

SAYYID ASA'AD OFFERS CONDOLENCES

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Asa'ad bin Tariq Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs and Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan offered condolences to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates on the death of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. **-ONA >A4**



HM RECEIVES THANKS CABLE FROM KOREA

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from President Yoon Suk-yeol of the Republic of Korea in reply to His Majesty's congratulations cable to him on the occasion of being elected as his country's president. In the cable, President Yoon Suk-yeol expressed his utmost appreciation for His Majesty the Sultan's sincere sentiments, wishing him good health and happiness. He also wished the Sultanate of Oman further progress and prosperity. **- ONA**



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AL NAKHEEL ITC PROJECT

New tourism project to generate over 3,000 jobs in the Sultanate

Times New Service

MUSCAT: With an estimated cost of OMR12mn, the Phase 1 (A) of the Al Nakheel Integrated Tourism Complex was launched under the patronage of Salim Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism at the W Hotel Muscat on Sunday. The three phases of the project are expected to cost over OMR250mn and help find jobs for about 3,000 Omanis in the tourism, hotel, entertainment, retail and services sectors, said Mohammed Moosa Al Abri, CEO of Al Nakheel project. **>A4**



ROYAL DECREES

HM issues three Royal Decrees

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has issued three Royal Decrees reading as follows:

Royal Decree No. (26/2022) conducts military promotions and placements at the Royal Office.

Article (1) appoints Maj.Gen Nasser Saleh Saud Al Ma'awali as Secretary-General of Liaison and Coordination.

Article (2) promotes Brigadier Idris Abdulrahman Hamoud Al Kindi to the rank of Major General and appoints him as Secretary-General of the National Security Council.

Article (3) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its

date of issue.

Royal Decree No. (27/2022) on the establishment of an Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies and promulgating its system of functioning.

Article (1) stipulates that an academy to be named "Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies" shall be established and that it shall have a legal identity and enjoy financial and administrative autonomy. The Academy shall report to the Ministry of Defence and apply the system attached to this decree.

Article (2) states that the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies shall have its headquarters in the Governorate of Muscat and that, with a decision from the

Academy's Board of Trustees, it may have branches in other governorates.

Article (3) states that all allocations, assets, rights and obligations of the National Defence College, the Joint Command and Staff College and the Centre for Strategic and Defence Studies shall be transferred to the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies.

Article (4) states that employees of the National Defence College, the Joint Command and Staff College and the Centre for Strategic and Defence Studies shall be moved to the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies, along with their existing job status and financial allocations. **>A5**

APPLICATIONS

23,474 Hajj registrations

MUSCAT: The total number of e-registrations for Hajj 1443 AH reached 23,474, including 21,429 applications by Omani citizens and 2,045 applications by residents in Oman. Registration is now closed.

The Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah recorded the highest number of e-registrations, reaching 4,008 while the Governorate of Musandam recorded the lowest number of applications, standing at 191. **-ONA**

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30% INCREASE IN WASTE DURING EID HOLIDAYS



More than 6,600 tonnes of garbage was collected every day during Eid holidays

Times News Service

MUSCAT: More than 6,600 tonnes of garbage was collected every day during the Eid holidays in the form of municipal solid waste: An increase of about

30 percent over other days of the year. Oman Environmental Services Holding Company (be'ah) reported that the organisation needed to double its efforts from 30 April to 5 May, roughly corresponding to Eid holidays, so

that they could collect more than 40,000 tonnes of municipal waste during the period.

Tackling the challenge

The increase in waste was because of the rise in individual consumption during the holidays. The Eid Al Fitr holidays are normally a time during which be'ah is required to deal with excess waste generation as per plans drawn up to tackle the issue in accordance with the requirements of each governorate. Teams are formed accordingly

and mechanisms rolled out to avoid the backlog of waste collection and treatment, while backup and emergency plans coordinated by operations teams that implement them are also developed to ensure smooth and uninterrupted service.

"Aspects of normal life returned to normal during Eid, after two years of interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Khamis bin Marhoon Al Siyabi, head of the Operations Department at the Municipal Waste Sector. **>A2**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Iconic Muscat park to get more facilities

1 People visiting Riyam Park will soon be able to enjoy safe mountain treks on new hiking paths. The new measures are part of steps being taken to revitalise one of Muscat's oldest and iconic public parks, and also include a site for shops to set up their stalls. **>A3**

WORLD

Finland to seek NATO membership

2 The Finnish government has formally announced that it will apply for NATO membership after the move received the backing of the country's ruling political party. The Finnish parliament is expected to greenlight the decision in the coming days. **>A6**

MARKET

Outstanding credit to ODCs tops OMR27bn

3 The total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations (ODCs), consisting of conventional and Islamic Banks, in Oman grew by 2.8 per cent to reach OMR27.9 billion by the end of March 2022, according to the data issued by CBO. **>B1**

ENTERTAINMENT

Famous South Asian singer Rahat Fateh Ali Khan show in Oman next month

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Fans of both Bollywood and traditional Hindi and Urdu classical music are in for some memorable moments with Rahat Fateh Ali Khan when he performs in Muscat in June.

The Pakistani playboy singer will be coming to Oman to perform at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre on 3 June, and tickets for the one-night only event are available on www.muscat.platinumlist.net.

Times of Oman and TFM are media partners for the event.

Rahat and his family – which includes his late uncle and legendary singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan – are well known singers of the Qawwali genre that is notably popular in Pakistan and northern India.

He made his Bollywood singing

debut in the movie Paap, which premiered in 2003, when he sang the song 'Mann ki Lagan'.

He has since lent his voice to several blockbuster Bollywood films, including *Kalyug*, *Om Kara*, *Om Shanti Om*, *Jhoom Barabar Jhoom*, *Namaste London*, *Billu*, *Love Aaj Kal*, *London Dreams*, *Once Upon a Time in Mumbai*, *Dabangg*, *Bodyguard*, *Son of Sardaar*, *Phata Poster Nikla Hero*, *Bajrangi Bhaijaan*, *Tubelight*, *Batti Gul Meter Chalu* and *Simmba*, to name a few.

He has also sung songs for dozens of Pakistani films, and is regarded as immensely popular in his homeland.

Having displayed a keenness for singing as early as three years' old, Rahat was first trained by Nusrat in the art of singing when he was just seven. As he grew older and



developed a tremendous talent for singing, he too began to accompany his family when they went to perform overseas.

In April 2012, while touring the UK, he performed at the Wembley Arena and Manches-

ter Arena, playing to a combined audience of 20,000. His song 'Zaroori Tha' from the album Back 2 Love has reached a billion views on YouTube.

He has also collaborated with Western artists, playing a role in

connecting cultures and building bridges through music. He worked with Eddie Vedder of the American rock band Pearl Jam and has contributed to the soundtracks of many Hollywood films, including *Dead Man Walking* (1995), alongside James Horner in *The Four Feathers* (2002) and in Mel Gibson's *Apocalypto* (2006).

The first Pakistani to perform at a Nobel Prize Concert, he sang three memorable songs of his uncle Nusrat at the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony. He also performed at the United Nations General Assembly in March 2016.

In the same year, he was honoured with a lifetime achievement award by the faculty of music at Oxford University, and a music room at the institution was named after him. Three years later, in

2019, he was conferred an honorary doctorate by Oxford.

The show is being brought to Oman by PME Entertainment, a company operating out of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Other artists they represent include Sonu Nigam, Arijit Singh, Shreya Goshal, Mika Singh, Atif Aslam and Salim-Sulaiman.

Rahat Fateh Ali Khan's show on Friday, 3 June begins at 6:30pm, with ticket prices starting at OMR10 for the silver section. Gold tickets are priced at OMR20, Diamond at OMR30 and Platinum tickets cost OMR50. Tickets for the Royal section cost OMR75 and a place in the Royal Plus section that is closest to the entertainment is OMR100 per ticket.

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EXPEDITION

Omani mountaineer scales Mount Everest and Lhotse

KATHMANDU: The Omani adventurer Sulaiman Hamoud Al Na'abi has managed to climb the summits of Mount Everest, which extends to 8,849 metres above sea level, and 'Lhotse', the 4th highest mountain top in the world, which extends to 8,516 metres above sea level in one single adventure.

Al Na'abi said that the adventure began on 4 May 2022 and he reached the summit of Mount Everest on 12 May, followed by the summit of 'Lhotse' mountain on 13 May.

He added that this adventure is part of the "Explorer's Grand Slam" programme that takes its participants on a journey to climb the top of the seven highest summits and to reach the North and South Poles.

Climbers of Mount Everest, Al Na'abi said, face several health challenges, particularly an altitude-related sickness that can cause a headache and a shortness of breath.

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CLIMBER: The Omani adventurer Sulaiman Hamoud Al Na'abi has managed to climb the Mount Everest.

WASTE DISPOSAL

A1 'Challenges during holiday'

"We made plans for the expected amount of waste to be produced last Eid, based on consumption levels," Al Siyabi continued.

"Therefore, we intensified the operations of emptying dustbins before Eid, and transported them to engineering landfills so as to avoid accumulation of waste during this period," he added.

Al Siyabi admitted that the company does face great challenges during the holiday period: Large quantities of waste are generated at the time, sometimes more than double the quantity produced on other days. Furthermore, the quality of waste also varies: The carcasses of slaughtered animals are often found in waste bins and their presence could lead to other problems, if not disposed of quickly and safely.

"Many people also indiscriminately throw their wastes in open areas, and next to public roads," he added. "The number of working hours for transfer stations and garbage dumps were increased so as to support waste gathering operations across all regions of the country.

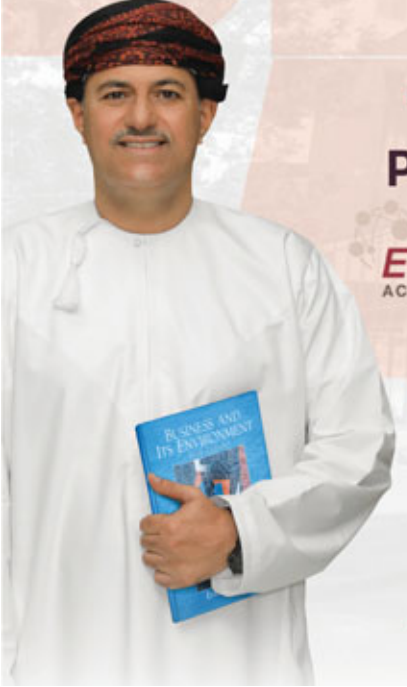
"Landfills belonging to be'ah across various governorates in Oman received garbage during this period," said Al Siyabi.



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One of Muscat’s most iconic parks to
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MUSCAT: People visiting Riyam Park will soon be able to enjoy safe mountain treks on new hiking paths.

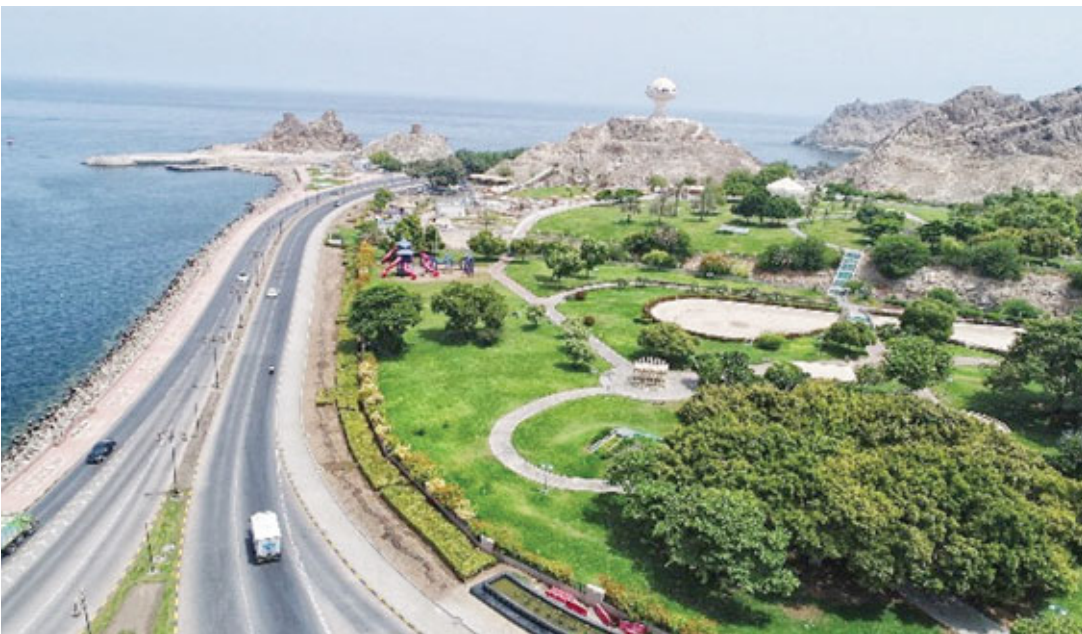
The new measures are part of steps being taken to revitalise one of Muscat’s oldest and iconic public parks, and also include a site for shops to set up their stalls.

The changes coming to Riyam Park are part of larger developments taking place throughout Muscat Governorate, which recently announced the Golden Jubilee Walk Project, a modern walkway with elements designed to coexist in harmony with its natural surroundings.

Built to improve the residential, mixed use and commercial neighbourhoods surrounding it, the first phase of the walk spans 84.4km and will link Al Mawaleh, Al Hail and Al Khoudh, all of which are primarily residential areas.

Maison Street forms the north boundary of the Jubilee Walk, while neighbourhoods in Al Mawaleh South are situated on its left and right. Its southern boundary is the Central Market for Fruits and Vegetables and outlying commercial areas.

The project also features a nearly 2,000 metre pedestrian



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walkway, and another one of a similar length for bicycles. A plaza that will act as a rest stop for people will also be opened up to local companies who wish to set up facilities for people to use.

The walk will also feature green spaces spanning 38.25 metres, along with two separate zones for sports, and two more children’s play areas. There will also be 75 canopies for people to shelter from the sun, as well as 140 parking spots for vehicles. Toilet facilities will also be available, as will restaurants, cafes and shops.

The implementation of the project will begin in the middle of 2022 and end by April 2023.

Alongside efforts to revitalise Muscat and improve connectivity are the construction of new feeder roads in Al Misfah Industrial Area in Wilayat Bousher.

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Sayyid Asa’ad offers condolences on passing away of Sheikh Khalifa



ABU DHABI: 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 paid a visit yesterday to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to offer condolences to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, sheiks, Al Nahyan Family and the Emirati people on demise of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

His Highness Sayyid Asa’ad was accompanied during the visit by Sultan bin Salim Al Habasi, Minister of Finance, Sheikh



Salim bin Mustahail Al Mashani, Adviser at the Diwan of Royal Court, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA), Dr. Khalfan bin Said

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Khalifa bin Hamad Al Badi and Saif bin Ahmed Al Sawafi, Advisers at the office of His Highness Sayyid Asa’ad.

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ROYAL CAVALRY TAKES PART IN WINDSOR HORSE SHOW

LONDON: Based the Royal Orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, the Sultanate, represented by the Royal Cavalry at the Diwan of Royal Court, participated in the Royal Windsor Horse Show in the United Kingdom.

The event was organised on the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth.

On a Royal invitation, over 500 horses and 1,000 horse riders, musicians, artists and representatives from various countries have participated in the event.

The Royal Cavalry showcased its traditional horse arts common in the Sultanate of Oman. The Royal Cavalry also played pieces of Omani and international music on the first day of the event.

Dr. Sarhan Salim Al Zaidi, Director General of the Royal Cavalry, said that the Sultanate’s participation in the Royal Windsor Horse Show came on an official invitation for participating in the show followed by communication

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTH IRELAND AND HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH

with the organising committee of the show.

“We were keen to showcase the cultural heritage of the Sultanate in this international event,” he said, adding that such shows contribute to exchange of expertise among the participants. -ONA



IN AL RUMAIS

<FROM A1 New project features recreational and entertainment zones

Al Nakheel ITC project, which spans a total area of 500,000 square metres of usufruct land, is located in Al Rumais which links Muscat Governorate with the Wilayat of Barka. The project features development of 830-metre waterfront overlooking the Sea of Oman. But at the core of the project is the Crystal Lagoon covering an area of 51,000 square metres and the promenade which will become a recreational and entertainment zone of the new urban area.

The event was attended by senior officials from the Ministry as well as representatives of the investors.

Murtadha Ahmed Sultan, Member of the Board of Directors of Towell Group, partner in ALARGAN Towell Investment Company and primary investor in the project; Eng. Khaled Al-Mashaan, CEO and Vice Chairman of the

Board of Directors of ALARGAN International Real Estate Company based in Kuwait; and Mohammed Moosa Al Abri, CEO of Al Nakheel project were also present on the occasion.

Diversified tourism sector Al Mahrouqi stressed the importance of this project, which aligns with the Ministry’s plan to build a diversified tourism sector that meets the needs and requirements of the domestic and regional tourism industry.

He noted that this project enhances the competitive capabilities of the Sultanate of Oman, combining natural, historical, cultural, historical and social elements that are unique to the Gulf region. He also lauded those at the helm of this project and praised the investment model that brings together partners from inside and

outside the Sultanate.

He added that the ministry is working at various levels to accomplish similar projects in a number of governorates, thanks to the approved directives and policies to build an economy based on diversified revenue streams that enhance the labour market and local content.

Murtadha Ahmed Sultan noted, “The project aims to strengthen the infrastructure of the tourism sector, increase the number of hotel rooms, create rewarding employment opportunities for Omanis and achieve other goals that are related to the development of the tourism sector in the Sultanate of Oman in line with Oman Tourism Strategy 2040. We are confident that the project will be a valuable addition to the Wilayat of Barka as well as the surrounding areas, including the nearby capital city of

Muscat.”

Meanwhile, Eng. Khaled Al-Mashaan noted, “The attractiveness of the Sultanate of Oman as a leading tourist destination in the region and the government’s plans to develop the tourism sector, have encouraged investors to enter this promising sector, which we expect to become one of the most prominent economic sectors in the country in the next few years.

“We, at ALARGAN International, are among the first investors in the real estate sector in Oman. Our decision at ALARGAN Towell to invest in the field of integrated tourism complexes providing a market leading design that will harness the natural beauty of the area to develop outstanding tourist attractions in the Wilayat of Barka, is a continuation of the success stories achieved by the company across the Sultanate, which

are represented by distinctive projects that add value to the communities around them.”

The development includes three hotels and hotel apartments with a total capacity of 670 keys, 1,436 residential apartments, villas and town houses that will be available for ownership by Oman citizens and people of other nationalities. It will also include a shopping mall, a traditional souk, an international school, various restaurants, an aqua park and other entertainment and service facilities. The project will be developed in three phases over the course of 10 to 15 years.

During this year, construction works will start in Phase 1 (A) of the project, which includes internal roads and infrastructure, the Crystal Lagoon with its recreational facilities, a four-star hotel with 188 keys, a traditional souk,

apartments and residential villas.

Mohammed Moosa Al Abri said, “The project is characterised by a natural and calm location on the beach of Al-Rumais, which is close to the Governorate of Muscat, the City Center of Barka and other urban centres. The project aims to create a tourist destination in the Wilayat of Barka that is attractive to citizens, residents and tourists coming to Oman.”

“In addition to the Crystal Lagoon and other design characteristics, Al Nakheel ITC project will be distinguished from other ITC projects by the reasonable prices of residential units which will be within the reach of citizens and residents alike. We expect the project to attract local and foreign investments across various components of the project, create added value and contribute to the GDP of the Sultanate,” he added. -ONA



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Article (6) cancels Royal Decree No. (2/2013), as well as all that contradicts this decree and the system attached or contravenes their provisions.

Article (7) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its

date of issue.

Royal Decree No. 28/2022 conducts military promotions and placements at the Ministry of Defence.

Article (1) appoints Air Vice Marshal (Eng.) Saleh Yahya Mas'oud Al Maskari as Head of the Academy for Strategic and Defence Studies.

Article (2) promotes Brig. Hamid Ahmed Said Sakroon to the rank of Major General and appoints him as Commandant of the National Defence College.

Article (3) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced from its date of issue. -ONA

TRAINING DRILL

Oman, US start joint air exercise

MUSCAT: A joint air exercise by the Royal Air Force of Oman with elements of the US Air Force, commenced on Sunday and will continue till May 19, 2022.

The exercise includes multiple training areas that simulate virtual environments that fit the roles of the participating air units and the tasks they carry out in accordance with the general plan of the exercise and the national goals pursued by it. -ONA



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Al Kamil Power Company SAOG (under liquidation) is offering for sale of approximately 9,800,000 litres of diesel fuel at two of its storage tanks located at its Plant Site, as part of winding down its business operations in the Sultanate of Oman. The entire diesel fuel oil supply will be sold on an "as is where is" basis to the highest bidder and the Company invites local companies in the Sultanate of Oman to purchase the entire supply.

The diesel fuel oil has been recently tested and these test results will be made available to potential bidders. Test results indicate that the diesel fuel oil being stored is acceptable for use. Bidders may wish to either rely on these results in determining the price they are willing to pay or undertake their own tests, at their cost. Interested bidders are encouraged to arrange a Plant Site visit to familiarize themselves with the diesel fuel oil system, diesel fuel oil removal and transporting logistics. Details regarding arrangements for a site visit are described in the tender document.

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T/2444908/2022	Supply of Butterfly valves PN25	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned	RO 50/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	26/5/2022	13/6/2022
T/2448952/2022	Consultancy Services for Sludge Management Strategy Plan	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and International Companies specialized in the works mentioned	RO 50/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	26/5/2022	20/6/2022
T/2448938/2022	Providing IT Service Desk Support	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned	RO 50/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	26/5/2022	13/6/2022
T/2448939/2022	Provision maintenance for Konica Minolta Printers, Consumable Spare parts, Toners and AMC contract	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned	RO 50/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	26/5/2022	13/6/2022
T/2448959/2022	Construction of Water Distribution Network and House Connection in Al Aigah3 in Sur Wilayat in South Ash Sharqiyah Governorate	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and specialized in the works mentioned	RO 50/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	26/5/2022	20/6/2022

The tender documents can be purchased from Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company (OWWSC) e-tendering page (Supplier Login) from the date of publication of this announcement until 26/5/2022. The applicants shall pay the tender fee through electronic payment gateway through Supplier Login.

Applicants who are not registered with OWWSC shall register from <https://owwsc.nama.om/Business-with-Us/Vendor-Registration> to have the login credentials of Supplier portal.

All applicants who have paid the tender fee shall have access to the Tender Documents through OWWSC e-tendering page (Supplier Login).

All participating Companies shall submit a Bid Bond of 1% of the bid value 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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TWITTER TAKEOVER

Elon Musk says Twitter legal team told him he violated NDA

WASHINGTON: Tesla CEO Elon Musk has said that Twitter's legal team accused him of violating a nondisclosure agreement by revealing that the sample size for the social media platform's checks on automated users was 100.

Taking to a social media platform on Saturday (local time), Musk said: "Twitter legal just called to complain that I violated their NDA by revealing the bot



check sample size is 100!"

Twitter recently agreed to an acquisition by Tesla CEO Elon Musk in a deal worth USD 44 billion, although it is still subject to shareholder approval. However, Elon Musk declared that the USD 44 billion takeover bid of the micro-blogging site is on hold. Musk said earlier this week that Twitter's decision to ban former US President Donald Trump was a mistake. **ANI**



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MASS SHOOTING

Ten killed in mass shooting in US

WASHINGTON: Ten people were killed in a "mass shooting" at a supermarket in Buffalo, the second-largest city in the state of New York, police said on Saturday.

Another three were injured in the attack at the Tops Friendly Market, Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia said.

The FBI said they were investigating a "hate crime" and "racially motivated extremism."



was wearing military-style clothing and body armour and carrying a rifle. The supermarket is in a predominately Black neighborhood, and the surrounding area is primarily residential. The suspect is in police custody and being questioned by the FBI.

Biden decries 'act of domestic terrorism'
White House Press Secretary Ka-

rine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden had been briefed on the "horrific shooting" and its aftermath.

In a statement, Biden said investigators were still looking into the motivation for the shooting, but "we don't need anything else to state a clear moral truth: A racially motivated hate crime is abhorrent to the very fabric of this nation."

"Any act of domestic terrorism, including an act perpetrated in the name of a repugnant white nationalist ideology, is antithetical to everything we stand for in America," he said.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul said on Twitter that she will "ensure law enforcement has what they need to prosecute the shooter to the fullest extent." **DW**

NATO MEMBERSHIP

Finland officially announces to apply for NATO membership

HELSINKI: The Finnish government on Sunday formally announced that it will apply for NATO membership after the move received the backing of the country's ruling political party.

The Finnish parliament is expected to greenlight the decision in the coming days.

The decision, coming in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, signals a stark U-turn for the country's long held neutral stance. President Sauli Niinisto said he agreed with the government and consulted with the parliament before announcing the decision.

"This is a historic day. A new era is opening," Niinisto told a joint news conference with and Prime Minister Sanna Marin.

"We have had wars with Russia, and we don't want that kind of future for ourselves, for our children, and this is why we're making these decisions today and in the upcoming weeks, so



there will never again be a war," the Finnish premier said.

the defense alliance.

Finnish Prime Minister Marin said joining NATO with Sweden was crucial. "It's important that we're moving in the same direction. It's important that we're moving at the same pace," she said.

NATO Deputy Secretary-General Mircea Geoana said on Sunday, "Finland and Sweden are already the closest partners of NATO." **DW**

Is Sweden next?
Sweden's governing Social Democrats on Sunday were also expected to announce their support to join NATO.

The Swedish Social Democrats have long been against NATO membership, but Russia's invasion triggered a debate in Swedish society about joining



Ministry of Social Development

Tender Announcement

The Internal Tender committee of Ministry of Social Development hereby announces the following tender :-

Tender No.	Tender Subject	Grade	Last date for obtainment of tender document	Last date for tender submission	Tender Document Price (non-retundable)
54/2022	Rehabilitation e-service portal	Companies specialized in the field of designing, installing and maintaining programs and equipping informational data centers that are registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board with excellent or first degree	Thursday 2-6-2022 02:00 PM	Wednesday 22-6-2022 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=

- ❖ Specialized Companies, registered with the Tender Board may obtain the Tender documents at theTender Board e-tendering digital portal link (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>) , On Monday 16/5/2022
- ❖ Tender shall be submitted in compliance with the technical specifications and terms along with a local bank warranty at (1%) of the tender value, valid ninety (90) days from the date of e-submission.
- ❖ For Inquiry , please contact though the e-tendering website (reg@tenderboard.gov.om) tel. (24402200)

" The lowest or any other tender shall not be binding to the Ministry"

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Al Asalah Hotels Resort Management SAOC- W Muscat (Hotel)
invites sealed bids for the below.

Services Description	Last Date of Tender submission	Tender Fee
1- Ba Ban terrace enclosure (Architectural Job-only qualified contractors with previous experience in building façade is considered) 2- High Level Window & Glass cleaning site visit, please contact Mr. Kanishka Director of Style @ +968 22120000 3- Beef & Lamb Cuts 4- Pool Changing Room Re-modification.(Civil Works)	Ba- Ban Terrace & Pool Changing Rooms Modification 26 June 2022 High level window, glass cleaning 31 May 2022 Beef & Lamb Cuts 31 May 2022	20/-

Companies of Excellent & international grades, having proven record of accomplishment in this area may obtain detailed Scope of Work from Finance Department from 17 May 2022 onwards between 09:00 – 14:00 hours.

- 1- **Ba Ban terrace enclosure (Civil Works)** Pool Changing Room Re-modification. Site visit, you contact our Director of Engineering Mr. Rayan @ +968 22120000 & Mr. Anvar, Engineering Supervisor @ +968 22120000.
- 2- **High Level Window & Glass cleaning site visit**, please contact Mr. Kanishka Director of Style @ +968 22120000 & Mr. Jean Assistant Manager Housekeeping @ +968 22120020
- 3- **Beef & Lamb Cuts**. Mr. Alain .Executive Chef W Muscat @ +968 22120000

Contact either of them for site visit scheduling between **17 to 19 May 2022 at 10:45am**.

The Tender must be submitted in a sealed Envelope along with company's Trade License, References from previous projects. Insurance Certificates & ISO or its equivalent addressed to:

HR Coordinator (Human Resources) W Muscat (Hotel).
High-level window glass cleaning Beef & Lamb Cuts, on or before **31 May 2022 from 9:00am to 16:30pm from Sunday to Thursday**.

Ba Ban Terrace Closure & Pool Changing Room modification, on or before **26 June 2022 from 9:00am to 16:30pm from Sunday to Thursday**.
No envelope will be accepted on Friday and Saturday.

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MOHAMED BIN ZAYED: A LEADER-BORN PRESIDENT

President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has achieved remarkable progress in promoting peace and security regionally and globally

ABU DHABI: The UAE, on May 14, 2022, pledged allegiance to the UAE new president, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as the leader of the nation's march, amidst a deep belief in his ability to continue to forge ahead with the nation's illustrious drive of glory, development and construction.

President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan is a leader of high calibre, who made a difference at the local level, and achieved remarkable milestones in terms of promoting peace and security regionally and globally, while spreading tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions and societies, and setting an example to be emulated for humanitarian work.

Born on March 11th, 1961, Sheikh Mohamed is the third son of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, from whom he learned the arts of governance and leadership.

He was educated at schools in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi until the age of 18. In 1979, he joined the prestigious Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, where he trained in armour, helicopter flying, tactical flying and paratroops. After graduating in April 1979, he returned home to the UAE to join the Officers' Training Course in Sharjah, another Emirate of the UAE. He has held a number of roles in the UAE military, from that of Officer



in the Amiri Guard (the UAE's elite security force) and Pilot in the UAE Air Force.

Guided by the directives of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed helped develop the UAE Armed Forces in terms of strategic planning, training, organisational structure and promoting defense capabilities. Sheikh Mohamed's direct guidance and leadership led the UAE Armed Forces to become a leading institution that is widely admired by many international military organisations.

Among his many interests, His Highness is known for his unwavering commitment to enhance educational standards in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and raise them to be on par with the best international standards. Since Sheikh Mohamed took on the Chairmanship of the Abu Dhabi Education Council, he has worked tirelessly to forge partnerships with prestigious world-class educational institutions and think-tanks, a number of which have subsequently announced plans to either establish a base in or join strategic joint ventures with existing academic establishments.

His Highness is known, and

The great role played by Sheikh Mohamed in strengthening the UAE and the world's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is undeniable and acclaimed worldwide.

for a long time, to be the directing force behind many initiatives that contributed into supporting and motivating the economic growth and diversity of the emirate of Abu Dhabi, in addition to the construction boom achieved by the emirate at the level of housing for citizens and health and recreational facilities and other fields.

At the federal level, the insightful vision of His Highness and his wise leadership contributed to the renaissance of the modern UAE and the consolidation of its position as an ideal global destination at various levels. The umbrella of security, stability, prosperity, sustainable development and social welfare, established by His High-

ness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, is one of the most prominent achievements that reflect his quest to ensure social welfare and economic wellbeing for the UAE citizens. Sheikh Mohamed believes that investing in education is the most valuable investment for delivering the future of a nation. Therefore, he has always been determined to provide national educational institutions with the latest state-of-the-art technology and know-how to keep pace with the rapid and multi-faceted changes taking place globally across all fronts.

His Highness' keynote speech during the World Government Summit in 2015 still resonates, constituting a historic milestone in the UAE, wherein he provided an insightful view of building an economy driven by knowledge and innovation. His words opened the doors of trust about the future of the country, and turned the fear of running out of oil and gas after 50 years into a broader optimism about the future.

Despite his heavy political, legislative and economic responsibilities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the UAE in general, environmental protection has received great care and attention from His Highness Sheikh Mohamed. He was instrumental in establishing the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, and has led significant conservation efforts to protect falcons and houbara bustards in the UAE and internationally.

The late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan issued his directives to establish programmes to breed the Arabian Oryx, such as breeding and protecting the wild animals from extinction, whilst reintroducing them back into their natural habitat. Following this, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, launched a similar programme in 2007, which is part of the Abu Dhabi government's vision to create a regional herd that reflects all programmes for the resettlement of Arabian oryxes in their range countries.

In January 2008, His Highness

announced that the Abu Dhabi Government would contribute US\$15 billion to Masdar, the global standard-setting alternative and renewable energy initiative based in Abu Dhabi and developer of the world's first carbon-neutral, zero-waste city.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed always seeks to revive the noble human values of religion, and strengthen the spirit of fraternity among human beings, and with an insightful vision, and determination, he succeeded in extending bridges of communication and peace with all leaders and peoples the world, promoting a culture of tolerance to put an end to many of global crises, while shielding the nation and the region against the menacing threats posed by those falsely donning the cloak of Islam while instigating extremism and terrorism around the world.

After the UAE named 2019 as the "Year of Tolerance", His Highness Sheikh Mohamed received His Holiness Pope Francis, Head of the Catholic Church, and His Eminence the Grand Imam Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, and the global meeting in the capital Abu Dhabi resulted in the signing of the Human Fraternity Document to be a guide to promoting a culture of mutual respect and dialogue for peaceful coexistence and fraternity among human beings.

Just as Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan spared no effort to spread the values of tolerance, he has been dedicated to serving humanity at large, providing assistance to brotherly and friendly countries, by concluding agreements that carry the meanings of peace, coexistence and cooperation. He also directed the nation's humanitarian arm, Emirates Red Crescent, along with other charitable societies, to provide a helping hand to peoples afflicted by wars or the effects of disasters and crises.

The great role played by Sheikh Mohamed in strengthening the UAE and the world's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is undeniable and acclaimed worldwide. His efforts contributed to making

the UAE one of the first countries to succeed in overcoming the pandemic and ensure the transition to recovery and normalcy. At the same time, His Highness sent various types of material and in-kind assistance to brotherly and fraternal nations during the pandemic.

In the same context, the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to eradicate polio in several countries highlights the UAE's campaign to combat the disease. Since 2011, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has donated US\$247.8 million (AED911.4 million) to humanitarian and charity efforts aimed at providing vaccines and financing polio eradication campaigns most notably in countries targeted by his initiative. He launched the Reaching the Last Mile Fund to raise US\$100 million with the aim of eradicating, eliminating, and controlling preventable diseases that hinder the health and economic prospects of the world's poorest people. He committed US\$20 million to the Fund, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged to contribute up to US\$20 million.

The aim of this 10-year Fund is to support the elimination of two debilitating and preventable neglected diseases: river blindness, and lymphatic filariasis.

The march of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been marked by historic positions that were taken for the sake of strengthening cooperation and solidarity with brotherly Arab nations and standing by them. His Highness has never hesitated to support regional stability and address all challenges and threats that affect the security of the region, foremost of which is terrorism and extremism.

Internationally, His Highness always took the initiative of trying to stop global conflicts, quell struggles and defuse disputes, and achieving reconciliation, in quest for world peace and in pursuit of ending bloodsheds, in order to protect human beings and preserve their dignity. -WAM

KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY

Mohamed bin Zayed: Ambitious economic vision for the UAE Centennial 2071

ABU DHABI: Under the leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE will unswervingly continue to implement its comprehensive strategy and vision to build a sustainable knowledge-based economy that ensures a prosperous future for generations to come.

In this report, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) sheds lights on the economic vision of President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan that is based on accelerating the implementation and development of an ambitious economic vision for the next 50 years and the Centennial 2071, which keeps pace with the fast-paced and multifaceted changes of the global economy.

His Highness' vision is focused on relying on knowledge, innovation and investment in people, enhancing the role of the private sector as an active partner in the economic landscape, promoting investment incentives, and ensuring more economic diversification, while continuing to maximise utilisation of oil and gas resources and enhancing the nation's ability to produce more renewable and clean energy in the coming decades.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed's vision stems from the efforts and determination of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan, and the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to tap into new resources and utilising potential. Within this context, His Highness said during the opening of the 2015 World Governments Summit, "We think and plan for the next fifty years, and for the benefit of next generations, by building a diversified, solid and sustainable



economy that does not depend only on traditional resources and opens promising prospects that contribute to strengthening the foundations and capabilities of the nation."

His Highness' vision and directives were the main driver behind advancing ADNOC's global position, developing the energy sector and keeping pace with global shifts by focusing on flexibility, elasticity and evolution.

The UAE Retreat on Post-Oil Phase in 2016, in which His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, took part, was a key pillar in the UAE's plans for the next decades.

The retreat tackled the then-current state of the UAE economy, and opportunities to develop the vital non-oil sectors in the country and enhance their efficiency to help advance the UAE's global position, as well as explored future forecasts of the UAE economy,

through which best government strategies were adopted to transform and create positive change across vital sectors.

In September 2021, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed said in a tweet, "The UAE has succeeded in establishing its status as an economic capital in the region and an ideal business landscape with world-class digital infrastructure, services, security and competitive investment benefits.

"The launch of our new economic campaign aims to secure the UAE's position as one of the strongest global economies over the next 50 years."

His Highness' vision bolsters continuity in growth to ensure a safe and stable future for the UAE's next generations by enabling them to keep pace with technological advancements and to utilise their capabilities and creativity in the new branches of industry, advanced manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence, space, energy, pharmaceuticals, food industries, and other vital sectors. -WAM

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First European Le Mans pole for Ahmad Al Harthy

Al Harthy entered his name into the motorsport record books in the European Le Mans Series

Times News Service



IMOLA: History-making racing driver Ahmad Al Harthy entered his name into the motorsport record books once again on Saturday, 14th May, after sensationally becoming the first Omani to qualify on pole position in the prestigious European Le Mans Series.

Delivering a faultless, sensational performance during the GTE qualifying session for round two of the season at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Italy, the Oman Racing

driver secured the GTE pole for today's four-hour race by just under 0.4 seconds.

Having been quick throughout practice, Al Harthy and teammates Sam De Haan and Marco Sorensen made good progress with the set-up of the No.69 Aston Martin Vantage GTE and in the standalone run for bronze graded drivers Al Harthy topped the times – a lap of 1m42.712 seconds.

Carrying the hopes of the Oman

Racing trio into qualifying, Al Harthy went on to produce another exemplary showing and the Oman Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, OQ, Omantel and MHD-IT-ICS backed sportsman dominated the session.

Posting a time of 1m42.299 seconds on his first flying lap, almost half a second clear of his nearest rival, Al Harthy sliced more than three tenths of a second off his benchmark with his second lap, a

superb time of 1m41.974 seconds – placing him an incredible 0.8 seconds ahead.

Ultimately ending the session 0.383 seconds clear, with that second lap, the Omani was elated to achieve his first European Le Mans Series pole position and particularly on his first ever visit to world-famous Imola.

The tremendous showing follows on from a top two qualifying performance during the ELMS championship curtain-raiser at Circuit Paul Ricard in France last month, underlining Al Harthy's renowned competitiveness and consistency.

ELMS pole

"I'm really happy with our performance, it's great to have my first ELMS pole and it's obviously a very proud moment for me to fly the flag for Oman in this way", said an elated Al Harthy, "It's great to be here at Imola, my first time as well, and the team did a great job in getting the car where we wanted it – honestly, perfect, perfect teamwork."

OMAN WIN ASIAN QUALIFIERS

Oman's national hockey team on Sunday beat Bangladesh 6-2 to win the final of the Asian Qualifiers, being held in Thailand. Earlier, the team had grabbed a spot in the final against Bangladesh by defeating Indonesia 2-0. — Times News Service



FA CUP

Liverpool beat Chelsea to capture FA Cup glory

LONDON: Kostas Tsimikas scored the winning penalty as Liverpool completed a domestic cup double with a 6-5 shootout victory against Chelsea in the FA Cup Final on Saturday.

In a result that matches their EFL Cup Final victory over the same opponents three months ago, Liverpool held their nerve to beat the Blues in a shootout after a goalless match to keep their quadruple hopes alive. Sadio Mane had a chance to win it for Liverpool with their fifth penalty but his effort was saved by Edouard Mendy, sending the shootout to sudden death.

Cesar Azpilicueta had earlier missed with the Blues' second spot-kick and Liverpool's Alisson then made the decisive save from Mason Mount from Chelsea's seventh, allowing Tsimikas



to clinch it.

It was the first penalty shootout in an FA Cup Final for 16 years – when Liverpool beat West Ham in Cardiff – and, though this game finished goalless, it was packed with chances.

Andy Robertson was guilty of missing the best of them and it seemed easier to score than

miss for the Liverpool full-back when he was unmarked three yards out. Instead, he cannoned the post.

Man of the match Luis Diaz was the driving force behind Liverpool and he also hit the frame of the goal, while Marcos Alonso went closest for Chelsea with a free-kick that hit the bar. **ANI**

CHAMPIONS

Indian badminton team claims maiden Thomas Cup trophy

BANGKOK: Indian badminton team created history on Sunday as they lifted the Thomas Cup trophy for the very first time.

In what was India's first-ever appearance in the tournament finale, they defeated the record 14-time champions Indonesia in the Thomas Cup 2022 final at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand by 3-0 to lift the coveted trophy.

No Indian team has previously reached the final of the Thomas and Uber Cup in its 70-plus year history. Indian men reached the Thomas Cup semi-finals in 1952, 1955 and 1979 while the women's team made it to the Uber Cup top-four in 2014 and 2016.

India finished second in Group C behind Chinese Taipei to qualify for the knockout stage, where they came up on top against strong Malaysian and Danish teams in the quarter-finals and semifinals,



respectively. Starting the tie, Lakshya Sen clinched the first point for India after defeating Anthony Ginting 8-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Ginting looked fast, accurate and extremely dangerous in the opening stage, enjoying a twelve-point run, to claim the opening game 21-8 in just 17 minutes. But Lakshya Sen responded brilliantly in the second game to take the

match to the decider, by winning it 21-17.

Sen completed the comeback by winning the match 8-21, 21-17, 21-16. In the second match of the tie, the Indonesian scratch pairing of Mohammad Ahsan and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo got off to the right start after winning their opening match 21-18.

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Campaign Period: 20.03.2022 – 19.05.2022. Benefits applicable for all purchases except Government Organizations & Ministries. *Cash gift in lieu of insurance** Cash Gift is given in lieu of insurance only as applicable for respective models. In case customer chooses insurance (as applicable), he/she will not be eligible for "Cash gift in lieu of insurance" offer. Cash Gift in lieu of insurance can also be used as part of down payment. **Comprehensive 1 Year Insurance (Oman only, excluding diesel grades) on 20YM / 19P.T. Yaris HB, Corolla 2.0, Corolla HEV, Camry 2.5, Supra, 20YM / 20 P.T. Yaris HB, Yaris SD, Corolla 1.8, Corolla 2.0, Corolla HEV, Camry 2.5, Camry 3.5, Camry HEV, C-HR, RAV4, RAV4 HEV, Fortuner, Hilux 4x2 & Hilux 4x4, 22YM / 21 P.T. Yaris SD, RAZZE, Corolla 1.8, Corolla 2.0, Corolla Cross, Camry 2.5, Camry 3.5, Camry HEV, CHR, RAV4, RAV4 HEV, Fortuner, Hilux 4x2 & Hilux 4x4, 22YM / 21 P.T. Yaris SD, RAZZE, Corolla 1.8, Corolla 2.0, Corolla Cross, Camry 2.5, Camry 3.5, Camry HEV, C-HR, RAV4, RAV4 HEV, Fortuner, Hilux 4x2 & Hilux 4x4, Insurance benefit under the campaign would be given upto the extent applicable for Private vehicles only. Additional premium as per Insurance norms will have to be paid by the RAC, Taxi & Driving School Company. **2 Years / 20,000 Kms Service (whichever is earlier) covering 2 services at 10,000 Kms service interval based on normal operating conditions (Excluding DGL grades) on all Toyota models excluding Corolla 1.8, Corolla 2.0, Corolla 1.8 HEV, Camry 2.5, Avalon (including 21YM), Ravi, Ravi, FJ Cruiser, LC WGN (including 22YM), Supra, Fortuner, Highlander HEV, Hilux, Granvia and Coaster. **3 Years / 30,000 Kms Service (whichever is earlier) covering 3 services at 10,000 Kms service interval based on normal operating conditions on models Corolla 1.8, Corolla 2.0, Camry 2.5, Camry 3.5, Ravi. **4 Years / 40,000 Kms Service (whichever is earlier) covering 4 services at 10,000 Kms service interval based on normal operating conditions on models RAV4, FJ Cruiser. **5 Years / 50,000 Kms Service (whichever is earlier) covering 5 services at 10,000 Kms service interval based on normal operating conditions on 21YM LC WGN (LC200) 5.7L. **8 Years / 80,000 Kms Service (whichever is earlier) covering 8 services at 10,000 Kms service interval based on normal operating conditions on all models of 20 YMC Corolla 1.8 HEV models. * Grand Raffle: 1 unit of 20YM / 19 P.T. SUPRA as Grand raffle. The raffle will be applicable for all Toyota customers who purchase cars during the campaign period. Raffle date 25.05.22. * Walk-in & Win Raffle: Raffle of five units of Apple AirPod 2 and two units of Apple Watch Series 5, for all individual customers who walk-in for enquiry of Toyota vehicle. Raffle date 25.05.22. * Scratch and Win: Every customer who buys a vehicle will be eligible for one Scratch & Win card, gifts include Fuel cards, iPhone 13 128GB, Dell Laptop (3 Pentium, 4GB Ram, 500GB), Apple Watch Series 5. Vehicles may include dealer-installed items. For further details & to ascertain availability of stocks, please visit your nearest Toyota showroom. Pictures and colours shown above are for illustrative purposes only.

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT Q1 2022

OUR VALUES: SAFETY | SERVICE | INTEGRITY | EFFICIENCY | CARING



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I present the unaudited accounts for Renaissance Services SAOG, for the three-month period ended 31 March 2022.

We have made a positive start to 2022. Financial performance for Q1 is encouraging, and we have a resilient supply chain focused on mitigating global inflationary pressures while we continue to grow the business. We have also made good progress with strategy implementation towards what we term Renaissance 2.0.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE RS CONSOLIDATED

	RO Million		USD Million	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue	29.9	25.8	77.7	67.0
EBITDA	7.0	5.7	18.2	14.8
Operating profit	5.1	3.9	13.2	10.1
Net profit after tax	4.1	2.7	10.6	7.0
Net profit after non-controlling interest	3.5	2.1	9.1	5.5

CONTRACT SERVICES

Renaissance has an excellent track record for client and contract retention. Successful contract bidding, extensions and negotiations during 2021 have yielded good outcomes which are evident in Q1 2022 results. In 2022 we must do this all over again, with many of those extensions now subject to re-tender in a post-COVID market environment.

We sincerely appreciate the trust and confidence placed in us by our clients, manifest in our contract retention record and our Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 94 for 2021. Clients have understood and accepted the necessary recalibration of contract rates, proven by our consistent low bidder status in retained re-tenders and our record of high standards and customer experience.

Net Promoter Score (NPS) is an internationally recognised independent benchmark that measures customer experience and predicts business growth. NPS is a proven metric using customer feedback, measured on a scale of 1-10, where 'Detractors' (those rating the company between 0-6) are deducted from 'Promoters' (those rating the company at 9 or 10) to produce the net result.

So far this year, we have secured contract awards of RO 10.5M while another c. RO 90M is in the pipeline at various stages of negotiation with clients. We are, of course, unlikely to win or retain every opportunity for which we compete. But we are always a serious contender. The current sales pipeline can potentially increase the order backlog in our pure contract services business (excluding our Renaissance Villages) by 150%. Current backlog is RO 59.7M, which could increase to c. RO 149.7M, subject to our degree of success.

In any event, we are confident our services business, carried out by 100% operating subsidiary, Tawoos Industrial Services Co. SAOC, shall deliver continuing year-on-year performance improvement.

OCCUPANCY IN THE OIL & GAS SECTOR

Occupancy levels in the oil & gas fields are up at 90%, but still below pre-pandemic levels. Nevertheless, the outlook is positive as most producers and operators increase activity.

OCCUPANCY AT RENAISSANCE VILLAGE DUQM (RSVD)

Occupancy at RSVD stands at 65%. Whilst this delivers positive performance, we remain frustrated as contractors continue to house several thousands of workers in sub-standard accommodation below the approved minimum standards set by The Special Economic Zone at Duqm (SEZAD) and OQ8. The reality is RSVD could be at 100% occupancy today if all concerned would enforce the rules for which we were commissioned to build compliant facilities.

Not just at Duqm, but throughout our accommodation service offerings, Renaissance has developed a winning formula to deliver worker welfare at a sensible and affordable cost. This is the direction of travel globally as people recognise investing in UN-ILO accredited minimum humane standards of worker welfare, for all to live and work in dignity, is not cost punitive, but cost optimum. In the long run, humanity shall prevail on this issue aside of the national imperatives around reputation and international financing.

Meanwhile, we do have many outstanding clients who understand the paramount need of caring for their people. We are pleased to confirm we have agreed a long-term 5-year contract with Oman DryDock (ODC) to continue to accommodate their

workforce at RSVD. ODC has been a valued anchor tenant at RSVD since the facility opened in 2017. We currently care for > 3,000 ODC residents at RSVD and this number is expected to rise to > 4,500 as the dry dock at Duqm grows and prospers as a world class facility delivering the spirit of vision for SEZAD.



NATIONAL HOSPITALITY INSTITUTE SAOC (NHI)

NHI had a very difficult operating period during the pandemic with shareholder funds completely eroded over the last two years. As the predominant shareholder, Renaissance has decided to step in to acquire the shares from fellow shareholders for a nominal fee. We thank all shareholders for the journey we have shared together over the years. NHI remains the gold standard for hospitality training in Oman, thanks to the contribution of all involved. The Renaissance intervention serves to protect the rights and security of NHI employees, and the NHI brand. We seek to ensure NHI has a safe home to continue its important role in the Tourism and Hospitality sector - an industry conducive to meaningful job creation, in a sector where the Sultanate of Oman can be globally competitive.

RENAISSANCE 2.0

At Renaissance our purpose is to transform every life we touch. We do that in many ways: delivering value to shareholders; giving outstanding service to clients and customers; valuing employees and caring about the families that stand behind them; nurturing and appreciating our supply chain and service providers; making a difference to local communities; and transforming the living conditions, wellbeing, and dignity of the weakest cadre in our family of customers.



Renaissance 2.0 is the engine for how we deliver that purpose in the future: setting the template for the next generation of the company. The initiative includes improving bench-strength of our senior cadre of leaders for growth and succession. It includes broadening capabilities to turbo-charge strategy implementation, modernisation and exponential growth. It is driving a green, digital, innovative culture that has positive impact on our industry leadership, shareholder value and customer and colleague experiences.

The full definition of Renaissance 2.0 is in the Annual Report 2021, available on our website www.renaissanceservices.com

Key drivers include our agendas for a digital, innovative, and sustainable future, guided by our commitment to Diversity, Equality and Inclusivity (DEI) and Environment, Social Responsibility, Governance (ESG). In Q1 we have made substantial progress mapping the details of our strategy and action plans. We are completing the process of onboarding new leaders to join our existing team in the roles of Chief People Officer (CPO), Chief Corporate Affairs Officer (CCAO), Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) and Chief Facilities Management Officer (CFMO). We are now seeking a Chief Digital Officer (CDO) to complete the current team transformation.

We are developing criteria for investing in what we term 'EDGE' projects: innovative start-up opportunities, at home and abroad, that speak to our values and a modernising, digital, automated and green agenda. These may be pure shareholding investments, JV partnerships or stakeholdings obtained through merger or acquisition (M&A) initiatives.

OUTLOOK

The Oman economy is benefitting from the government's economic reforms and the current windfall of higher oil & gas prices. We are seeing growth opportunity at home in Oman, while pursuing selected opportunities in the region.

Over the past year, we have been able to regain contracts, through re-tender or re-negotiation, incorporating into the revised pricing, the significant increases in cost of doing business of recent years. However, 2022 is bringing its own new wave of inflationary pressure.

The ongoing global issues of the Russia-Ukraine war, COVID lockdowns in China, and increased oil prices have materially affected the global supply chain, fuel, freight, commodity prices and commodity availability. Our 2022 Q1 performance has been impacted by these new inflationary pressures. The potential impact for the full year of 2022 could be higher, as prices of key products, such as poultry, mutton, cooking oil, rice and flour are on the rise. However, we have formed a special task force to implement mitigating actions, without compromising standards and contract compliance. Renaissance has the scale and agility to pass through this period of turbulence.

Even during 2021, as we implemented reality readjustment into contract pricing, we respect the fact that many clients were hoping for a state of perpetual price freezes or continuous reductions. Nevertheless, our revised pricing remained highly competitive, achieving lowest technically competent bidder status in every contract regained.

Clients are right to be fearful of further increases in line with inflationary pressure beyond anyone's control. However, for many years we have offset cost rises through operational and supply chain optimisation. Now, Renaissance 2.0 is designed to deliver a culture of further continuous improvement for our customers, creating higher standards at lower costs - not just through our economies of scale, but through innovation and transformation of how we deliver 21st century services.

Similarly, we shall continue to promote the potential for cost savings and efficiencies of greater private sector outsourcing on a long-term Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) basis. This allows time and incentive for investment in technology, innovation and automation; and setting OKRs (Objectives and Key Result areas) that deliver increased In-Country Value (ICV), including more jobs for Omanis and opportunities for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs). We continue to assess Public Private Partnership (PPP) and privatisation opportunities, as they arise. Renaissance remains ready to invest in opportunities that afford us a long-term IFM services role both in Oman and the region as our ability to deliver quality at the right price gains recognition across borders.

TRIBUTE

We express our thanks and support for His Majesty Sultan Haitham. His Majesty's leadership in implementing necessary measures to drive economic and structural reform provides a platform for local and international investment in Oman's future, backed by the confidence and optimism of Vision 2040.



Samir J. Fancy
Chairman

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	Rial '000	Rial '000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	142,053	145,512
Intangible assets	1,945	1,963
Investments	5,320	4,552
	149,318	152,027
Current assets	78,048	71,657
Current liabilities	52,124	53,662
Non-current liabilities		
Term loans excluding current maturities	76,983	80,238
Non current payables and advance	10,448	10,490
	87,431	90,728
Net assets	87,811	79,294
Equity		
Share capital	23,641	23,641
Treasury shares	(6,853)	(6,853)
Share premium	26,936	26,936
Legal reserve	8,831	8,574
Subordinated loan reserve	1,500	2,250
Other reserves	537	331
Retained earnings	11,563	4,861
	66,155	59,740
Non controlling interest	21,656	19,554
Total equity	87,811	79,294

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	Rial '000	Rial '000
Revenue	29,899	25,765
Operating expenses	(24,763)	(21,909)
Profit from operations	5,136	3,856
Net finance costs	(1,209)	(1,123)
Profit before tax	3,927	2,733
Tax	172	(7)
Profit for the period	4,099	2,726
Net profit attributable to:-		
Shareholders of the Parent Company	3,468	2,125
Non-controlling interest	631	601
	4,099	2,726

Note:

- 1) The complete accounts will be sent by mail to shareholders within 7 days of receipt of request.
- 2) The complete set of financial results can be accessed at www.renaissanceservices.com



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MSX index ends lower

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6,584.14 points, down 0.19 per cent. Prices of Muscat Finance, Oman & Emirates Investment and Al Sharqia Investment were up by 1.37 per cent, 1.16 per cent and 1.11 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Anwar Investment and Ahli Bank were down by 2.41 per cent and 1.67 per cent respectively. Industrial Index closed at 6,098.7 points, up 0.32 per cent. Prices of A'Saffa Foods, Galfar Engineering, Raysut Cement and Jazeera Steel Products were up by 9.84 per cent, 2.75 per cent, 1.2 per cent and 0.54 per cent respectively. Prices of Gulf Mushroom Products and National Aluminium were down by 2.4 per cent and 1.14 per cent respectively. Services Index was up by 0.01 per cent before closing at 1,619.3 points. Prices of SMN Power Holding, Muscat Desalination and Oman Telecom were up by 2.27 per cent, 1.68 per cent and 0.47 per cent respectively. — **United Securities**

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,146.39	4,140.45	4,144.00	4,145.74	-1.75	-0.04
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,598.23	6,577.39	6,584.14	6,596.87	-12.73	-0.19
Industry Index	6,098.70	6,085.02	6,098.70	6,079.28	19.42	0.32
Services Index	1,619.89	1,618.38	1,619.30	1,619.08	0.23	0.01
MSX Shariah Index	470.90	469.48	470.73	470.90	-0.17	-0.04
MSX TR INDEX	5,223.13	5,215.65	5,220.12	5,222.32	-2.20	-0.04
FINANCIAL TR IDX	6,898.48	6,876.69	6,883.74	6,897.05	-13.31	-0.19
SERVICES TR IDX	1,669.24	1,667.69	1,668.64	1,668.40	0.24	0.01
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,329.42	6,315.23	6,329.42	6,309.27	20.15	0.32

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
7,971,041	1,665,688	417	22,237,922,797	11	6	24	41

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, MAY 15

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PUB. VALUE	MARKET CAP	
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	97,600	8,882	8	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.090	0.001	1.111	0.091	0.091	0.092	0.100	8,190,000	
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	15,621	5,840	3	0.372	0.374	0.372	0.374	0.002	0.538	0.374	0.374	0.376	0.100	46,711,837	
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	102,184	87,878	15	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.856	0.004	0.467	0.860	0.860	0.860	0.100	845,000,000	
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSUR.	14,230	4,981	1	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.000	0.000	0.350	0.340	0.350	0.100	35,000,000	
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	34,600	3,668	5	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.100	14,840,000	
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	6,450	4,334	2	0.672	0.672	0.672	0.672	0.000	0.000	0.672	0.672	0.672	0.100	105,840,000	
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	95,498	18,909	6	0.198	0.198	0.198	0.198	0.000	0.000	0.198	0.198	0.207	0.100	321,937,378	
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	5,000	725	1	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.147	0.000	0.000	0.145	0.145	0.155	0.100	34,839,000	
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	193,700	50,578	13	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.000	0.280	0.258	0.280	0.100	86,026,905	
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	76,000	32,832	6	0.432	0.432	0.432	0.432	0.000	0.000	0.432	0.432	0.432	0.100	95,040,000	
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	1,580,864	827,099	48	0.524	0.528	0.522	0.524	0.000	0.000	0.522	0.522	0.530	0.100	1,966,676,030	
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	114,200	8,337	7	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.072	0.073	0.100	14,600,000	
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	78,000	34,164	4	0.438	0.438	0.438	0.438	0.000	0.000	0.438	0.434	0.452	0.100	103,547,580	
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	290,000	31,900	7	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.109	0.110	0.100	328,908,852	
OM0000003968	QOEDOO	3,000	966	1	0.322	0.322	0.322	0.330	0.000	0.000	0.322	0.324	0.324	0.000	214,811,596	
OM0000007407	DHOAF GENERATING	3,000	192	1	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.060	0.064	0.100	14,445,600	
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	47,500	12,877	7	0.272	0.272	0.271	0.271	-0.001	-0.368	0.271	0.272	0.271	0.100	16,586,358	
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	20,817	2,458	3	0.120	0.120	0.118	0.118	0.120	-0.002	-1.667	0.118	0.117	0.120	0.100	230,059,581
Total	18	2,778,324	1,136,419	138												
Parallel Market																
OM0000002904	ASAFFA FOODS	127,550	17,092	16	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.122	0.012	0.838	0.134	0.124	0.134	0.100	16,080,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	2,834,900	317,436	101	0.111	0.113	0.111	0.112	0.109	0.003	2.753	0.111	0.110	0.115	0.100	22,734,482
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	46,800	2,086	3	0.045	0.045	0.043	0.045	0.044	0.001	2.273	0.045	0.044	0.046	0.100	8,983,602
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	91,175	10,995	11	0.120	0.121	0.120	0.121	0.119	0.002	1.681	0.121	0.118	0.121	0.100	18,821,598
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	277,000	20,498	14	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.001	1.370	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.100	22,728,828
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	30,000	5,070	5	0.169	0.169	0.169	0.169	0.167	0.002	1.198	0.169	0.169	0.176	0.100	33,800,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	25,000	2,175	1	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.086	0.001	1.163	0.087	0.086	0.088	0.100	10,603,125
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	10,000	1,400	2	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.135	0.143	0.100	11,900,000
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION M.	182,500	12,233	14	0.067	0.069	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.066	0.067	0.100	4,187,500
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	20,000	2,219	5	0.110	0.113	0.110	0.111	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.113	0.112	0.113	0.100	20,210,702
OM0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	19,967	5,790	6	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.000	0.000	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.100	19,750,061
OM0000002911	FINANCIAL CORP.	2,322	167	1	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.000	0.072	0.100	5,562,397
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	442,749	41,868	16	0.094	0.095	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.095	0.096	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	277,658	26,020	17	0.094	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.094	0.000	0.000	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.100	16,450,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	50,000	2,500	2	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.100	35,720,317
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	1,000	50	1	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.048	0.050	0.100	71,667,472
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	5,000	380	1	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.074	0.080	0.100	35,810,165
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	5,000	705	1	0.141	0.141	0.141	0.142	0.142	0.000	0.000	0.141	0.141	0.144	0.100	10,724,124
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	16,700	1,453	2	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.088	-0.001	-1.138	0.087	0.087	0.088	0.100	2,920,716
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	25,500	1,250	2	0.049	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.050	-0.001	-2.000	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.100	33,068,484
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	603,290	48,931	47	0.082	0.082	0.080	0.081	0.083	-0.002	-2.410	0.080	0.080	0.081	0.100	16,200,000
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM P.	38,570	7,404	6	0.204	0.204	0.200	0.202	0.207	-0.005	-2.415	0.200	0.200	0.216	0.100	8,404,265
Total	22	5,130,881	527,723	274												

OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS

Outstanding credit extended by ODCs in Oman reaches OMR28bn

MUSCAT: The total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations (ODCs), consisting of conventional and Islamic Banks, in Oman grew by 2.8 per cent to reach OMR27.9 billion by the end of March 2022. According to the data issued by the Central Bank of Oman (CBO), the credit extended to the private sector recorded an increase of 0.7 per cent (Year-over-Year) to reach OMR23.5 billion. Non-financial corporations and the household sector received the highest shares of the total private sector credit, constituting 45.4 per cent each, by the end of March 2022. The share of financial corporations stood at 5.4 per cent and other sectors received the remaining 3.8 per cent of the total private sector credit. Total deposits held with ODCs registered a Y-o-Y rise of 4.7 per cent to reach OMR25.9 billion by the end of March 2022. Total pri-



ivate sector deposits went up by 2.4 per cent to OMR17.5 billion. In terms of the sector-wise composition of private sector deposits, the biggest contribution is from

household deposits at 51.9 per cent, followed by non-financial corporations at 30.2 per cent, financial corporations at 15 per cent and other sectors at 0.8 per cent. -**OMA**

OIL COMPANY

Saudi Aramco's first-quarter net income soars 82% to \$39.5bn

DAHRAN: The Saudi Arabian Oil Company Aramco announced its first-quarter 2022 financial results, posting an 82 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase in net income to \$39.5 billion — and setting a new quarterly earnings record for the company since its Initial Public Offering in 2019. Aramco also declared a Q1 dividend of \$18.8 billion to be paid in the second quarter and has approved the distribution of one bonus share for every 10 shares held in the company. The results were underpinned by higher crude oil prices and volumes sold and improved downstream margins. Commenting on the results, Aramco President and CEO Amin H. Nasser, said: "Against the backdrop of increased volatility in global markets, we remain focused on helping meet the world's demand for energy that is reliable, affordable and increasingly sustainable. Energy security is vital and we are investing for the long term, expanding our oil and gas production capacity to meet anticipated demand growth and creating long-term shareholder value by capitalizing on our low lifting cost, low upstream carbon intensity, and integrated downstream business." - **SPA**

PARTNERSHIP

Vodafone signs agreement with online auction platform

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Vodafone signed an agreement with Mzadcom Smart Auction Solutions, an online auction platform recently. The agreement was signed between Sayyed Fahad Al Busaidi, Chief Support Services Officer at Vodafone and Ibrahim Al Junaibi, Chief Executive Officer of Mzadcom. This partnership aims to allowing individuals to bid and purchase distinctive diamond and gold numbers of their preference, in line with Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA) rules and regulations



LIFESTYLE



ANDREW SYMONDS

THE TRUE ALL-ROUND FIELDER WILL REMAIN LARGER-THAN-LIFE FIGURE IN WORLD CRICKET

The sports fraternity across the world is still in shock at the sudden demise of Andrew Symonds who died at an early age of 46. The great Australian cricketer left a deep impact on international cricket at the highest levels with his ingenuity and determination.

The two-time World Cup winner Symonds was the sole passenger in the car crash just outside of Townsville in his home state of Queensland and police confirmed that he died on the spot.

Whether he was thumping runs, taking wickets or fielding like a demon, Andrew Symonds was a larger-than-life figure in Australian cricket.

The loss of Symonds comes just two months after the tragic passing of champion leg-spinner Shane Warne, while former Australian wicketkeeper Rod Marsh also died of a heart attack earlier this year. Symonds averaged

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40.61 with the bat from 26 Tests for his country, but was perhaps more well known for his exploits in white-ball cricket and sublime fielding whether in the outfield or inside the circle.

He featured in 198 ODIs - scoring six centuries and 30 half-centuries - while also contributing 133 wickets with his more than handy off-spin and medium pace.

There were several moments of the magic created by the man they called 'Roy'. But perhaps the greatest of them all was at the 2003 World Cup where Symonds burst onto the stage with his best innings as he torched Pakistan with an unbeaten 143 in Johannesburg early in the tournament and helped Australia remain unbeaten and then defeated India in a one-sided final.

The burly right-hander was also part of the victorious World Cup side at the 2007 World Cup in West Indies as Australia claimed their fourth 50-over

World Cup title.

Symonds also played 14 T20I for Australia, managing 337 runs and eight wickets

Whether it be Tests and ODIs for Australia or early in his career for Queensland, there were arguably no better fielders in world cricket than Andrew Symonds.

In the outfield, Symonds' fearless willingness to throw himself in a Superman-style dive in pursuit of a ball approaching the boundary proved not only a new means of run-saving in the game but a trailblazing technique that has since been adopted all over the world. Symonds was always in the discussion of the best all-round fielder world cricket has ever seen, along with modern marvels Ricky Ponting, Herschelle Gibbs, Jonty Rhodes and

Paul Collingwood.

Rhodes, the South African whippet many consider to be the greatest fielder of all time, is in no doubt that Symonds was a better fielder than he ever was.

Symonds, according to the Proteas star, was a true all-round fieldsman. "Where he's better than me is that he's a true all-round fieldsman," Rhodes said in 2006 as per cricket.com.au. Adding further Rhodes said "For a big guy, he moves well close to the wicket, getting down to the ground, diving, cutting off balls if he's in the ring. He's quick and can cut off boundaries. But the extra dimension is his strength. From the middle of the innings, he can be out on the fence saving twos because he has such a strong arm."

From a player like Rhodes, there can be no higher praise, and all these years on, it remains a fitting tribute for a truly unique cricketer. - (ANI)



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GMC celebrates success of AT4 sub-brand in the Middle East

During adrenaline-filled, all-terrain adventure on the Arabian sands, GMC Middle East celebrated the exceptional success of the GMC AT4 sub-brand in the Middle East, which has redefined the adventure category since its introduction to the market

MUSCAT: GMC Middle East has renewed its commitment to bringing world-class technology and premium vehicles to serve the region's off-roading needs, by placing the present and future side-by-side. During adrenaline-filled, all-



terrain adventure on the Arabian sands, GMC Middle East celebrated the exceptional success of the GMC AT4 sub-brand in the Middle East, which has redefined the adventure category since its introduction to the market. In light of the remarkable success of the beloved AT4 sub-brand in the Middle East, a market considered its second home, GMC has confirmed that the AT4 line-up will be completed by the first quarter of 2022, with the planned addition of the first-ever Terrain AT4. The 2022 GMC Terrain AT4 was designed to be bolder, sportier and more capable than ever and will offer customers more choices that suit their persona and lifestyle. Anil Sethi, GM Sales and Marketing, said, "GMC's operations in the Middle East started in 1926.

Today, almost a century later, we are proud to witness the continuous growth and strength of GMC's legacy in the Middle East market, one that we consider our own and a culture that is embedded in the brand's DNA. The Middle East remains to date the only export market for GMC outside of North America, and we are committed to continuing to bring our customers the all-terrain companion that they need, from class-leading innovations, distinguished features and of course unrivalled off-roading capabilities. Last year, we saw the launch of the first-ever all-new Yukon AT4, which has witnessed an incredible response." The AT4 sub-brand line-up is engineered to add an extra level of functionality and technology, bolstered by premium everyday com-

forts to create a league of their own and the level of capability will vary across each vehicle, matching the needs of customers in each segment. AT4 is made to be used, both on and off-road. Accumulated with an ambience of rugged luxury, the AT4 range looks the part. Last year, both GMC's loyal and new customers were taken by storm with the introduction of the first-ever GMC Yukon AT4. The full-size SUV offers an additional layer of off-road ability, innovative technology, and bold design to complement its drivers' outdoor lifestyle. Key features of the vehicle include GMC's best-in-class Air Ride Adaptive Suspension, grippy 20-inch Goodyear all-terrain tires, power side steps, exclusive door sill plates with the AT4 logo and an all-new active

response 4WD system. In parallel, it is equipped with luxurious infotainment and interior details such as an all-new rear-seat Media System featuring class-leading dual 12.6" diagonal screens with touch-screen and screen-sharing functionality, an AT4-exclusive premium interior with Kalahari accents and brushed aluminium details, a premium AT4-specific carpeted floor mats, ventilated driver and front-passenger seats for extra comfort and a panoramic roof to name a few. As for the GMC Sierra AT4, it redefines capability in the off-road space as the truck delivers a unique formula of authentic off-road capability and innovative technology paired with premium refinement and a bold appearance. The GMC Sierra AT4 is meticulously crafted

with an enigmatic exterior finish, paired with modern detailing to elevate the vehicle into an eye-catching blend of engineering, easily attracting attention from other passengers on the road. As standard, the vehicle includes a 2-inch factory-installed suspension lift, Standard 4WD with a two-speed transfer case, locking rear differential, and Off-road-tuned Rancho monotube shock absorbers to name a few. To honour the regional fans' love of GMC, the brand brought the Sierra AT4 reg-cab exclusively for the region in 2019. Alongside the prominent GMC Sierra and Yukon and the anticipated GMC Terrain, sits the practical GMC Acadia in the AT4 line-up. The Acadia AT4 features a distinctive design, bold exterior styling cues with darkened finishes and exclusive details that create an aggressive attitude, sportier look and a rugged presence built to adventure beyond the pavement. Over the past nine decades, GMC has consistently delivered on its customers' needs, bringing world-class vehicles to market that introduce leading advancements and innovation with no limits. GMC celebrated its legacy in the region with the success of the AT4 line-up and its promise for a sustainable future claiming its territory in the premium, off-roading and class-leading innovator spaces.

CAMPAIGN

ZUBAIR ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Ford's 'Season of Generosity' ending soon

MUSCAT: Own a Ford vehicle and avail of exclusive benefits before the 'Season of Generosity' campaign ends on May 18. On offer is Service 3 Years / 60,000 km and 5 Years / 100,000 km and Registration for 1 Year. (Conditions apply. For details visit a Ford showroom.) In Oman, Ford has a powerful and exciting range of vehicles both in the passenger vehicles category as well as in the SUV Category. The all-new F-150 XLT is a powerful truck that raises the standard for all light-duty trucks. Its impressive towing and payload capability is best-in-class. The F-150 XLT is equipped with advanced features that increase customer productivity. Powering the Ford F-150 is a 3.5-litre EcoBoost twin-turbo V6 engine that produces 400 horsepower and 677 Nm torque. The F-150 starts with a durable, proven foundation – a fully boxed high-strength steel frame with a high-strength, military-grade, aluminium alloy body. The F-150's im-



pressive driver-assist features as part of Ford Co-Pilot360™ 2.0 are now standard. The features include Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking and Pedestrian Detection to help avoid a possible collision with another vehicle or a pedestrian, a rearview camera with dynamic hitch assist, and auto high-beam headlamps and auto on/off headlamps.

The Ford Explorer is equipped with a 2.3L i-4 Ecoboost engine. The Ford Explorer sports abundant new features; better cargo space behind the third row and a quiet highway ride, Intelligent 4WD Terrain Management System, BLIS with Cross-Traffic Alert, Individual Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, 360-Degree Camera, Tri-Zone Electronic Temperature

Control and more. The large and powerful Expedition is surprisingly fuel-efficient too. The full-size SUV is equipped with a 3.5L V6 EcoBoost® Engine producing 400 HP. The Expedition sports a stylish design and fresh interiors. It also features a rotary gear shift and 10-speed automatic transmission and safety features like Pre-collision assist with pedestrian detection and much more. The Ford Taurus has been redesigned with a focus on safety and practicality. The Taurus has the effortless power to match its sporty appearance. The Taurus is powered by a 2.0-litre EcoBoost inline four-cylinder petrol engine that produces 240 horsepower and an impressive 390Nm torque. The engine is mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission which is operated by a contemporary rotary gear shifter on the centre console. In Oman, Ford vehicles are brought to you by Arabian Car Marketing Co.



Zubair EDC highlights first quarter achievements

MUSCAT: The Zubair Enterprises Development Centre (Zubair EDC) recently highlighted its achievements for the first quarter of the year. The centre provided consultancy services for more than eight businesses, which included small and medium-sized enterprises and home-based businesses that have the potential to grow and be a part of several different sectors like e-commerce, manufacturing, craft industries, agricultural, education, food and others. The consultations were aimed at identifying the challenges faced by these businesses and developing appropriate solutions to address them in the areas of restructuring, marketing, business plans and feasibility study. Zubair EDC, through such services, endeavours to establish local businesses and helps them play a major role in the growth of the economy of the Sultanate of Oman. Nabihah Al Mandhari, Communication specialist at Zubair EDC said, "Our services aim to provide support and assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises so that they can succeed in their businesses, establish themselves in the market and achieve their goals. The centre provides business consulting services to SMEs on an ongoing basis. The efforts

made by the centre's advisors in terms of continuous communication and follow-up, contribute to the achievement of small enterprise goals in regards to future planning, identifying challenges and developing solutions for the same. We strive to achieve this and more in the near future." The advisory services provided by the centre are diverse and include helping small businesses develop their establishment plans, making sure they adhere to the regulations and legislations placed upon them and creating their financial plans for up to 5 years, which reflects the performance of the business and in turn, helps achieve profitability, taking into account operating costs and expected marketing and sales plans. Furthermore, the centre provides services such as the development of an organisational structure for the business, which includes defining the management structure. This is in addition to the manpower plan, which identifies and names the necessary personnel and allocates a budget for them, the investment plan, which determines the sources of funding and financial resources needed during the founding year, as well as the operational plan, which sets standards for everyday operations.

FREE AC CHECKUP

Keep your Fuso's AC running cool this summer

MUSCAT: General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Fuso in Oman, has launched a free air-conditioning and cooling system check-up campaign for Fuso vehicle owners throughout the country. As part of the campaign, GAC will also be offering customers a complimentary 15-point vehicle health check together with discounts on labour and parts for all work that needs to be carried out. Commenting on the launch of this campaign, Ashraf Mustafa Osman, the National Service Manager of GAC said, "As the official dealers of Fuso vehicles in Oman, and as one of the most customer-focused automotive brands in the country, we are dedicated to providing a service that matches and



exceeds all expectations. Campaigns such as these perfectly complement the capabilities of our factory approved service centres and well-trained staff; thereby offering our customers the best possible value in terms of a total

ownership experience." The complimentary check-up includes a complete diagnostic and general health check of your vehicle's AC and Cooling system. As a value-added benefit, GAC will also conduct a comprehensive

15-point vehicle health check for your truck together with a complete vehicle wash. As needed, remedial measures will be suggested to keep your vehicle and its A/C operating at peak performance. Discounts of up to 45% on parts and 20% on labour will also be offered for all repair jobs identified during the free check-up. Fuso owners are encouraged to get their vehicles checked and can pre-book the service by phone or by visiting their local Fuso service centre. "I encourage all Fuso owners to have their vehicles booked in and checked at the earliest during the campaign period. "Doing so now will help avoid any serious issues and potentially more expensive fixes later in the summer," added Osman.



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Enjoy attractive benefits on crossover Changan CS75 Plus

Customers buying CS75 Plus Crossover (2.0 L Turbo Engine, 224 hp, 8 speed AT) are eligible for many benefits as part of the exclusive Ramadan promotion ‘Driving Forward This Ramadan’

MUSCAT: Arabian Gulf Automobiles and Equipment (AGAE), part of Bahwan International Group, has announced an attractive offer on the crossover Changan CS75 Plus which impresses with premium design, comfortable automotive interior, and highly intelligent configuration.

Customers buying CS75 Plus Crossover (2.0 L Turbo Engine, 224 hp, 8 speed AT) are eligible for many benefits as part of the exclusive Ramadan promotion ‘Driving Forward This Ramadan’.

Offer includes:

Free service (3 years/55,000 km whichever is earlier) PMS every 10K intervals. First year free insurance (Oman & UAE). First year free registration. Free fuel card worth OMR 50. Exclusive Ramadan gift as Apple Watch 7 Series 41mm. Manufacturer’s warranty 6 years/250,000 km whichever is earlier. The above offer is valid for all retail customers purchasing Changan CS75 Plus till May 20.

A spokesperson for AGAE said, “Changan CS75 Plus has been impressing car enthusiasts for its promising quality of innovation,



aesthetics, functionality and stability. The model makes driving feel like winning with its stunning design, premium interior and intelligent features. The CS75 Plus is loaded with smart and innovative features that aim to elevate the confidence and sophistication in every drive. In CS75 Plus Radar based safety features and Automatic parking is one of the unique features in Luxury variant. This offer is guaranteed to make the buying experience special and affordable for customers.”

Customers purchasing Changan CS75 Plus can avail Periodic Maintenance Service of three years/55,000 kms and includes only 10,000 kms Service Intervals.

Customers of Changan CS75 will get a free fuel card worth OMR 50 upon purchase. Customers buying Changan CS75 are eligible for Apple Watch Series 7. Free first year insurance (Oman and UAE) on purchase of Changan CS75; for private registration only.

Free first year registration on purchase of Changan CS75. Customers of Changan CS75 can enjoy manufacturer’s warranty for 6 years/250,000km whichever is earlier.

Compact crossover Changan CS75 Plus

With its premium design, com-

fortable automotive interior, and highly intelligent configuration, the compact crossover Changan CS75 Plus which comes in luxury and sport variants offers a host of special features

The Changan CS75 Plus 2WD features a more sloped roofline and more power. Under the hood, it has a 2.0-litre turbocharged 4-cylinder engine, mated to an 8-speed automatic transmission with a power of 224 hp and torque of 360 Nm. With a wheelbase of 2710 mm, and it measures 4700 mm in length, 1865 mm in width and 1710 mm in height.

Standard features in the CS75 Plus include power windows, central locking, cruise control, dual-zone auto A/C, 8 speakers, multifunctional steering wheel, USB+AUX ports, 12-inch screen, Bluetooth, 360 camera, leather ventilated seats, sunroof, fog lamps, parking sensors LED headlamps, panoramic roof, keyless entry and start, and 19-inch wheels. Safety features includes dual front, side and curtain airbags, ABS, and hill assist.

Its Blue Core Powertrain Technology, based on the principles of power, clean and quiet, provides owners a highly efficient and energy saving performance.

CS75 Plus features a more streamlined body with flowing

lines and geometric patterns, creating the overall appearance of a vehicle from the future.

To instil the confidence and sophistication in every drive, CS75 Plus offers a range of intelligent driving technologies and advanced safety features.

To create a premium drive experience, CS75 Plus seamlessly integrates luxurious interior with high-tech convenience features, coupled with ample space.

Changan CS75 Plus 2.0 T B AT Luxury

Changan CS75 Plus 2.0 T B AT Luxury includes the features of CS75 Plus 2.0 T 8 AT Sport features. Its exterior boasts of piercing front position headlamp, adaptive high and low beam, ORVM with memory and puddle lamps. Its interior features multi colour ambient lighting, front seats ventilation, driver seat with memory and luggage cover.

Its safety attributes intelligent adaptive cruise control, 360 Camera (HD) with 3D View, blind spot detection, rear approaching alarm, reverse auxiliary alarm, lane departure warning, rain sensor wiper and seat belt pretensioners.

Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control provides a safer and more pleasant driving experience. IACC facilitates smart driving features

including heavy traffic assisted driving, lane keep assist, automatic deceleration during turns, intelligent speed limit assist, and voice-activated cruise speed setting.

The 12 inch LCD touch screen in the middle displays a 360 degree camera view around the car. When the option is clicked a 3D model of the car is shown and within the screen itself you may rotate the car and view the surroundings.

The model can avoid or ease the collision by alarm and auxiliary braking. The car detects blocks and sends a visual and an audible alarm to notify you.

In a scenario where you brake suddenly and the car behind you is unaware of this and is approaching you with speed.

Your car detects the challenge and alerts you in the screen in front of you and the rear lights of your car start blinking/flashing in order to capture the driver’s (Behind) attention.

There are two options for this, the driver either sits in the car or he leaves the car. Under both the options the car parks itself by using sensors and by scanning the nearby areas.

Infotainment showcases full LCD IC, eight Speakers, trip recorder with SD Card Slot and Qibla. Comfort factors include seat belt height adjustable remote key

- window close, all windows - one button up down, auto IRVM and dual zone AC.

Changan CS75 Plus 2.0 T 8 AT Sport

The exterior features of Changan CS75 Plus 2.0 T 8 AT SPORT includes 19” dual tone alloy wheels, LED headlamps, front fog lights with cornering, panoramic sunroof, ORVM - electrically adjustable, folding and heating, rear LED taillamps, quad exhaust pipes.

The interior has sport seats with two tone interior (black & red), electrically adjustable front seats, drive mode (normal, eco, sport), leather steering wheel, soft leather dashboard, multifunction steering wheel. Safety features include front and curtain airbags, ABS, E80 +TCS+ESC+HHC, hill descent control, auto hold, TPMS, 360 camera, adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency brake, front collision warning and electronic parking brake.

7-LCD instrument cluster, 12” infotainment screen, high performance audio system with 6 speakers, navigation, mirror link - Android & Apple.

The model offers electric tailgate, remote control engine start/stop, push button start/stop, rear AC vents, keyless entry and auto AC.

CSR BUDGET

Alizz Islamic Bank donates OMR20,000 to charity



MUSCAT: In line with the resolution of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Investment Promotion to allocate at least 20% of the corporate social responsibility budget to Oman Charitable Organisation (OCO), Alizz Islamic Bank announced that it donated an amount of OMR20,000 to the organisation in the presence of the bank’s CEO, Sulaiman Hamad Al Harthi and Mohammed bin Hammoud Al-Dhuhli, CEO of OCO, at the OCO headquarters in Al Khuwair.

Prior to the handover of the amount, a meeting was held between both sides to discuss details of the organisation’s activities and the role it plays towards the community with regard to receiving and collecting donations, gifts and other obligatory and voluntary charity to help those in need.

Also discussed were finance projects that care for children, orphans or the elderly, support and social welfare projects and programs that benefit citizens

and provide urgent aid (relief) to victims of disasters, fires or accidents, whether individuals or institutions, inside and outside the Sultanate. The organisation also offers aid to social and charitable institutions and the poor and the needy inside and outside the Sultanate. The bank’s CEO was also briefed on the programs administered by the organisation, such as educational, medical, and food aid programmes, as well as orphans and needy families’ support.

ISLAMIC BANKING



Meethaq continues to provide exclusive offers on various financing facilities

MUSCAT: In line with its customer-centric vision and commitment to offering the best value proposition to its customers, Meethaq, the pioneer of Islamic banking in Oman from Bank Muscat, has announced a special offer on a number of Islamic financing products which are compliant with the provisions of Shari’a will be available till 30 June 2022.

Customers can apply for a variety of Meethaq financing options including Home Finance, Auto Finance, Personal Goods Finance, Education Finance, Marriage Finance, Travel Finance, and Takeover Finance, and take advantage of the attractive profit rate starting at just 4.99%.

The offer, which is based on

excellent feedback from customers, is available to both new and existing Meethaq customers working in government institutions as well as semi-government and Tier 1 companies. Customers who apply for any of the products will benefit from quick processing and minimal documentation. Meethaq customers are eligible for up to 80 per cent financing for home or auto financing, while 100 per cent financing is available for Travel, Marriage, Education and Personal Goods Finance. Applications may be submitted at any of Meethaq’s 24 state-of-the-art branches across the Sultanate.

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ers in every corner of the country, Meethaq has established the largest Islamic branch network in Oman consisting of 12 branches in the Governorate of Muscat and 12 branches across other governorates. In addition to its already excellent network of branches, Meethaq has a dedicated network of over 40 ATMs and CDMs and also provides free access to more than 740 plus ATMs and CDMs of Bank Muscat across the country for customers to conduct their banking transactions with ease. Every Meethaq product goes through the process of Sharia compliance certification by the Sharia Supervisory Board and is created in line with the guidelines of the Central Bank of Oman.





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