utilise its partnership platform with Manchester City to strengthen brand awareness as well as showcase performance-driven digital marketing worldwide.

BETTER CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Bank Nizwa adds new features to its mobile banking app

MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to digital transformation and innovation, Bank Nizwa has further enhanced user experience by adding features to its mobile banking application.

Aimed at providing a better customer experience, the bank has been leading the way in digitising Islamic banking, by enabling them to bank from the comfort of their homes. The recently revamped mobile app will now allow users to make bill payments for utilities such as electricity and water; pay fees for schools, universities, PASI and more.

"We are delighted to provide greater benefits to our customers and include them in the age of digital banking in Oman. Our mobile application has been designed to make banking hassle-free with minimum personal interface during these times of physical distancing. The newly added features are a testament to our promise of modern banking, and are not just simple to execute, but also safe and secure," said Arif Al Zaabi, Retail Banking AGM at Bank Nizwa. "The addition of bill payments for recurring expenses is a small step towards our commitment to prod-

uct innovation, thereby making their life simpler," he added.

The bank had previously introduced Money Transfer Feature within and outside Oman which allows customers to make instant local as well as international transfers through a simple, fast, and secure channel to their loved ones.

Since its inception, Bank Nizwa has remained dedicated to making Sharia-compliant banking more accessible and efficient through innovative solutions. In addition to the mobile app, the bank maintains a 24/7 phone banking service, as well as ATMs, and CDDMs.



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