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HM RECEIVES THANKS CABLE FROM EGYPT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has received a cable of thanks from President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt in reply to His Majesty's greetings cable to him on the occasion of the 6th of October Anniversary. President el-Sisi expressed his sincere appreciation to His Majesty the Sultan. He prayed to Allah the Almighty to protect Oman, its leadership and people against all harms. He also prayed to the Almighty to grant His Majesty the Sultan good health and happiness and perpetuate blessings of security, stability and welfare on the Omani people. -**ONA**



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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Muscat Book Fair

1 The Muscat International Book Fair will be held from 23 February 2022 till 5 March 2022. >**A3**

WORLD

Omicron cases in UK

2 With six new cases of the Omicron variant confirmed in Scotland, the total for UK rose to nine. >**A6**

MARKET

Ominvest Sukuk

3 Ominvest has obtained shareholder approval to issue Sukuk worth OMR52 million. >**B2**



Stage set for historic Arab Cup

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PANDEMIC

No Omicron variant found in Oman, says senior doctor

Times News Service

MUSCAT: “We can definitely say that the new mutant Omicron has not yet been discovered in the Sultanate, and if this is done, the Ministry of Health will announce it,” a senior Consultant and Head of Infection Diseases Section, Internal Medicine Department at the Royal Hospital, said on Monday.

Away from the rumours and what some doctors are circulating in social media about cases of the new mutant Omicron, which was recently discovered in South Africa, Dr. Faryal bint Ali Al Lawatia, a senior Consultant and Head of Infection Diseases Section — Internal Medicine Department at the Royal Hospital, confirmed exclusively in a question to *Times of Oman*, “No case has been discovered so far, and as far as I know, there is no evidence of the presence of the new mutant so far, and in any case, the mutant is formed naturally, especially since the COVID-19 virus has the ability to mutate, these mutants can be registered anywhere and at any time, but the current mutant Omicron has



a specific mechanism to detect it through PCR tests, and these mutants can be identified and if any case is discovered in the Sultanate it will be announced by the Ministry of Health.”

She continued, “PCR test is very important as it helps in discovering the Omicron mutant, and then genetic sequencing tests help in monitoring and confirming the mutant, if any.”

“In general and also to con-

firm the presence of mutants or not, some of the previous stored samples are referenced to verify the presence or absence of the mutated and the genetic sequence is analysed in it to find out if this type of virus was not previously recorded, which is what happened in South Africa, where a sample was sent to test on November 9, 2021, and the genetic sequencing process took a while until this mutant was announced,” she added.

Dr. Al Lawatia said that there are measures taken by all countries to limit the spread of this new mutant, the most important of which is the epidemiological surveillance measures, where they raised the alert and increased precautions.

“The genetic sequence of the samples is also important in tracking the mutant in laboratories inside the country. They are sent to the laboratories of the World Health Organization, in order for these viruses to be shared so that this genetic sequence can be confirmed. Vaccination against the virus is important to limit the spread of this mutant,” she continued. >**A3**

90,000 CITIZENS APPEAR FOR JOB TESTS THIS YEAR

The number of employment opportunities generated this year is close to the total of last six or seven years

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Around 90,000 citizens have taken employment tests for the first time while 9,500 received the job security grant, according to Dr Mahad bin Said bin Ali Ba'owain, the Minister of Labour.

The number of job opportunities this year is almost equivalent to employment generation during the last six or seven years, and the coming year 2022 will be promising despite all the challenges, said the Minister of Labour.

More initiatives

In a statement to Oman Radio, the Minister of Labour said that the ministry has exceeded its target of job opportunities this year, stressing that the number of job opportunities so far is equivalent to the employment generated in the last six or seven years. The annual employment generation was between 5,000 and 6,000 in the past, he said. The minister



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Dr. Mahad bin Said bin Ali Ba'owain, Minister of Labour

added that the coming year will be promising despite all the challenges, as it is expected that the social protection system, the labour law, and the public service law will be completed.

He added that only those who

did not get employment are questioning the job drive but it is fair to look around and see how many of them have got jobs. The ministry has also published the names of the first batch of appointees in August. >**A2**

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51ST GLORIOUS NATIONAL DAY

Oman Investment Authority unveils 13 national projects worth over OMR3bn

MUSCAT: Coinciding with the celebrations of the 51st Glorious National Day, Oman Investment Authority (OIA) has announced the opening of 13 national projects valued approximately at OMR3.5 billion.

The projects cover a number of key sectors, including energy, food security, manufacturing, mining, health and tourism services.

Nasser bin Sulaiman Al Harthi, Acting Vice Chairman of OIA said that the 13 projects reflected the strategy and objectives of the organisation which keep abreast of Oman Vision 2040.

“The projects add to the efforts aimed at diversification of the national economy and will help to attract investments and to further enhancing participation of the private sector with the OIA,” he said.

“The projects would create job opportunities for citizens and would achieve fiscal sustainability. These cover all governorates



of the Sultanate and give a vital indication that the national economy is recovering from COVID-19 pandemic and reaffirms the rapid growth witnessed in all fields.”

The projects included Liwa plastic industries complex at Port of Sohar, liquefied petroleum gas

project in Salalah, petroleum coke project in Sohar Free Zone, Ibri solar power plant and Al Morooj Dairy project.

These projects are aimed to bring under one umbrella all government and regulatory bodies concerned with inspection.



The Al Bashayer integrated project is for breeding cattle, sheep etc with an in-house slaughterhouse and a factory for meat products and three units for food processing and packing, a fish farming project at Qaroun area in Jalan Bani Bu Hasan, Khazaen

Land Port, the first-of-its-kind at Khazaen Economic City, a mining project in the Wilayat of Liwa, Oman International Hospital, Karwa Bus Factory in partnership between Oman and Qatar and Nasim Resort Project at Al Jabel Al Akhdar. -**ONA**

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TIMINGS



Dhuhr.....	12:00pm
Asr.....	3:04pm
Maghrib.....	5:25pm
Isha.....	6:39pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	5:12am

Bangladesh businessmen hailed for promoting trade, investment

The Embassy of Bangladesh organised an event on the occasion of the birth centenary of the ‘Father of the Nation’

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Embassy of Bangladesh organised a diaspora event on the occasion of the birth centenary of the ‘Father of the Nation’ and the Golden Jubilee of the country.



FUNCTION: The event was organised in honour of the non-resident Bangladeshi at a hotel in Muscat, on 20 November 2021.



The event appreciated the role of Bangladeshi-origin businessmen in Oman who are contributing to the expansion of trade and investment between the two countries. Highlighting on the enviable economic growth for over a decade, the Ambassador of Bangla-

desh urged the Bangladeshi business leaders in the Sultanate/GCC and rest of the world to invest in various promising sectors of the country including industry, agriculture, medical, education and IT sectors by taking advantage of the lucrative and competitive incen-

tives offered by the Government of Bangladesh. Speaking at the event organised in honour of the non-resident Bangladeshi CIPs (commercial important persons) at a hotel in Muscat, on 20 November 2021, he reminded the businessmen of

their responsibilities to create more employment opportunities and thus help achieve the national goals and the dream of the “Father of the nation”. He also encouraged the Bangladeshi CIPs to utilise the various incentives and strategic location

of the Sultanate and contribute to its economy. The event celebrated the formation of a newly-elected executive committee of CIPs who have lately been adjudged by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) for their roles in national development (remitting foreign exchange to Bangladesh, import of Bangladeshi merchandises to their country of residence). In his speech, the President of the association, Mahtabur Rahman, an eminent businessman and Chairman/MD of Al Haramain Perfumes Group, based in Dubai, expressed his deep gratitude to the ambassador, the Embassy of Bangladesh for arranging the gala event in Muscat and the Government of Bangladesh for facilitating their needs. The event was also attended by ambassadors from a number of countries, Omani officials/ dignitaries and embassy officials.

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WEATHER



Heavy to moderate rains to lash Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Heavy to moderate rains are expected to lash Oman from Monday night, the meteorological department said. “Heavy rainfall are expected in the next couple of days in some areas. The thundershowers will be accompanied with fresh winds, hail and flow of some wadis (flash floods),” Oman Met said. The National Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre announced on Monday the start of the impact of a low pressure on Musandam Governorate which is expected to advance to the governorates of North and South Al Batinah and Muscat. The actual impact of the trough started on Monday in Musandam Governorate and the impact would include the governorates of North and South Al Batinah and the adjacent mountain areas, said Yonis Husain Al Shizawi, Meteorology Specialist at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The impact of the trough would advance on Tuesday to the Governorates of Al Dakhiliyah,



South Al Sharqiyah, Muscat and Al Hajer Mountains and would continue until Wednesday, with chances of rains between 30mm to 70mm, he added. CAA urges everyone to exercise utmost caution and to avoid the risk of crossing wadis and venturing into the sea during this time. The weather will be cloudy with chances of rain, occasionally thundershowers, fresh wind, hail, flash floods in wadis over the governorates of Musandam, North Al Batinah, South Al Batinah, Muscat and South A'Sharqiyah in addition to Al-Hajer Mountains and the adjacent areas.

NEW SYSTEM

<FROM A1> ‘Promotion based on merit’

He said that about 16,000 employed citizens have applied for the latest job advertisement, adding that the replacement opportunities in the sectors subject to the civil service amounted to 20,000, and a good number were replaced this year. About 13,000 opportunities remain that require rehabilitation and training for a longer period due to the specialised nature of these jobs, he said. The Minister of Labour explained that restricting some jobs for males or females only depends on the circumstances and that the ministry is trying to give everyone an equal chance. On the fate of the retirees who were waiting for 2011 promotion and were referred for retirement, he said, “The legal dimension does not concern me in this part, but it is possible to study their legal status, and if they are entitled to, they will be included.” He said that there are no indications of referring those who have completed 30 years of service to retirement this year. He also confirmed that promotion in the new system is for

those who are good at work, but this system requires time to get an appropriate evaluation. It would be about three years before the system starts benefiting from it. In the next 2-3 years solutions will be found for the accumulated promotions. Regarding the hike in fees for bringing in expatriate workers, he indicated that raising fees is one of the most important goals to liberalise the market, and the employer has the option to hire an Omani or an expatriate, and the number of workers affected by raising fees is about 200,000 out of 1.4 million in the labour market. He stressed that the raised fees is not for all expatriates workers, but for specific professions with high salaries, and whoever can give a high salary can pay high fees that will be used to train and employ an Omani. Regarding the need for a Gulf work passport, the Minister of Labour said, “There is no need for a unified Gulf work permit because Gulf nationals are treated as equal citizens without any discrimination.”



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FIFTH NATIONAL DAY AND 35TH BIRTHDAY OF H.M. SULTAN QABOOS CELEBRATED WITH GREATEST ECLAT

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

The fifth year celebrations of the National Day of Oman started here early tuesday morning with prayers in mosques for the health, happiness and long life of the saviour of the nation. His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

November 18 also being the 35th birthday of the beloved leader of the masses, it has continued to be a day of still more jubilation for the people of Oman ever since H.M. The Sultan took over the reigns of the Sultanate five years ago.

The capital city of Muscat, the sprawling business centre Mutrah and the fashionable Ruwi having been decorated with multicoloured festoons, buntings, and buildings bedecked with the crimson red, green and white coloured national flags were ready to join the celebrations with the day dawn with thousands of jubilant citizens old and young, men and women alike, all rushing towards the Qurm stadium wherethe celebrations were to start with the military parade at 7.00 a.m.

With the arrival of H.M. The Sultan riding a white horse the celebrations officially started with guns booming in salutation to His Majesty. H.M. The Sultan went round the stadium greeting multitudes of people including a fair number of women seated in a separate enclosure. The stadium was packed to capacity and a large number of people could be seen standing behind each enclosure. After going round the stadium and the national anthem having been played H.M. The Sultan took his seat in the Royal enclosure. Speaking to the nation H.M. The Sultan gave an account of the great achievements made by Oman during the past five years and said that he was happy to see the people sharing the happiness and prosperity of the country in all walks of life.

The National Day Celebrations Committee Chairman H.E. Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab respectfully presented gifts to H.M. The Sultan which he accepted with pleasure.

The smartly turned-out contingents the SAF and Police presented a wonderful march past with H.M. The Sultan taking the salute. Armoured vehicles of the SAF and police service vehicles and equipment also took part in the march past. The Royal band and the police band gave a unique performance.

While the whole of the capital area was glittering like gold with hundreds of thousands of illuminations everywhere the fireworks display gave added attraction and colour to the nightly rejoicing of the people who had come out since day-dawn shouting slogans of Long Live The Sultan.

In the special enclosure for the Ministers and foreign diplomats could be seen hundreds of dignitaries and respectable guests from many friendly countries who had been specially invited to take part in celebrations.

Illuminations on buildings, homes and shops had been equally arranged by the people in Dhofar, where also similar fireworks display attracted the citizens in the night. Fireworks display had also been arranged in Sur and Ibri, and our Correspondents from these places reported that the people of all these areas spared no jubilation in celebrating the 5th National Day and the birthday of H.M. The Sultan.

At 8.30 p.m. a performance of music and songs had been arranged at Oman Club, Muscat by the Ministry of Information and Culture. It seemed as if the whole of the capital inhabitants had swarmed the club premises.

On November 19 H.M. The Sultan performed the opening ceremony of the new Police Headquarters in Qurm where he was received by the I.G. of Police Mr. D'Sylva. At 3.30 p.m. was a insignificant display of physical training by the school boys and girls drawn from the various schools of the Sultanate. It was a colourful event displaying the physical fitness of the younger generation imbued with a great

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NATIONAL DAY

H. M. The Sultan receives thousands of congratulatory telegrams

Muscat :

(By our Staff Reporter)

A large number of congratulatory telegrams have been received by H. M. Sultan Qaboos during the National Day celebrations week from Heads of States, throughout the world as well as Omani nationals within the Sultanate and those residing abroad.

In all these telegrams the great progress and development of the Sultanate under the glorious rule of H. M. The Sultan has been greatly applauded and best wishes offered to His Majesty The Sultan for the still greater prosperity of the people of Oman.

HAPPY NEWS

H. M. The Sultan's marriage announced

Muscat : (By our Staff Reporter)

It shall add to the joy and jubilation of the people of Oman in and outside the Sultanate to hear about the happy news of marriage of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos with the respected daughter of Sayyid Tariq bin Teimour of the Royal family. His Majesty The Sultan was married at a private colourful ceremony here last week, which was attended by members of the Royal family and ministers of His Majesty's cabinet.

This was announced here by the Minister of Diwan Affairs Sayyid Hamad bin Hamoud on thursday night.

The people of the Sultanate of Oman have offered their highest felicitations to H. M. The Sultan and members of the Royal family, and prayed for the happiest marriage of the Royal couple for all times to come.



H.M. Sultan Qaboos receiving the gifts on his 35th birthday and National Day of Oman from the Chairman of National Day Celebrations Committee, H.E. Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab, on November 18 at Qurm.

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COUNCIL OF OMAN

Oman participates in key meeting of Inter-Parliamentary Union in Madrid

MADRID: The Council of Oman participated in the meetings of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) within the 143rd General Assembly meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the accompanying meetings held in Madrid, Spain.

From November 26 to 30
The meetings was held from November 26 to 30 in the presence of Khalid bin Ahmed Al Saadi, Secretary General of the State

Council and Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Nadabi, Secretary General of Majlis Al Shura.

Proposed changes
The meetings discussed the proposed changes to the rules of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments of the IPU, the developments of the innovation centre of the IPU, and the role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union committees in drafting the laws among other issues.

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AFTER OMICRON OUTBREAK

Sultanate bans flights from 7 African nations

MUSCAT: As part of its ongoing measures against the spread of COVID-19, the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling developments resulting from coronavirus pandemic has followed up updates, and measures to protect the public against it and to curb its spread.

The Supreme Committee studied reports on the epidemiological situation of COVID-19 at the local and international levels.

In particular, the committee observed the fresh outbreak of COVID-19 in some countries around the world and the related spate in

infections and deaths. The Supreme Committee reviewed reports on the spread of a new, mutated and more dangerous variant of COVID-19 in a number of African countries.

The seven countries named in the COVID-19 Supreme Committee's decision are: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Eswatini and Mozambique. To protect society against the disease and, to safeguard the gains made in Oman over the past period, the Supreme Committee has decided to ban entry. — ONA

THE BUSINESS YEAR: OMAN 2021/22, SPECIAL VISION 2040 EDITION

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The Business Year plans to launch new edition on Oman's economy

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Business Year (TBY), a global media group that has been providing investors, businesses, and governments with first-hand insights into the world's most dynamic markets for over a decade, has been present in the Sultanate of Oman for eight consecutive years and is gearing up to launch its annual publication, The Business Year: Oman 2021/22, Special Vision 2040 Edition, in partnership with the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion and the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow Up Unit, at its Oman Vision 2040 and The Future of Investments event at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre on December 12.

The event will be attended by around 150 top CEOs, who will gather to discuss the future of investment in Oman.

The event will kick off with an address by Qais bin Mohammed Al Yusef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promo-

tion, and followed by a speech by Abdullah Al Hakmani, Head of Projects Management Office at the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-up Unit.

The Business Year aims to present Vision 2040 to the international community as a wide-ranging blueprint for economic and social development over the next two decades.

It will be a key opportunity for the Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow Up Unit to further expand on the vision and debate with top-level executives the interactions between various public and private entities.

It will also allow the Omani business environment to raise challenges it expects to encounter in the future and understand how those challenges will be tackled by the government.

A panel discussion will also take place, where speakers from public and private entities will address their sector of the economy to provide a broader outlook of the policies and programs that

are being tracked to attain shared goals. Crucial topics will include commitments to diversification, sustainable growth, the circular economy, the role of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), human development, Omanisation, strategies for capital preservation and robust investment returns.

The government hopes Vision 2040 will place Oman alongside the world's most developed economies.

The Tenth Five-Year Development Plan (2021-2025) represents the executive plan for Vision 2040, and is aimed at overcoming various challenges to ensure high economic growth rates.

The Business Year: Oman 2021/22, Special Vision 2040 Edition features interviews with 150 business leaders from across the economy. It is available online now on all major business information platforms, including Bloomberg Terminal, Refinitiv Eikon, Dow Jones Factiva, and FactSet, as well as on PressReader and Google Books and at the-businessyear.com.

ROYAL OMAN POLICE

Expats held for begging

MUSCAT: The Royal Oman Police (ROP) has arrested ten expats for begging, and for violating labour and residence laws. In another case, four more foreign nationals were arrested for attempting to enter the Sultanate of Oman illegally.

"Dhofar Governorate Police Command has arrested ten people of different nationalities on charges of begging, and violating the laws of labour and residence. The legal procedures are being completed against them," ROP said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Coast Guard Police in South Al Sharqiyah Governorate seized a boat carrying four persons attempting to enter the Sultanate illegally.

IN RAS AL JINZ

Major house fire in Sur extinguished

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA), has extinguished a fire that broke out at a house in the Wilayat of Sur. No injuries have been recorded.

"The firefighting teams of the Civil Defence and Ambulance Department in the South Al Sharqiyah Governorate managed to control a fire that broke out at a house in Ras Al Jinz area in the Wilayat of Sur, without registering any injuries," the Civil Defence and Ambulance Department," said in a statement on Monday.



AL BUSTAN PALACE
A RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Description	Last Date of tender submission	Tender Fee
Staff Housing Renovation	26th December 2021	300 OMR

Reputable Companies with experience and proven track record in this area, may obtain a detailed Scope of Work from Finance Department from Tuesday, 30th November, 2021 onwards between 09:00 – 14:00 hours.

The site visit is scheduled on Sunday, 5th December, 2021 @ 10.00AM. Please contact Mr. Ehab Zaki, Director of Engineering @ 24764191 for the site visit.

Tender must be submitted in a sealed Envelope along with companies Trade License and certificates addressed to:

**Coordinator of the office of The General Manager,
Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel
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Note: Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel is not bound to accept the lowest or any other bid and reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without giving reason.



MUSCAT MUNICIPALITY
Advertisement No. (55/2021)

Muscat Municipality invites interested companies to the following tender:

Serial	Tender No.	Tender Description	Document Fee	Deadline for inquires submission	Deadline for obtaining Tender Docs.	Deadline for Submission
1	89/2021/MMPA-19	Hiring of Sewage Tanker (5000 GLN) for Labour Camp at Al-Mubailah - Seeb	25/- OMR	16/12/2021	30/12/2021	04/01/2022

1. Specialized Companies with a valid registration certificate from Tender Board can obtain tender documents from the website through the following link: <https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>. Starting from the date of this announcement until the end of deadline mentioned above.

2. Bidders shall submit their offers electronically through link mentioned above.

3. Tender Bonds shall be E-Bond which is equivalent to (1%) of the total value of the tender to be submitted through E-Tendering system, addressed to Muscat Municipality and valid for (90) days starting from the deadline for submission.

4. **Tender not accompanied by a tender bond will be rejected.**

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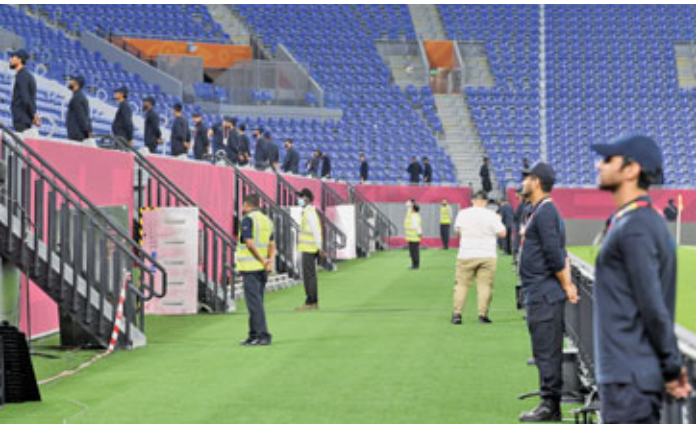


FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021, Qatar has broken the record for the largest number of participating teams, which was achieved 23 years ago, specifically in the 7th edition, with the participation of 12 teams, for the first and only time so far in the history of the tournament. The largest number of participating teams was 11 in the eighth edition in 2002 hosted by Saudi Arabia, and 10 teams in 1966 in Iraq and 1988 in Jordan.

Doha is preparing to achieve a new record in the number of participating teams in the 10th edition of the FIFA Arab Cup, which is 16 teams, approved by FIFA.

During the last two days, most of the participating teams arrived in Doha in search of their first Arab Cup title, which is being held for the first time under the supervision of FIFA and as part of Qatar's preparations to host the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, a year from now.

Before the finals, the preliminary round was played last June, during which six teams, Sudan, Oman, Mauritania, Lebanon, Palestine, and Bahrain



were able to reserve their spots in the finals.

Jordan qualified directly without entering the qualifiers due to the infection of several South Sudanese players with the COVID-19 virus.

The seven teams joined the nine qualified automatically because of their position at the forefront of the Arab teams in the FIFA world rankings, which are: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, UAE, and Syria, in addition to the organizing country, Qatar.

The FIFA Arab Cup returns this year to the fore again after a nine-year hiatus, as the last version of the tournament was held in 2012 in Saudi Arabia, and the Moroccan team won the title after defeating its Libyan counterpart in the final match by penalty shootout (3-1), after the original and extra time tied (1-1) for the Moroccan team to win the first title in its history.

It is not strange for Qatar, which has hosted major sporting events in the world in all sports in recent years, to present

an exemplary and distinguished Arab Cup, as Qatar possesses the most modern sports facilities in the world and the capabilities, making it a landmark for international sports.

The tournament will be an ideal rehearsal for organising the FIFA World Cup in Qatar a year from now, in light of the urgent need to try all the World Cup stadiums, as well as the great turnout that the FIFA Arab Cup will witness due to the presence of different and large Arab communities in Doha, in addition to the thousands of fans who will land in Qatar during the tournament period to support their teams and watch this unique event.

Given the proximity of the stadiums and the availability of transportation, the event will be an important and also good opportunity for fans to experience the idea of attending more than two matches on the same day to live a unique experience, an experience that fans from all over the world are waiting for the first time in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. -QNA

DAY ONE

Arab fans eagerly await the fierce competitions

DOHA: The FIFA Arab Cup 2021 will get underway on Tuesday with four matches across Groups A and B. Arab fans are eagerly anticipating the fierce competition and renewed rivalries in a tournament that will be held under the FIFA banner for the first time.

Although the opening match is set to take place at the Ahmed Ben Ali Stadium, in what will be an all-African affair between Tunisia and Mauritania, all eyes will be on the Al Bayt Stadium, where the opening ceremony will take place.

The latter is set to feature a fireworks' display and musical renditions, in addition to an artistic performance providing a brief history of the Arab region. After the festivities, Qatar, hosts and current AFC Asian Cup holders, take on Bahrain.

Tough test for the hosts

Although Qatar go into the tournament as one of the favourites, they can expect a stern examination from their group rivals, all

of whom hail from the Gulf region and all of whom have faced them several times before. The first test for Felix Sanchez's side will be against Bahrain, who were crowned champions of both the Gulf Cup and the West Asian Football Federation Championship in 2019. The hosts will try to get off to the best possible start by ending a series of failures against Bahrain – their last victory against them coming in a friendly in 2004.

A fresh start

Things will be no less difficult in the second match of Group A, with Iraq hoping to make up for a string of disappointing performances in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 qualifiers, which led to the resignation of Dutchman Dick Advocaat. They come up against an Omani team led by coach Branko Ivankovic, who has successfully put together a side that has performed well so far in the final round of the Asian qualifiers and has shown great consistency. -FIFA

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New Zealand survive as match against India ends in a draw

India managed to take eight wickets on Day 5 of the first Test but New Zealand batters were able to draw the match from the jaws of defeat

KANPUR: New Zealand managed to survive by the barest of margins on the last day of the first Test against India after a gritty performance from their lower-order batters insured that visitors walked away with a draw here at Green Park, Kanpur on Monday.

Team India managed to take eight wickets on Day 5 of the ongoing first Test but some late drama



INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND: Earlier, Team India managed to take three wickets in the second session on Day 5 of the ongoing first Test against New Zealand at Green Park, Kanpur on Monday.

and stout-hearted performance from visitors' batters clawed back victory from the jaws of hosts. Ravindra Jadeja scalped four wickets in the second innings while veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin returned with three.

Resuming the final session at 125/4, Indian bowlers clawed further deep as Axar Patel had Henry Nicholls adjudged LBW.

Then after five overs, Ravindra Jadeja got the all-important wicket of Kane Williamson. The NZ skipper decided to go back and the ball skid on to trap him plumb in front. He departed for 24 off 112.

In the 79th over, Tom Blundell was bowled round his legs by Ashwin.

Light fading

India took the second new ball in the 84th over as the match reached the endgame. With the light fading and time running out for the hosts, Ravindra Jadeja struck in quick succession to send Kylie Jamieson and Tim Southee back into the dugout.

One wicket short, Indian bowlers threw everything at the batters on the pitch, Rachin Ravindra and Ajaz Patel. But Rachin who played 91 balls in the second innings ensured his side walked away with a draw.

Earlier, Team India managed to take three wickets in the second session on Day 5 of the ongoing first Test against New Zealand here at Green Park, Kanpur on Monday.

At the tea break, New Zealand's score read 125/4. Will Somerville (36) was sent back to the pavilion by Umesh Yadav in the 36th over of the innings and this brought skipper Kane Williamson to the middle.

Latham however marched on and he brought up his half-century in the 51st over of the innings. Latham (52) was bowled by Ravichandran Ashwin in the 55th over and as a result, the off-spinner went past Harbhajan Singh's tally of 417 Test wickets. Ross Taylor (2) also failed to score big, and New Zealand was quickly reduced to 125/4. **ANI**

FOOTBALL

MANCHESTER UNITED

COMMENTARY



Ralf Rangnick appointed as interim manager of Manchester United

MANCHESTER: Premier League club Manchester United on Monday announced the appointment of Ralf Rangnick as interim manager until the end of the season.

Following this period, Ralf and the club have agreed that he will continue in a consultancy role for a further two years. Ralf Rangnick in a statement said: "I am excited to be joining Manchester United and focused on making this a successful season for the club."

"The squad is full of talent and has a great balance of youth and experience. All my efforts for the next six months will be on helping these players fulfil their potential, both individually and, most importantly, as a team. Beyond that, I look forward to supporting the club's longer-term goals on a consultancy basis."

Manchester United on November 21 announced that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had left his role as manager. Currently, Michael Carrick will remain in charge of the first team until Ralf's work visa is finalised.

Man Utd will keep chasing its goals until the end, says Ronaldo



LONDON: Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo has said that his club Manchester United will keep chasing its dreams until the very end.

Ronaldo's comments came after United played out a 1-1 draw against Chelsea in the Premier League on Sunday. "There is still a long road ahead and nothing is impossible when you play for Man. United. We will keep chasing our goals until the end," Ronaldo tweeted.

For the match against Chelsea, Ronaldo was not named in the started XI and he was benched. In the match between Chelsea and United, Jadon Sancho scored for the latter while for the Blues, Jorginho converted a penalty to gain the equaliser. Chelsea is currently at the top of the Premier League standings with 30 points from 13 games while United is in the eighth position. **ANI**

Pujara's form is a big concern for Team India



Anis Sajjan,
Vice Chairman, Danube Group

Cheteshwar Pujara's form has gone downhill after the Australia series where he stood like a wall and took blows on his body for his country and ensured India won the series against Australia for the second time in a row.

Beating Australia once is difficult but India managed it twice specially this year when Australia had David Warner and Steven Smith back and so were all their fast bowlers.

Pujara defied all the Aussie bowlers in Pat Cummins, Hazelwood, Starc and Nathan Lyon and held one end up and tired them all for the likes of Shubman Gill and Rishab Pant to attack them.

But since, Pujara has lost his form and questions are being asked about his place in the team.

After the Australia series, Pujara played four test matches at home against Eng-

land and managed just 133 runs at an average of just 22 and in the World Test Championship finals against New Zealand he had scores of just 8 and 15 in the two innings. He did find some form in the England series by some intent and scoring two half centuries but a hundred has eluded him from 2019 January.

Skipper Virat Kohli had backed Pujara and had said a player of Cheteshwar Pujara should be left alone as he knows what are his drawbacks.

His bad form has continued in the current series too with scores of 26 and 22 in the first Test at Kanpur and the fans are asking him to be replaced by Suryakumar Yadav who has been waiting in the wings.

No matter what Kohli says, the runs have dried up from the bat of the Wall of India and cracks seems to be visible and its time Pujara silences his critics in the second test match at Mumbai before the big series of South Africa.

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Oct Ruwi get the better of Bank Muscat by eight wickets

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oct Ruwi got the better of Bank Muscat by eight wickets in the B Division match of the Oman Cricket League on Friday.

Asked to bat first after losing the toss, Bank Muscat inched their way to 176 all out in their allotted 30 Overs. Asghar Khan was the top scorer with 68 runs off just 53 balls, studded with ten boundaries. Zubair Al Akbar Albalushi was the pick of the bowlers for Oct Ruwi, scalping two wickets for 22. Al Akbar Albalushi and Imran Al Balushi gave him good company with two wickets apiece. Replying to the target, Oct Ruwi knocked off the runs in 25.4 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Opener Shuaib Ismail Balushi scored 66 runs, with seven hits to the fence. Amir Mehmood was the sole bowler to take a wicket, picking up one wicket for 25 runs.

Brief scores: Bank Muscat 176/10 in 30 overs (Asghar Khan 68 (53) 4x4; Zubair Al Akbar Albalushi - 22(2) lost to Oct Ruwi 177/2 in 25.4 Overs (Shuaib Ismail Al Balushi 66 (62) 7x4; Amir Me-



hmoood 25/1) by 8 wickets.

In another B Division match of the Oman Cricket League played on Friday, PDO RC outclassed OCT Al Hail 'A' by 144 runs.

Choosing to bat after winning the toss, PDO RC started well with opening batsman Azhar Habib's 61 in 38 balls, studded with seven boundaries and one maximum and Tayyaz Rashid 63 off 43 balls with seven boundaries.

Waleed Rahim Al Balushi picked up two wickets for 37 runs for OCT Al Hail 'A'. In reply, OCT Al Hail 'A' were all out for a paltry 128 runs in 28.2 overs. Waleed Rahim Al Balushi was the sole notable contributor with the bat, scoring 37 runs off 49 balls. Muhammed Idress took two wickets for 25 runs, Azhar Habib took 2 for 8, and Samad Syed Wahid took 2 for 18.

Brief scores: PDO RC 272/4 in 30 overs (Tayyaz Rashid 63 (43) 7x4, Azhar Habib 61 (38) 7x4, 1x6, Waleed Rahim Al Balushi - 37(2) won against OCT Al Hail 'A' 128/10 in 28.2 Overs (Waleed Rahim Al Balushi 37 (49) 4x4; Muhammed Idress 25/2) by 144 runs

In the C Division match,

Vanderlande beat Nibrass Tech by 8 wickets. Put into bat after losing the toss, Nibrass Tech scored 118 for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

Avinash Joseph Gregory top scored with 30 runs off 31 balls, while Wasim Sahed, Aasim Mohammed & Rahul Chadha picked up two wickets apiece. In reply, Vanderlande reached the target in the 13 th over itself for the loss of only 2 wickets. Barathwaj Vinayagam led the scoring with his quickfire 51 off 34 balls, studded with seven boundaries. Adeel Kazhi & Shahid Hassan Muhammad picked up the two wickets to fall.

Brief scores: Nibrass Tech 189/9 in 20 overs (Avinash Joseph Gregory 30 (31) 2x4; Wasim Sahed - 21/2, Aasim Mohammed - 24/2, Rahul Chadha - 21/2) lost to Vanderlande 119/2 in 12.3 overs (Barathwaj Vinayagam 51 (34) 7x4; Adeel Kazhi 22/1, Shahid Hassan Muhammad 15/1) by 8 Wickets

In another high-scoring match of the C Division, Ideal International outsmarted Al Waad Trad & Contracting by 20 runs, despite a valiant 88 by Al Waad's Suseen-

dran Sirachezhain.

Put to bat first, Ideal International had a bad start with opener Akbar Shaikh dismissed of the first ball bowled. Wasim Jamadar and Ruban Durai started the recovery for Ideal. Deepak Bhandari was the top scorer for the team with 71 from just 35 balls, studded with 12 boundaries, leading Ideal International to 221 for the loss of 7 wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Sidhi Suman took two for 37 for Al Waad Trad & Contracting Enterprises.

In reply, Suseendran Sirachezhain starts brilliantly for Al Waad, scoring 88 in 57 balls with 10 boundaries. He was ably supported by Parthipan Krishnan who scored 59 off 33, but the team fell short by 20 runs. Salman Khan picked up three wickets for 42 runs for Ideal.

Brief scores: Ideal International 221/7 in 20 overs (Deepak Bhandari 71 (35) 12x4; Sidhi Suman - 37(2) beat Al Waad Trad & Contracting Enterprises 201/5 in 20 Overs (Suseendran Sirachezhain 88 (57) 10x4, Parthipan Krishnan 59(33) 9x4; Salman Khan 42(3) by 20 runs.

OIL PRICES REBOUND
Oil prices rebounded on Monday as investors looked for bargains after Friday's slump and on speculation that Opec+ may pause an output increase in response to the spread of Omicron, but the mood remained cautious with little known about the new variant.

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



PERPETUAL SUKUK
Oman International Development & Investment Company (Ominvest) obtained its shareholders' approval to issue Unsecured Subordinated Perpetual Sukuk Al Mudaraba Certificates (Sukuk) worth OMR52 million.

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MARKET

Ominvest to issue Perpetual Sukuk worth OMR52 million

The Sukuk will be issued by Ominvest and exchanged for shares (treasury shares) held by Jabreen International Development Company (Jabreen), a fully owned subsidiary of Ominvest

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on November 17, Oman International Development & Investment Company (Ominvest) obtained its shareholders' approval to issue Unsecured Subordinated Perpetual Sukuk Al Mudaraba Certificates (Sukuk) worth OMR52 million.

The Sukuk will be issued by Ominvest and exchanged for shares (Treasury Shares) held by Jabreen International Development Company (Jabreen), a fully owned subsidiary of Ominvest. After the exchange transaction is completed, the Treasury Shares will be cancelled by Ominvest. The issuance

of the Sukuk and the exchange transaction are "in-principal" approved by Capital Market Authority and are subject to final regulatory approvals.

The Sukuk will be in exchange for 139,406,903 treasury shares, which represent 17.26 per cent of Ominvest's equity capital. Ominvest plans to acquire the Treasury Shares at 373 baisas per share from Jabreen, which is at a significant premium to the current market price.

Subject to the regulatory approvals, the Sukuk will be listed on Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX), bolstering market activity by bringing additional liquidity and a new investor base. Alizz Islamic



AbdulAziz Al Balushi, Group Chief Executive Officer

Bank and Ubhar Capital are joint issue managers and advisors on the proposed issuance of the Sukuk. Jabreen will subsequently sell the Sukuk to other investors in the Sultanate of Oman and the GCC to generate new long-term funding for Ominvest Group to further grow and diversify the investment portfolios.

The Sukuk have been approved

as Sharia-compliant by Alizz Islamic Bank's Supervisory Sharia Board, thereby providing a unique investment opportunity to Islamic banks, Islamic Institutions and other investors seeking Sharia-compliant investment solutions.

Commenting on the proposed transaction, Abdul Aziz Al Balushi, Group Chief Executive Officer at Ominvest, said, "The issuance

of the perpetual Sukuk will enable Ominvest to further optimize its capital structure, channel the funds to make new long-term investments and enhance return on capital. It will create value for Ominvest stakeholders through improved earnings, stronger liquidity and better return ratios. In line with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Sukuk will be classified as equity in Ominvest's balance sheet, making the company's financial position stronger."

Al Balushi added, "We are extremely appreciative of the support granted by the esteemed regulators in the Sultanate of Oman, who has always led the way in supporting and guiding us in implementing innovative and efficient financial solutions."

Founded over 38 years ago, Ominvest is one of the largest investment firms in the region. Its long-term vision is to be an eminent investment group with significant global reach and impact. The company seeks to create value for its stakeholders by prudently investing in growth sectors and markets while implementing innovative solutions, scalable platforms, and impactful initiatives.

GARTNER REPORT

Global smartphone sales declined by 6.8% in 3rd quarter

DUBAI: Global smartphone sales to end-users declined 6.8 per cent in the third quarter of 2021, compared to the same period in 2020, according to Gartner, Inc. Component shortages disrupted production schedules, leading to lower inventory and delayed product availability, which eventually impacted sales to end-users.

"Despite strong consumer demand, smartphone sales declined due to delayed product launches, longer delivery schedule and insufficient inventory at the channel," said Anshul Gupta, senior research director at Gartner.

"Supply constraints impacted the production schedule of basic and utility smartphones much more than premium smartphones."

The current shortage of components, such as radiofrequency and power management integrated circuits, delayed smartphone production globally. This disrupted the supply-demand equilibrium and end-users were burdened with limited choices at the point of sale. Sales of premium smartphones continued to grow even though overall smartphones sales declined in the quarter.

OIL PRICE

Oil rebounds on speculation Opec+ may pause output increase

TOKYO: Oil prices rebounded on Monday as investors looked for bargains after Friday's slump and on speculation that Opec+ may pause an output increase in response to the spread of Omicron, but the mood remained cautious with little known about the new variant.

Brent crude futures climbed

\$3.11, or 4.3 per cent, to \$75.83 a barrel by 0355 GMT, after falling \$9.50 on Friday. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was up \$3.47, or 5.1 per cent, at \$71.62 a barrel, having tumbled \$10.24 in the previous session.

Oil prices plunged more than 10 per cent on Friday - their biggest

one-day drop since April 2020 - as the new variant spooked investors across financial markets.

There are worries the new variant could derail the global economic recovery, potentially hurting oil demand, while it has also added to concerns that a supply surplus could swell in the first quarter. -BNA

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Nissan to spend \$17.6bn over 5 years to rev up electrification

TOKYO: Nissan Motor Co announced it would spend 2 trillion yen (\$17.59 billion) over the next five years to accelerate vehicle electrification, betting tighter carbon emission restrictions will spur demand for electric cars and hybrids.

Japan's No. 3 carmaker said on Monday it would introduce 23 electrified vehicles by 2030, including 15 electric vehicles (EVs), and plans to introduce all-solid-state batteries by March 2029.

Nissan, which was among the first mass-market EV makers with its Leaf model, is aiming to win market share with its deeper push into electrified vehicles and fend off rivals, including newer entrants such as Tesla Inc. Its renewed commitment to battery-powered cars comes as consumer demand for such vehicles grows in key auto markets such as China and the United States.

Chief Executive Makoto Uchida said Nissan aimed to make EVs affordable for more drivers. "We will advance our effort to democratise electrification," he said in an online presentation.

Nissan shares fell as much as 4.9 per cent in morning trading in Tokyo, underperforming its major rivals. -BNA

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HOUSEWORK CAN LEAD TO SHARPER MEMORY, BETTER LEG STRENGTH

A new study has found that older adults who do housework may have a sharper memory, attention span, better leg strength and greater protection against falls. The findings of the study were published in the open-access journal ‘BMJ Open’. The findings were independent of other regular recreational and workplace physical activities, and active commuting.

Regular physical activity is good for maintaining optimal physical and mental health. And among older adults, it curbs the risks of long term conditions, falls, immobility, dependency and death.

Yet global monitoring data indicate that in 2016, physical activity was well below recommended weekly levels and had budged little in a decade, with people in high-income countries more than twice as likely to be couch potatoes as those in low-income countries.

Given that housework involves physical activity and is an indicator of the ability to live independently, the researchers wanted to explore whether doing the household chores might contribute to healthy ageing and boost physical and mental capacity among older adults in a wealthy country.

They included 489 randomly selected adults, aged between 21 and 90, with fewer than 5 underlying conditions and no cognitive issues. All were living independently in one large residential town in Singapore, and able to carry out routine daily tasks.

Participants were divided into two

age bands: 21-64-year-olds (249; average age 44), classified as ‘younger’; and 65-90-year-olds (240; average age 75), classified as ‘older.’

Walking (gait) speed and sit-to-stand speed from a chair (indicative of leg strength and falls risk) were used to assess physical ability. Validated tests were used to assess mental agility (short and delayed memory, visuospatial ability, language and attention span) and physiological factors linked to falls.

Participants were quizzed about the intensity and frequency of household chores they regularly did, as well as how many other types of physical activity they engaged in.

Light housework included washing up, dusting, making the bed, hanging out the washing, ironing, tidying up, and cooking. Heavy housework was defined as window cleaning, changing the bed, vacuuming, washing the floor, and activities such as painting/decorating.

Housework intensity was measured in metabolic equivalent of task (METs). These are roughly equivalent to the amount of energy (calories) expended per minute of physical activity. Light housework was assigned a MET of 2.5; heavy housework was assigned a MET of 4.

Only around a third (36 per cent; 90) of those in the younger group and only around half (48 per cent; 116) of those in the older age group, met the recommended physical activity quota from recreational physical activity alone.

But nearly two thirds (61 per cent, 152 younger; and 66 per cent, 159 older) met this target exclusively

through housework. After adjusting for other types of regular physical activity, the results showed that housework was associated with sharper mental abilities and better physical capacity. But only among the older age group.

Cognitive scores were 8 per cent and 5 percent higher, respectively, in those doing high volumes of light or heavy housework compared with those in the low volume groups. And the intensity of housework was associated with specific cognitive domains. Specifically, heavy housework was associated with a 14 per cent higher attention score while light housework was associated with 12 per cent and 8 per cent higher short and delayed memory scores, respectively.

“Incorporating (physical activity) into the daily lifestyle through domestic duties (ie, housework) has the potential to achieve higher (physical activity), which is positively associated with functional health, especially among older community-dwelling adults.”

Similarly, sit-to-stand time and balance/coordination scores were 8 per cent and 23 per cent faster, respectively, in the high volume group than they were in the low volume group.

Those in the younger age group had five more years of education on average than their older counterparts. And since education level is positively associated with baseline mental agility and slower cognitive decline, this might explain the observed differences in the impact of housework between the two age groups, explained the researchers.

This is an observational study, and as such, can’t establish cause, they caution, adding that the study relied on subjective reporting of physical activity levels and the volume and intensity of household chores.

But they point to previous research indicating a link between aerobic exercise and improved cognitive function, so the sharper mental agility associated with housework might occur through similar mechanisms, they suggested.

They added: “These results collectively suggest that the higher cognitive, physical and sensorimotor functions related to heavy housework activities might plausibly be associated with lower physiological fall risk among community-dwelling older adults.” They concluded: “Incorporating (physical activity) into the daily lifestyle through domestic duties (ie, housework) has the potential to achieve higher (physical activity), which is positively associated with functional health, especially among older community-dwelling adults.” -ANI

SPORTS



THE TOUR 2021 CONTINUES

SAILING ARABIA: TEAM FRANCE CONTINUES GOOD FORM AFTER DAY 1 IN SUR

MUSCAT: The first day of leg two of this year's Sailing Arabia – The Tour ended with Team France still in the lead as the gap to DB Schenker in second grew to a single point. Oman Sail remain in third with Oman Investment Authority in fourth, Barceló Mussanah Resort fifth and Nastro Rosa of Italy in sixth.

Racing featured a longer coastal raid along the shoreline, which Team France won ahead of DB Schenker and Nastro Rosa, and then two short stadium races. Team France and Oman Sail traded wins, each claiming victory in one and relegating the other team to second place.

As well as a one-point gap at the top, Oman Sail has opened up a three point advantage over fourth place as the fleet began to separate.

Ali Al Balushi, bowman on the Barceló Mussanah Resort team, said, "Today was a great day of

sailing, very challenging with some ups and downs for our team but we came back in the coastal raid, finishing fourth.

Afterwards we had two inshore races, finishing fourth and sixth, last, which was a bit frustrating. There are still two more stages, and we will try to improve as a team, make good decisions and we're confident the results will come in the end."

Solune Robert, Helmsman from Team France, said, "Today we had three races, and all three went very well for our team.

There was a tight battle and some contact with the other boats which was a very nice feeling, a reminder that the competition is fierce. There are some very strong teams this year. We finished first and second in the in-port races and are very happy with our performance. Sur is a very beautiful place to sail, the winds move a lot in direction and strength here, which is a challenge but we are very happy

to be here to race."

Racing continues in Sur on Monday with a further coastal raid and two more in-port races. There are plenty of points up for grabs as the teams continue to jostle for position.

From Sur, the fleet will travel north to Marina Bandar Al Rowdha for a series of coastal raids and in-port races on 1-2 December and then onward to Muscat for the final leg from 3-5 December 2021 when the medals will be decided.

The event is supported by national carrier Oman Air, OQ and the Barceló Mussanah Resort as official partners, and Be'ah as environmental supporter. The National Mineral Water Company Salsabeel Water provided all essential water supplies for the event while the Royal Navy of Oman provided medical support throughout.

Sailing Arabia – The Tour 2021 is run in full adherence to the government of Oman's latest COVID-19 safety protocols.



SPORTS



Omani Abdullah Al Ruwahi plans to give tough fight to Nasser Saleh Al-Attiyah

MUSCAT: Nasser Saleh Al-Attiyah, the winner of a record-breaking 17 FIA Middle East Rally Championship (MERC) titles, tops the entry for the Oman Rally Sohar International 2021. The final round of the regional series takes place next weekend (December 2nd-4th). The six-time winner of the rally in Oman teams up with regular French co-driver Matthieu Baumel (a two-time winner) before heading off to Saudi Arabia to try and add the 2021 FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies title to the 17th regional crown he earned in an Autotek Motorsport-run Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 when the fifth round of the series in Kuwait was cancelled earlier this month. Al-Attiyah faces competition from 11 rivals in the FIA category and a further 11 drivers competing in the second and third rounds of the Oman Rally Championship that will run immediately behind the FIA homologated field.

Talented young Omani Abdullah Al-Ruwahi and experienced Qatari Nasser Khalifa Al-Atya offer the main competition to the top seeded Al-Attiyah. Al-Ruwahi

was runner-up to Al-Attiyah in 2020 and again teams up with Jordanian Ata Al-Hmoud in a Škoda Fabia Evo and Al-Atya wheels out a Ford Fiesta with co-driver Giovanni Bernacchini.

The MERC2 category for show-room-type Group NR4 vehicles has been dominated by Kuwait's Meshari Al-Thefiri in recent seasons and he leads seven Mitsubishi and Subaru models into a tussle for category honours.

Competition comes from Oman's Zakariya Al-Aufi, Zakariya Al-Amry, Jarah Al-Touqi and Faisal Al-Rashdi, Lebanon's Ahmad Khaled and Jordan's Ihab Al-Shorafa.

Lebanon's Henry Kahy again teams up with Carlos Hanna in a Škoda Fabia in the two-wheel drive MERC3 category and Jordan's Asem Aref rounds off the international field in his Renault Clio RS.

The service park and rally office open tomorrow (Monday) and crews will be permitted to carry out a reconnaissance of the fast and flowing gravel special stages on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The event is being organised by the Oman Automobile Association

and officially starts from the sea-front in Al-Qurm at 18.00hrs on Thursday evening. Crews will then tackle 12 stages and 215.10 competitive kilometres in a route of 629.21km on Friday and Saturday.

The Oman International Rally is one of the oldest motor sporting events in the Middle East and dates back to 1979, when Sweden's Harry Kallström and Claes Billstam won in a Datsun 160 J/SSS.

The event entered the inaugural FISA Middle East Rally Championship in 1984 and Qatar's Saeed Al-Hajri teamed up with Britain's John Spiller to seal the win in a Porsche 911 SC RS.

Defending champion Al-Attiyah now has six wins in Oman, with Dubai legend Mohammed Ben Sulayem holding the record of seven successes between 1986 and 1998. The rally only returned to the MERC calendar at the start of 2020 after a four-year absence.

For further information, contact the Oman Automobile Association, P.O. Box 2874, CPO Seeb 111, Sultanate of Oman, Tel: + 968 245 10239, Email: info@omanauto.org and www.omanauto.org



AL-ATTIYAH FACES COMPETITION FROM 11 RIVALS IN THE FIA CATEGORY AND A FURTHER 11 DRIVERS COMPETING IN THE SECOND AND THIRD ROUNDS OF THE OMAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP THAT WILL RUN IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE FIA HOMOLOGATED FIELD



ROUND-UP

Meethaq celebrates 51st National Day with special Hibati prize draw

Meethaq takes great pride in celebrating national events and occasions to keep up with the dreams and aspirations of its customers across the Sultanate

MUSCAT: Meethaq Islamic Banking from Bank Muscat recently conducted a special draw coinciding with the Sultanate's 51st National Day celebrations. The special draw gave away a total of OMR 51,000 to the winners, with each winner walking away with OMR 1,000 each.

Meethaq takes great pride in celebrating national events and occasions to keep up with the dreams and aspirations of its customers

across the Sultanate.

On the occasion, Amor Said Al Amri, Senior Regional Manager, Meethaq Branches said: "We are greatly honoured to extend our sincere appreciation and greetings to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on the occasion of the glorious 51st National Day.

The bank is delighted to reward 51 customers with special prizes to celebrate this grand occasion. We invite all our valued customers

to continue saving more in their Hibati accounts and get more opportunities to win exciting prizes in the upcoming Hibati prize grand draws."

The Hibati Savings account is based on the unrestricted Mudarabah contract.

The cash prizes offered under Hibati's 2021 prize draw scheme are 'Hiba' (gift) from Meethaq to its customers and are paid out of the Mudarib's /shareholders' own sources. The cash prizes are over and above the profit share of Investment Account Holders (IAHs) in the General Mudarabah Pool as per the declared profit-sharing weightages.

Customers with Hibati Savings Accounts enjoy the largest number of benefits in Oman, which include competitive Mudarabah indicative profit rates, attractive cash prizes through draws, Visa Debit Card, no minimum balance charg-

es and digital banking facilities.

Meethaq customers may use online banking or its mobile banking application to perform their financial transactions 24/7 with convenience and ease.

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In 2021, Meethaq will give away prizes worth OMR 1.5 million to a record number of 5,331 winners. In the upcoming End of Year Draw, four grand prizes of OMR 50,000 each and one grand prize of OMR 100,000 will be given away to five lucky Hibati customers.



TASTY MEALS

A'Safwah Dairy offers high-quality Turkish labneh for healthy meals



MUSCAT: With its extensive experience and understanding of the local market, A'Safwah, one of Oman's largest integrated dairy companies, has become a preferred companion for meals among families in the Sultanate.

With its Turkish labneh product, A'Safwah offers local-taste lovers innovative ideas for healthy and delicious recipes, all leading to creating some unforgettable memories.

A'Safwah Turkish labneh is one of the consumers' favourite products. Researches have confirmed that labneh is a healthy source of protein and probiotics. While seeking to encourage consumers to follow healthy patterns, A'Safwah also follows all procedures for committing to delivering high-quality products, Made in Oman.

Labneh is also a beautiful ingredient for some dessert recipes, for example, the cheesecake recipe is popular locally. Many consumers prefer to mix A'Safwah Turkish labneh with other ingredients including cream cheese, vanilla and sugar, then place the mix on a plate

of butter-putty biscuits, that is sprinkled with pistachio powder.

To make a light and quick dish, a popular Omani Baker cooks pies with A'Safwah Turkish labneh. Explaining the method of preparation she said, "The A'Safwah Turkish labneh is soft and characterised by its integrated flavour. I use it to create healthy recipes for my family and customers. For example, I add the labneh on tortilla bread and then put it in the oven. After that, I add some olive pieces and drops of Omani honey. A'Safwah labneh helps me create a dish that my customers deserve and enjoy."

Consumers also like to add labneh to salads and appetizers such as samosa, kofta and sandwiches, for the taste it adds to each dish, as well as consumers' awareness of the high nutritional value in labneh. By adding A'Safwah Labneh on two brown toasts and thin cucumber slices on top and drops of olive oil, children's sandwiches become ready for a healthy and light breakfast to start their school day.

Mothers also like to add A'Safwah Turkish labneh to the salads. In describing the special

salad she prepares for her family at home, Meznah Al Breki said, "I like preparing salads with different ingredients each time, but my family prefers labneh salad. It has a delicious and distinctive taste and can be eaten directly or with bread. The salad consists of A'Safwah Turkish labneh, two diced tomatoes, one diced cucumber, green olive cut without seeds, small pieces of green chilli, a few leaves of dried Omani zaatar which is characterized by its sharp flavour, a pinch of black pepper, and two tablespoons of olive oil.

"I mix the ingredients and serve the dish as an appetiser with leaves of fresh parsley for decoration. It is one of the most loved dishes that my family enjoys."

With its experience since 1983 in dairy products, A'Safwah Dairy is proud to have modern processing facilities, an effective distribution network and an exceptional team of experts who are committed to maintaining the highest standards of excellence. The company has also demonstrated its commitment to providing fresh and local products to its customers.

HOSPITAL



Badr Al Samaa, Sohar launches Senior Citizens Privilege Card

MUSCAT: Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar is committed to providing quality healthcare at affordable prices to every stratum of the community. On the occasion of National day and its first anniversary of the hospital launched the Senior Citizens Privilege Card for the Senior Citizens of Al Batinah region.

Badr Al Samaa believes that senior citizens need special care and money should not be a concern while availing quality healthcare services. Senior Citizens will be given free consultation for one month in all Specialities and a 50% discount on consultation for Super Specialities. After Completing one month of this offer, there will be a 50% discount on consultation for all specialities including super specialities for life long. Also, they will be able to avail 25% discount on in-patient services except for medicines, consumables and implants. We have started the Registration desk as this offer will be started from December 1. To avail of this facility, kindly contact on 98476111.

This Senior Citizens Privilege Card was launched in a special event organized on the occasion of the first anniversary. HE Sheikh Ahmaed Al Ghofaily, Goodwill Ambassador & Former Member of State Council was

the Chief Guest, Eng Salim Bin Hamad Al Kindi, DG Sohar Municipality was the guest of honour and Dr Najat Mohammed Issa Al Zadjali, Director - DGPHE, North Batinah Governorate was the special guest. The event was also attended by managing directors of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospital, Abdul Latheef and Dr P A Mohammed, executive directors Firasath Hassan and Moideen Bilal, Chief Executive Officer Sameer PT, Chief Operating Officer Jacob Oommen, Branch Head Manoj Kumar, Medical Director Dr Azhar Iqbal, Head Branding & Communication Asif Shah and many eminent dignitaries, doctors, nurses, administrative staff of Badr Al Samaa Group.

This gesture will go a long way in making quality healthcare more accessible and affordable for senior citizens who need special care in their old age.

Sheikh Ahmaed Al Ghofaily lauded Badr Al Samaa for undertaking initiatives for the benefit of the community. Eng Salim Bin Hamad Al Kindi said Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar is always at the forefront of delivering many services under its corporate social responsibility and this Senior Citizens Privilege Card is one important thing in that way.

Dr Najat Mohammed Issa

Al Zadjali said that Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar not just in COVID but in every other way has supported the Ministry of Health in making quality healthcare services affordable to all.

In a joint communiqué, managing directors of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, Dr P A Mohammed and Abdul Latheef said that Badr Al Samaa believes that quality healthcare should not be confined to a particular section of society. They said Badr Al Samaa has always taken initiatives to help communities in every possible way. With these initiatives more senior citizens will focus on preventive and therapeutic healthcare on time and we will be able to avoid any untoward health emergency.

Sameer P T, CEO said that Badr Al Samaa aims to reach out to every person with quality healthcare. He said not just discounts but they will be given special care and attention during their treatment in hospital.

Manoj Kumar, Branch Head also added that many social and religious organisations have applauded this step and thanked Badr Al Samaa Hospital, Sohar for giving a special gesture to senior citizens of this region. He said we'll take utmost care of senior citizens under this programme.

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