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Assistant Grand Mufti of Oman confirms that those fasting are allowed to take the vaccine

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With just a few days left before Ramadan begins, the Assistant Grand Mufti of Oman has said it is safe for those who are fasting to be vaccinated, and doing so will not go against the rules of the Holy Month.

With Oman's nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive currently underway, many of those who will be fasting during the day have wondered whether being admin-

istered the vaccine will lead to their fasts considered broken.

"After reviewing the documentation concerning these vaccines – namely the Oxford AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech injections – the conclusion is that they will have no effect on a person's fasting," said Sheikh Dr. Kahlan Al Kharusi, the Assistant Grand Mufti. "This is because a person who receives the AstraZeneca injection is given a 0.5ml dose, while a single dose of the Pfizer

vaccine is of 0.3ml.

"Regardless of the contents of the vaccine, this is a very small amount," he added. "There is a ruling under Islamic Sharia that pardons people who take vaccines such as this or any other, because it involves injecting medicines into the muscle in very small amounts."

Advice

With the coronavirus pandemic having impacted many aspects of people's lives, including their economic conditions, way of living, social interactions, and work, Sheikh Kahlan asked people in the country to take the vaccine when they are offered, so that life can soon return to normalcy.

"God blessed humanity with the ability to discover vaccines

that help protect against pandemics," he said. "We have seen that some people choose to delay being administered the vaccine, because they believe unfounded rumours and falsification of truths. Scientists and doctors from our country, as well as organisations from the rest of the world, have spoken about the dangers of this pandemic, and the importance of taking the vaccine."

"Why would a sane person hesitate from taking a vaccine if, God willing, it can protect him from the harm of the virus?" he added. "How can you, on the one hand, demand a return to normalcy, but refuse to take the very vaccine that helps everyone, and facilitates a return to the normal life we had before the outbreak of the pandemic?" **>A7**

TACKLING PANDEMIC

Smart shield, software developed in Oman to help in COVID-19 fight

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A smart mask that detects patient's temperatures, and programmes that sort COVID admissions on the basis of the severity of symptoms, have been developed by a university in Oman to help the country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Created by Dr Abraham Varghese and Dr Huda Al Shuaily from the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, the research behind these projects was made possible through funding from the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation.

Two separate computer programmes were developed: One determines how far COVID-19 has progressed in patients, with conditions ranging from mild to critical, and the other, on the basis of presenting symptoms, determines the urgency with which patients need to be admitted to intensive care.

Mathematical modelling and machine learning were used to develop the software, which will help optimise patient care and ensure healthcare providers can treat them more efficiently.

"The team formulated a deterministic compartmental model including various stages of infection (such as mild, moderate, severe and critical) to study the spread of COVID-19 and estimat-



ed the model parameters by fitting the data of the ongoing pandemic in Oman," said Varghese.

"It consists of nine nonlinear differential equations that took into account the susceptible individuals, exposed individuals, asymptomatic individuals, critical individuals and recovered individuals," he added.

The objectives of the research include developing a mathemati-

cal model with different parameters, which fit the numbers of people in various clinical stages in terms of severity, with respect to the available data in Oman. The team came up with a machine learning model to validate a clinical score that will identify potential admittance in an intensive care unit facility for a laboratory-confirmed case of SARS-CoV-2.

"With the machine learning model, the research team has developed a web app called the CoV-19-OM ICU calculator to predict a clinical score that will identify the patients who are likely to be admitted in an intensive care unit," added Varghese.

"The online web application automates the calculation of the clinical score, which will allow the clinical practitioners to capitalise on the simplicity of the graphical user interface by entering the required values for each variable," he added. **>A6**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Dual carriageway to be ready by June 30

1 The entire Adam-Haima-Thumrait dual carriageway is expected to be completed by June 30, the Director of the Roads Department in Al-Wusta announced. The carriageway is one of the top national projects that the government is focussing on due to its strategic importance at the national, international levels. **>A6**

OMAN Expats with fresh work visas can enter Oman

2 Expatriates outside Oman who have received their employment and family joining visas allowing them to enter, but have not been able to get them stamped, can also fly to the country, the ROP has said. The rule applies to everyone who have received the aforementioned visas before the latest decision. **>A7**

MARKET BankDhofar AGM okays cash dividend

3 The Board of Directors of BankDhofar conducted its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 31. The meeting, held online through the electronic platform for holding general meetings, was chaired by Eng. Abdul Hafidh Salim Rajab Al Aujaili, chairman of the board, and attended by the board members. **>B1**

HIS MAJESTY

Royal Decree on retirement, social security systems

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on Wednesday issued a Royal Decree, No. 33/2021, on systems of retirement and social security.

Article (1) establishes a fund to be named "Social Security Fund", to have a legal identity, enjoy financial and administrative independence and report to the Council of Ministers. Its system (bylaw) shall be issued under a Royal Decree.

Article (2) establishes a fund to be named "Military And Security Services Retirement Fund", to have a legal identity, enjoy financial and administrative independence and report to the Council of Ministers. Its system (bylaw) shall be issued under a Royal Decree.

Article (3) states that a committee to be formed under a decision by the Council of Ministers shall undertake the supervision of drafting necessary regulations and finalising all procedures related to transferring to the two funds stated in Articles (1) and (2) of this decree all the missions, specialisations/prerogatives, origins, rights, obligations, assets and financial commitments of the following bodies: the Civil Service Employees Pension Fund, the Public Authority of Social Insurance, the Royal Guard of Oman's Retirement Fund, the Royal Office Retirement Fund, the Internal Security Service Retirement Fund, the Sultan's Special Force's Retirement Fund, the Diwan of Royal Court Employee's Retirement

Fund, the Royal Oman Police Retirement Fund, the Defence Ministry's Retirement Fund, the Central Bank of Oman's Employees Retirement Fund and Petroleum Development Oman's Employees Retirement Fund, each in accordance with its circumstances.

The above-mentioned Committee shall undertake devising the regulations and procedures of restructuring systems of retirement and social security and drafting the two funds' systems stated in Articles (1) and (2) of this decree, in addition to devising a draft law for social security that incorporates retirement systems necessary to be applied to all employees and workers, as well as provisions related to the social security scheme, within 12 months from the date of issuance of this decree.

Article (4) requires the boards of directors of retirement funds and the above-mentioned Public Authority for Social Insurance and its executive management to practise their missions in accordance with regulations and procedures to be endorsed by the committee stated in Article (3) of this decree.

Article (5) states that the minimum number of years of service required for claiming optional retirement stated in all enforced laws, systems and regulations shall be (30) years of service. This provision does not apply to those who already completed (20) years of service as of the date of issuance of the Social Security Law. **>A7**



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Health strategy aimed at community partnership, cutting medical costs

The ‘prevention strategy’ is also adopted within Oman Health Vision 2050 and the Five-Year Health Plan (2020-2025)

MUSCAT: The Sultanate, represented by the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the GCC Health Council, launched the health promotion strategy code-named “prevention project”.
The inauguration, held via video-conferencing on Wednesday, was held in the presence of Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Sa’eedi, Minister of Health, Dr. Mohammed Saif Al Hosni, Undersecretary of the Health Ministry for Health Affairs with the participation of Sulaiman Al Dakheel, Director Manger of the GCC Health Council. - ONA



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GCC Health Vision
Al Sa’eedi gave a speech saying that the strategy has been launched according to the GCC Health Vision, the common integration principles and cooperation among the GCC countries.

The ‘prevention strategy’ is also adopted within Oman Health Vision 2050 and the Five-Year Health Plan (2020-2025). It aims at promoting primary healthcare.

He also pointed out that the current trend of health projects’ implementation is carried out by research and surveys as health problems are examined on pure systematic approaches.

The Minister of Health also outlined that the concept of health promotion includes all aspects of an individual, family and community health.

It further strengthens the community partnership and integra-

tion among all sectors to cooperate in solving all health problems.

Onset of diseases
Health Affairs Undersecretary also gave a speech saying, “We aim at reducing incorrect and risky health behaviours and habits, limiting the onset of diseases and following the right health choices in everyday life, as well raising individuals’ awareness on the importance of promoting health and maintaining the proper practices, which will consequently reduce everyone’s medical expenses”.

The Director Manager of the GCC Health Council hailed the Health Council’s efforts at the GCC level to ensure provision of the highest levels of health services to citizens with the highest health standards at international organisational level. -ONA

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ROAD PROJECT

Entire stretch of Adam-Haima-Thumrait carriageway to be completed by June 30

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The entire Adam-Haima-Thumrait dual carriageway is expected to be completed by June 30, the Director of the Roads Department in Al-Wusta Governorate announced.
A statement issued online by Oman News Agency (ONA), said: Adam-Haima-Thumrait dual carriageway is one of the top national projects that the government is focussing on due to its strategic importance at the national and international levels.

Al-Wusta Governorate
Salem bin Hamad Al Junaibi, Director of the Roads Department in Al-Wusta Governorate, said that the Ministry is nearing the completion of the Adam - Hai-

ma - Thumrait dual carriageway from the wilayat of Adam to the wilayat of Haima. The work of the first part, the second part and some portion of the third part of the dual carriageway are almost complete.”

Al Junaibi added: “The total length of road that had been opened to traffic so far in three parts amounted to 280 km out of 317 km. The project started from the wilayat of Adam in Al Dakhiliya Governorate to the wilayat of Haima in Al Wusta Governorate.”

Entire project
He hoped that an additional 20 km will be opened this April, while 17 km of the remaining part, and the entire project up to Haima is expected to be completed by June 30.



SAFE DISTANCE

Smart shield created for use by health workers

“It can accelerate better treatment management and facilitate the optimisation of available resources.”

The smart shield developed by the university was created for use by health workers, police officers, firefighters and other first responders who need to be in regular, long-term contact with the public.

“This smart will help to screen those whom we communicate with by detecting their temperature from a distance and thus help keep us safe,” said Varghese.

LED display
“When they cross the safe social distancing limit of one metre, the device will provide an indication through an LED display.

“Once the safe distance is breached, the device will calculate the temperature of the person as well,” he explained.

“If the temperature shown is more than 37.5 degree Celsius, the device will issue an indication through an alarm. This will help in reducing the chance of contracting the disease.”

Dr. Varghese and Dr. Al Shuaily aside, the other members of the research team were Dr. Saad Salman Ahmed, Dr. Eduardo M Lacap Jr., Dr. Vinu Sherimon, Shajidmon Kolamban, Jagath Prasad Sreedhar, Syed Rafeek Ahmed, Dr. Faryal Khamis, Dr. Hasina Al Harthi, Dr. Hamed Al Naamani, Dr. Maher Al Bahrani, and Sunil Jacob.



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HEALTHCARE SERVICES: This agreement comes as part of Oman Airports’ integrated strategy to provide world-class healthcare services to travellers across its airports.-ONA

MUSCAT: Airports Learning and Development Centre continued its focus on broadening the circle of international accreditations received from major international aviation training institutions.

After successful conclusion of multiple accreditation agreements with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the International Airports Council (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Oman Airports Learning and Development Centre yesterday signed a new accreditation agreement acknowledging Muscat International Airport as an authorised international training centre accredited by American Heart Association (AHA) to provide AHA first aid and cardiopulmonary recovery (CPR) training courses.

This agreement comes as part of Oman Airports’ integrated strategy to provide world-class healthcare services to travellers across its airports.

The agreement was signed through an online virtual ceremony by Abdullah Saleh Al Yafei,

Oman Airports Vice President of Support Services and Michael Holly, AHA International Vice President..

Oman Airports, represented by its Learning and Development Centre, has recently developed an integrated first aid and CPR training programme in collaboration with the AHA, which targeted a number of Muscat Airport’s employees to promote awareness on the importance of CPR as a life-saving tool and to provide guidance on health and safety at works to participants through a range of training packages.

The programme aimed at enhancing skills and knowledge of participants and familiarising them with the latest principles and practices of first aid to enable rapid response to medical emergencies and facilitate crucial lifesaving of travellers and airport employees by emergency medical services (EMS) staff.

Furthermore, the programme is designed for airport personnel who wish to become AHA instructors certified to deliver first aid and CPR program courses to employees at all the Sultanate’s

airports. Oman Airports achieved the provision and equipping of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in the terminals of Muscat International Airport, in an initiative sought to achieve the highest level of timely medical and first aid emergency responses at the airport, thereby ensuring provision of immediate life-saving care for both travellers and airport employees in the event of health emergency.

As part of this initiative, a total of 64 AED units were placed in different locations in the airport for use by first aiders in a timely and efficient manner in case of emergency.

The American Heart Association (AHA) is the world leader in first aid, CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) training and education.

The AHA strives to provide training programs and public health education to individuals across the world.

It continues to explore ways to empower individuals with the necessary skills to deliver life-saving support in emergencies.-ONA

POSSIBLE ERUPTION

More communities at risk over report of Japan’s Mount Fuji eruption

TOKYO: A new hazard map drawn up to prepare local residents for a possible eruption of Japan’s Mount Fuji warns that earlier predictions may have underestimated the true scale of the danger.

The updated threat assessment was compiled by experts from the three prefectures considered to be most at risk from a major eruption of Japan’s tallest and most iconic mountain. Basing their decisions on new research, officials in Shizuoka, Yamanashi and Kanagawa prefectures now believe that the earlier hazard map, which was published in June 2004, failed to take several factors into account.

The new report identifies a number of additional vents on the flanks of the mountain that could serve as exit points for the lava that is below the surface, potentially putting more communities at the base of the peak in danger. The experts believe that 27 towns are at some degree of risk should the volcano erupt, up from 15 in the previous study.

Even more worryingly, the new study estimates that as many as 1.3 billion cubic metres of lava could flow from the crater, up from the 700 million cubic metres that was predicted previously. The report suggests that lava could flow as far as 40 kilometres (25 miles) from the summit, although that distance depends heavily on where the lava breaks through the surface and the local topography.

Multiple communities at risk

The report identifies the city of Fujinomiya, to the southwest of the 3,776-metre (12,388 feet) peak, as one of the most at-risk communities, with lava flowing into parts of the town within two hours of an eruption and engulfing a far wider area.

And while lava generally flows at a relatively slow speed of 10



kilometers per hour (kph) or less, pyroclastic flows of superheated volcanic ash, rock and steam tend to carve a path down the flanks of steep-sided mountains at rates of more than 100 kph.

Such flows also tend to naturally follow the paths of least resistance, which on Mount Fuji would be the roads that also serve as emergency evacuation routes.

The Fujinomiya city government regularly updates information and advice for residents to follow in the event of an eruption, a city official told DW, adding that the findings of the new report will be incorporated into the next advisory. The city’s web page marks areas that are considered most at risk, and those that will be affected by lava flow, along with possible evacuation routes.

The new report also indicates that a major eruption could release enough lava to sever the main road and rail links that hug the southern coast of the mountain, and block access to the land connection between Tokyo and western parts of Japan.

Fears of a sudden eruption
Mount Fuji last erupted in 1707,

and volcanologists say there are no signs at present of an impending problem on the mountain, although the peak is still classified as active. And Japan does not have to look too far back to find examples of volcanoes that suddenly returned to activity.

Mount Io, on the border of Miyazaki and Kagoshima prefectures in southern Japan, erupted in May 2018 after being dormant since 1768. wThe volcano released ash that soared more than 500 metres into the sky, and local authorities ordered people to stay away.

In September 2014, hundreds of hikers enjoying a day out on Mount Ontake, about 100 kilometres northeast of Nagoya, were caught completely unprepared when it erupted. Sixty-three people were killed.

Other experts, however, have long cautioned that a major eruption is overdue.

Masaki Kimura, a retired volcano expert at Ryukyu University, warned that pressure building in the magma chamber beneath the volcano, as far back as 2013, has reached levels higher than those that were in place shortly before the 1707 eruption. **aw**

COVID VACCINE

Nepal starts administering China-donated COVID-19 vaccines

KATHMANDU: Nepal on Wednesday started administering the COVID-19 vaccines donated by China amid resurging COVID-19 cases.

A batch of COVID-19 vaccines developed by Sinopharm was delivered to Nepal late last month.

According to the Ministry of Health and Population, the Chinese vaccines are being administered from 23 hospitals located at seven districts including Kathmandu, most of them are in the country’s capital and its adjacent areas.

“The vaccine is being inoculated among the people aged 18-59 years,” Jhalak Sharma Gautam, chief of the National Immunization Program under the health ministry, told Xinhua on Tuesday.

Earlier the ministry said that people aged 40-49 years would be vaccinated.

According to the ministry, sanitation workers in the field of medicines, water and milk distribution, students studying in China but currently stuck in Nepal due to the pandemic, Nepali students preparing to leave for China for the higher study and people involved in cross-border trade between Nepal and China are being inoculated with the Chinese vaccines.

Raj Kumar Paraajuli, 39, is a Nepali PhD student who studies in Qingdao University, Shandong province of China. After being inoculated at the Civil Hospital in Kathmandu, he told Xinhua, “I am very happy. I wish to get the passport soon to return to China.”

According to the ministry, people working in postal and telephone services, hotels and restaurants, public transportation services, electricity supply, storage and transportation of consumer goods are also the targeted group to be vaccinated.

Gautam said about 400,000 people will be inoculated with the first dose of Chinese vaccines initially. “Another dose will be given after 28 days,” he said. Nepal reported 260 COVID-19 cases on Tuesday. The number of COVID-19 cases went down below 50 per day early in March. **ANI**



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GRIM MILESTONE

India records highest daily spike with 115,736 COVID-19 cases



NEW DELHI: Leaving behind its previous record, India reported over 115,000 COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours.

According to the Union Health Ministry, the country recorded 115,736 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours. With this fresh surge, the total number of infections has reached 12,801,785. The country reported 630 COVID-related deaths in the last 24 hours, while the active number of cases stands at 843,473.

As many as 59,856 people discharged/recovered from the disease during the same period. With the new COVID-19 deaths, the cumulative toll in the country has mounted to 166,177.

The previous high was recorded on April 5 when the country reported 1,03,844 fresh COVID positive cases in a single day.

As many as 87,077,474 people have been inoculated against COVID-19 in the country so far.

From April 2, the government started vaccinating all people above 45 years. India started its vaccination drive on January 16 with priority given to all health-care and frontline workers in the first phase. The second phase started on March 1 where doses were administered to people above the age of 60 and those between 45 and 59 years with specific comorbidities. **ANI**

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Lechner Racing's CEO confident on Al Faisal, Soucek performance

With a mix of youth and experience in Al Faisal and Soucek, the team has entered in the Pro category in Porsche latest GT3 model



MUSCAT: Ahead of the International GT Open Winter Test at the Circuit de Barcelona- Catalunya in Spain, due to be held on April 19-20, Lechner Racing's CEO, Walter Lechner Jr, has expressed confidence in his team of Oman's Al Faisal Al Zubair and Spain's Andy Soucek, as the team returns to the International GT Open 2021 campaign.

With a mix of youth and experience in Al Faisal and Soucek, the team has entered in the Pro category in Porsche latest GT3 model – the 911 GT3 R – and Lechner Jr is delighted to be back in the highly-competitive campaign over seven races.

In his remarks to the official website of the GT Open series, Lechner Jr said, "We had planned to return to the championship al-

ready last year, but due to the difficult circumstances we postponed the commitment by a year.

"We have never had so much time to prepare for the season – from the race car to the truck, we rebuilt everything and are now even better prepared.

"After the big family loss (decease of founder Walter Lechner in December 2020), we're sticking together even more and we're sure

we'll have a spotter looking down from above."

Walter Lechner was the man behind the successful Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East, which has been running for more than

ten years and his team was the most victorious in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. For Al Faisal, who is just 22, Porsche Sprint

Challenge Middle East has been the shining example of his fledgling career, having won the event two times in a row (2018-19) and the Omani racer credits the Late Walter Lechner for supporting and guiding him.

Having had a fruitful partnership with Lechner Racing since 2018, Al Faisal has extended that partnership to a new stage in endurance racing.

The Omani driver is teaming up with 2009 Formula 2 champion and an experienced GT star in Soucek.

Al Faisal said, "After so many years of working with Lechner Racing in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East, I am looking

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forward to taking the next step on the international stage with the same team. My thoughts will often be with Walter Lechner

Sr, from whom I learned everything at the beginning of my career and to whom I owe a lot."

For Soucek, it was a dream to drive for an Austrian team. He said, "By joining Lechner Racing, the dream of driving for an Austrian team can finally come true. I believe we have a strong package, and I will try to use all my GT3 experience and know-how to be a valuable asset to the team. "It's also a pleasure to return to GT Sport events, an environment I know since my times in the Spanish Formula 3 championship

which I won in 2005."

Backed fully by Al Manar Financial Investments, Al Faisal is eager to be behind the wheels of his new car at the Winter Test

before the series begins at the famed Paul Ricard circuit in France on May 16.

"The car is ready and I am eager to test it in Barcelona. This is my debut endurance series and I am all ready for the challenge along with Andy [Soucek]. He brings in lot of experience and we are confident of making an impact in the series and achieve success."

The series has been affected by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic with the organisers cancelling the opening round in Algarve,

MUSSANAH OPEN

Sailors push themselves to the limits

Times News Service

MUSSANAH : The penultimate day of racing at the Mussanah Open Championship ended in dramatic fashion as sailors across five classes pushed themselves to the limits to end the day in contention for honours on Thursday.

With Olympic qualification within touching distance, tension was high and in great conditions, the sailors had to use all of their experience to gain the small advantages that could prove so important in the final rankings.

After the second to last rounds of racing, the 49er class remains as

tight as ever. Indian pair of KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar retain top spot for the third successive day but the team of Akira Sakai and Russel Aylsworth representing Hong Kong won all three of yesterday's rounds to propel themselves into second place ahead of the Chinese team of Hong Wei and Chao Xiang in third.

The Omani team of Musab Al Hadi and Waleed Al Kindi ended the day in fifth place two points off a medal position. The fleet is incredible close with five points separating third and sixth place meaning Olympic qualification will come down to

the final three rounds.

There was no change in the standings in the 49er FX class with China's Ye Jin and Chen Shasha holding a narrow lead over Molly Highfield and Sandy Wing Chi Choi from Hong Kong. Thailand's Kamonchanok Klahan and Nichapa Waiwai remain in third place just ahead of India's Ekta Yadav and Ritika Dangi in fourth.

Speaking after the races, 49er FX sailor Molly Highfield, currently second in the rankings, said, "It was a beautiful day out on the water today. A great competition with great sailing, and

it was quite tight. We found ourselves in a couple of tricky spots sometimes but managed to pull through and we're really looking forward to one more race tomorrow. Every day we get to sail here is a privilege."

In the Laser class, Ryan Lo Jun Han retained top spot today with two first place finishes. He now holds a commanding lead over the fleet. Keerati Bualong of Thailand is second with India's Vishnu Saravanan third, China's Jiannan Wu fourth, Nick Bezy of Hong Kong fifth and Arthit Romanyk of Thailand in sixth as just eight points separating the five sailors.

FOOTBALL

Real Madrid thrash Liverpool in the first-leg quarterfinal

MADRID: Goals from Vinicius Junior and Marco Asensio helped Real Madrid thrash Liverpool in the first-leg quarterfinal of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Real Madrid defeated Liverpool 3-1 and as a result, the latter now faces an uphill task of making it to the semi-finals. Jurgen Klopp's side would be required to score big in the second leg quarterfinal. The first half saw two goals being scored and both of them were registered by Real Madrid. First, Junior registered the goal in the 27th minute and nine minutes later, Asensio gave Real Madrid a 2-0 lead.

No more goals were scored in the first half and as a result, Madrid walked into halftime with a 2-0 lead.

In the second half, Mohamed Salah pegged one goal back for Liverpool in the 51st minute and the visitors would have been hoping to make a comeback in the match.

However, that was not to be the case as Junior scored his second goal of the match for Madrid in the 65th minute and this gave Madrid a 3-1 lead in the match.

No more goals were scored and in the end, Madrid walked away with a comfortable victory. **ANI**

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MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSM index closed at 3,714.49 points, down 0.07 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.21 per cent at 529.66 points. Voltamp Energy, up 5.56 per cent, was the top gainer while Oman & Emirates Holding, down 4.17 per cent, was the top loser.

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BankDhofar holds AGM, approves cash dividend

The Annual General Meeting approved the report of the Board of Directors of the bank on the business and financial position of the bank for the financial year ended December 31, 2020

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of BankDhofar conducted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, March 31.

The meeting, held online through the electronic platform for holding general meetings, was chaired by Eng. Abdul Hafidh Salim Rajab Al Aujaili, chairman of the board, and attended by the board members,



VIRTUAL MEETING: The meeting, held online through the electronic platform for holding general meetings, was chaired by Eng. Abdul Hafidh Salim Rajab Al Aujaili, chairman of the board. - Supplied picture

senior management of the bank and shareholders.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM), approved the report of the

Board of Directors of the bank on the business and financial position of the bank for the financial year ended 31st December 2020.

The meeting approved the cash dividend, which will be distributed to the shareholders, at the rate of 4 baisas per share. The meeting brought to the attention of Shareholders the transactions in which the bank entered with related parties during the financial year ended 31st December 2020.

The sitting fees being availed by the members of the Board of Directors and members of the board sub-committees along with the members of the Sharia Supervisory Board for the financial year ended December 31, 2020, were ratified and the sitting fees for the next financial year were specified. The meeting approved the proposed Directors' remuneration of OMR 300,000 for the financial year ended December 31, 2020. Additionally, the donations paid to support local community services for the financial year ended December 31, 2020, were brought to the attention of the shareholders.

The meeting also approved allocating OMR 120,000 for supporting local community services for the financial year ending December 31, 2020.

The meeting also agreed to appoint the external auditors and sharia external auditors for the financial year 2020 and specified their fees.

CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY



CREDIT RATING: The decision obliged the companies to limit the investment of their assets outside the Sultanate to the countries, financial institutions and instruments with a credit rating not less than - BBB.

Capital Market Authority issues administrative decision

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Capital Market Authority (CMA) has issued an administrative decision specifying the credit rating for investment of the assets of insurance and Takaful companies outside the Sultanate.

The decision obliged the companies to limit the investment of their assets outside the Sultanate to the countries, financial institutions and instruments with a credit rating not less than - BBB in accordance with Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating or an equivalent.

The move comes to enhance the investments of the insurance sector and to deal with the economic changes and the ability of the companies to face the investment challenges in addition to

the economic value of the local market and the role of insurers and their saving schemes.

The decision is based on Article 5 of the Rules for Investment of the Assets of Insurance and Takaful Companies which confer on the CMA the power to specify the minimum limit of credit rating for investment instruments as well as the countries and financial institutions.

The decision excluded the international bonds issued by the Omani Government to encourage the companies to invest in government bonds beside the unrated shares listed in the stock markets and investment funds and gave the companies the discretion to determine their risk appetite when investing in such instruments.

ACHIEVEMENTS

OCCI chairman praises Oman's achievements in global economic indicators



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) has praised the progress made by the Sultanate in global economic indicators.

Eng. Ridha bin Jumah Al Saleh, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said: "We commend the progress made and achieved by the Sultanate in global economic indicators, which reflects the great efforts made by government and the Omani private sector institutions, which calls for optimism towards a more developed and brilliant economic future."

Al Saleh said that the 2021 World Economic Freedom Index confirmed the Sultanate's progress by five places, as it came in seventh regionally and 71 globally in the Economic Freedom Index.

"We must all continue efforts towards pushing the Omani economy to the desired diversification and raising its efficiency through the development of human resources, the promotion of innovation and creativity and raising the levels of the use of modern technologies."

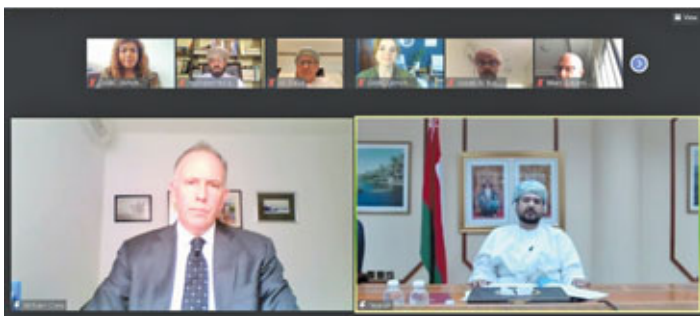
ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

Commerce minister outlines incentives for foreign investors at OABC virtual forum

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Oman American Business Centre (OABC) hosted a virtual Majlis On April 6 with Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Oman's Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion.

The session presented a unique opportunity for members of the OABC to engage and ask specific questions to better understand the vision and plans of Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion (MOCIIP). Qais Al Yousef discussed incentives for foreign investors and other key information about how the plan will impact the future and Oman's Vision 2040. The session also addressed business continuity and steps to mitigate the challenges faced by companies due to the pandemic.



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: The session presented a unique opportunity for members of the OABC to engage and ask specific questions to better understand the vision and plans of the ministry. - Supplied picture

OABC President and Chairman Ali Daud opened the session and thanked the official guest of honour: US Ambassador to Oman, Leslie Tsou, before introducing

the minister and the session's moderator, OABC Board Member and Treasurer, William Crew of Inspired Solutions.

OABC compiled a list of ques-

tions received from its member companies, and during the event, executives were also given the opportunity to ask questions directly via chat.

"We commend His Excellency's willingness to sit down together and engage with questions from the business community," says Daud.

"We trust that this first virtual majlis may pave the way for more interaction, discussion, and future sessions between the public and private sectors within Oman. We would also like to thank our partner, the Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce, who supported the invitation of their membership as well to this event."

"It is notable that in spite of, and even because of, the difficult and unique situation the world is

facing today, US companies can learn about what Oman has to offer through an online platform rather than physical travel," continues Daud.

"We hope that new opportunities and connections will be made through these efforts and initiatives during this time, as well as the future, as Oman moves towards its Vision 2040."

As the official affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce in Oman (AmCham Oman), the OABC promotes understanding, partnerships & other matters of mutual economic interest between business communities in Oman and the United States. Formed in 2003, the OABC's mission is to foster the development of commercial activity between Oman and the United States.

GLOBALLY-RECOGNISED DIPLOMA

PwC's Academy launches VAT Compliance Diploma in Oman



Times News Service

MUSCAT: As Oman gears up for VAT implementation, organisations are facing a skills shortage of qualified tax professionals. To support businesses in implementing the nation's new tax regime, PwC's Academy, the talent and skills development business of PwC, has launched the Oman VAT Compliance Diploma.

Designed for professionals to navigate the new tax legislation, this globally recognised diploma, awarded by the Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT), covers the principles of VAT and in-depth knowledge and application

of the GCC framework.

Run in partnership with Tolley, the leading worldwide provider of practical tax training, the programme will deliver comprehensive training for finance managers and tax professionals responsible for the administration of VAT, and for those in a VAT regulatory role in both public and private sectors.

Amanda Line, Partner, PwC's Academy said, "Our role at PwC's Academy is to facilitate the upskilling needs in the region, particularly during this time of rapid change in tax policies. We have helped businesses prepare for VAT introductions across the UAE and KSA, and the diploma has played

a key role in ensuring professionals have a clear understanding of the requirements. Extending this qualification to specialised professionals in Oman will deliver the same for this market."

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Spectacular JAC J7 launched at Towell Auto Centre in Oman

What would grab your attention as soon as you lay your eyes on the J7 would be its stylish waterfall intake grille. Its design gives an impression of power not just in the feel of it, but also in the way it is driven

MUSCAT: Everyone wants to own a car that they are proud to own, one in which they feel that they can take on the roads and feel liberated in. With the new JAC J7, you can feel all that and more.

JAC Oman launched the JAC J7 at Towell Auto Centre (TAC) on Sunday, March 21. The newly launched car was the star of the event catching the eyes of the on-lookers. It comes in four colours; red, blue, grey and white. The specifics and the colours of the car all stay true to the models' slogan: "Desire to be Different".

Specifics of J7

The specifics of the car are extremely noteworthy and far from what anyone has ever experienced before. What would grab your attention as soon as you lay your eyes on the J7 would be its stylish waterfall intake grille. Its design gives an impression of power not just in the feel of it, but also in the way it is driven. Coming on to its stellar exterior, the JAC J7 has a remarkable sports back design giving it a luxurious, sporty feel. It's a style that would turn heads wherever the J7 is driven.



What gives a boost to this dynamic vehicle is its turbocharged engine which generates 210Nm Torque. It propels the car ahead and ensures a smooth and speedy drive. The primary function of a turbocharger that is connected to an engine, is to give it more power. This allows the JAC J7 to put out more horsepower and torque, more than other ordinary vehicles. Turbochargers utilize the engine's hot, expelled air to spin the compressor wheel and take in outside air. This reduces the amount of waste production. Just another

one of the reasons why the J7 should be on your list of cars to invest in.

One of the most commendable parts about the JAC J7 is its independent rear suspensions for greater space and comfort. Added to this it enables an exceptional performance on uneven surfaces. The J7 can withhold traction as the movement of each rear wheel does not get impacted by the other as it would on solid-axle vehicles.

Added to this, the interiors are also not far behind and at par with

the exteriors of the J7. The grey and black coloured seating perfectly complement the beautiful, vibrant shade of its exterior. JAC Motors always puts the convenience of its customers on the top of its priority list. And it has done the same with the J7. When you look inside the car, your eyes would immediately go towards the 10.4 vertical touch screen making it useful to make calls, listen to music and for easy navigation through difficult addresses.

The seasoned driver always opts for the power steering for a relaxed and effortless drive. With

the JAC J7, the bar has been raised with its electrical power steering designed for its driver's comfort and ease. The electrical power steering is also energy efficient and environmentally suitable. So now with the new JAC J7, you can have an effortless drive and can play your part in protecting the environment.

The fact is having an all in one desirable car is going to be a new experience and a spontaneous choice in a world of look-alike sedans.

JAC Motors joined hands with Towell Auto Centre in 2008 to

bring JAC commercial vehicles into the Sultanate of Oman. Throughout the past decade, both partners have ensured their part of the deal with JAC bringing high-quality vehicles and TAC providing excellent Sales and After Sales service to their customers. 2020 marks the launch of new passenger cars under this partnership with an aim to provide unmatched quality coupled with the best value.

Currently, JAC offers a vast range of vehicles in Oman including SUVs, Vans, Trucks, and Light Commercial Vehicles with a vision to have a model to serve everyone's needs. Established in 1964, JAC Motors has more than 9,000 employees with a total asset of RMB 6.1 billion, covering an area of nearly 4.05 million square meters, and is one of the top 500 enterprises in China.

JAC is now present in 130+ countries worldwide and has racked up more than USD 7 Billion revenue with an annual production of 1 Million units through a vast network of 500+ dealerships and 14 assembly plants across Latin America, Europe, Africa, The Middle East and Asia. JAC is committed to enhancing its superiority in technology, manufacturing, brand image and sales network through rapid development. JAC is dedicated to developing and producing safe, environmentally friendly, economical and energy-saving vehicles on the basis of sustained brand progress and cost improvement.

In Oman, TAC is recognised as a trusted name in customer service and a pioneer in the automobile business since 1972. A group company of the W J Towell Group, TAC takes off from the principle of its parent company and ensures the easy availability of high-quality motor products coupled with the highest standard of service to its esteemed customers. TAC is making owning a JAC vehicle an absolute joy, thanks to their excellent after-sales service, availability of genuine parts for all JAC models, their efficient staff, amazing promotions and innovative solutions for a better customer experience.

OMAN ARAB BANK

OAB holds awareness workshop on pandemic updates for staff



MUSCAT: In light of the current rise of COVID-19 pandemic cases and with the aim of generating awareness among staff on the developments of the pandemic and methods of dealing to deal with it, the Human Resources Division at Oman Arab Bank (OAB) organised a virtual workshop on Tuesday, April 6.

Conducted in collaboration with the Royal Hospital, the workshop highlighted the new COVID-19 variants, which has led to the spread of the new wave during the last few weeks. These developments have brought about the need to be prepared to deal with the new strain, while simultaneously continuing to adhere to preventive measures to reduce the spread and risk of infections.

Commenting on the importance of holding the workshop, Adil Al Rahbi, Head of Human Resources Division at OAB, said, "With the upcoming developments taking place, it has now become vital for people to think proactively. Therefore, we decided to conduct this workshop, which is also a part of

the Wiqaya programme, launched by the Human Resources Division since the onset of the pandemic, which includes several preventive measures that have been taken to reduce the risk internally within the bank."

Precautionary measures

"The workshop sheds light on the precautionary measures that must be followed at the bank to prevent the spread of infection. It also provided an overview of the available vaccines, the types and differences as well as its relevant benefits in providing immunity from the infection in the future," he added.

The workshop was organised through the virtual platform, Zoom, keeping in mind the recent directives of the Supreme Committee. The bank invited Dr Badria Rashid Said Al Waili, Paediatric Infectious Disease Consultant at the Royal Hospital, to enlighten the employees about the recent updates of the pandemic and discuss other related topics. The workshop was attended by hundreds of employees from the dif-

ferent departments at the bank, as well as from its 54 branches across the Sultanate.

"I would like to extend my utmost thanks to the employees of the Royal Hospital for their co-operation in the organisation of this workshop for the bank's staff, to help generate awareness of the current developments, as per the latest official information. I would like also to thank them for taking the time to answer all the questions and enquiries that our employees had, which is a reflection of their eagerness in providing every means of support that is focused on combating the pandemic at various levels," he concluded.

Oman Arab Bank has a rich and proud history as one of the first financial institutions to be established in the Sultanate. Today, the bank operates a nationwide network of 54 branches and representative offices and 160 ATMs spread across Oman. OAB provides a complete range of financial products and services for personal banking, corporate banking and investment clients.

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Qatar Airways celebrates opening of new state-of-the-art engine facility

DOHA: Qatar Airways celebrated the opening of a new state-of-the-art engine facility as part of the vision to streamline the cost of its technical maintenance operations by more than \$2.2m per year, further supporting the airline's growth despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Located in the Qatar Airways Technical Maintenance complex, the new 9,000 sq. ft. engine facility was officially opened by the Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim Saif Ahmed Al-Sulaiti, in the presence of the President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, Abdulla Nasser Turki Al Subaey, and Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, along with other senior officials and VIPs.

It is estimated the new facility will enable the airline to improve workflow by over 1,800 man-hours per month, or 23,400 man-hours per year, by centralising its engine production and engine parts storage processes, increasing the number of its engine production lines from four to eight covering a variety of aircraft engine types. In addition to this, the ultramodern facility is able to house a total of 80 engines of varying sizes in a temperature

and humidity controlled environment, with two specialists 'Dust Control' rooms to limit the presence of dust and harmful particles, as well as a dedicated Supply Chain area to minimise waiting times for the ordering and transportation of spare parts.

Nation's milestone

Jassim Al-Sulaiti said, "This achievement will boost the ongoing growth of the aviation industry in Qatar and contribute to localising that major industry. This event also keeps pace with the remarkable development in the transportation sector in the country in light of the upsurge in development under the country's wise leadership.

"Lately, the nation's milestones in the field of the aviation industry have increased despite the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hamad International Airport has continued winning awards as the best airport in the world in terms of efficiency, service and amenities for travellers and Qatar Airways has ranked first and won several global awards.

"The State of Qatar will continue the course of giving and work, as well as carrying out sev-

eral projects in the future to keep pace with all developments in the aviation industry, which is one of the most advanced industries in the world, toward a promising future and an advanced country that takes its position among world countries, until reaching the horizons of Qatar National Vision 2030."

Akbar Al Baker said, "The continuous improvement and expansion of our Technical Maintenance facilities is a key element in supporting the airline's ongoing efforts to rebuild our global network to more than 140 destinations by the summer peak season.

"With the new Engine Facility, we have not only created one of the most technologically advanced engine assembly and disassembly facilities available within the commercial aviation industry to date but also doubled our engine production capabilities.

"The facility's extensive dedicated Supply Chain area also means that we have instant access to a ready supply of engine parts and equipment, reducing our reliance on external suppliers and further supporting the reliability and technical capability of Qatar Airways' fleet of next-generation aircraft."

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With all-round financial expertise, the bank meets the goals and aspirations of its customers

MUSCAT: The borrowing and lending of money is a crucial facilitator of economic activities within every economy.

In line with the bank's aim of strengthening Oman's National Economy and its vision 'To serve you better, everyday', Bank Muscat has been steadily expanding its finance portfolio across different segments over the years as it seeks to improve financial inclusion to different segments of society.

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Green finance

In 2019, Bank Muscat in association with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) launched Oman's first Green Finance scheme for environment-friendly homes becoming the first and only bank in Oman to launch a financing scheme that facilitates environmental-friendly initiatives.

The installation of solar panels is done through the Sahim renewable energy project of the Authority for Public Services Regulation and financing ranging from OMR 1,000 to OMR 25,000 are given to eligible individuals for up to 5 years at highly competitive interest rates.

Documents required are minimal with only the customer's ID card, salary assignment letter, project cost quotation and regulatory approval and tri-party agreement signed by the customer, the vendor and Bank Muscat being needed. The bank has been greatly encouraged by the response from its customers applying for this 'first of its kind' financing in Oman.

Personal finance

Personal financing options are available for Omani nationals at very competitive rates. Customers with a minimum salary of OMR 250 can apply for personal finance at any branch of the bank by only providing their salary assignment letter and ID card. Financing up to OMR 200,000 is available based on the eligibility of the customer. With excellent interest rates, fast processing times and quick disbursements, personal financing products are popular amongst the bank's customers.

Speaking about the bank's wide range of financing options, Abdullah Tamman Al Mashani, DGM – Institutional Sales and Product Development, Bank Muscat, said: "With excellent well recognised financial expertise, Bank Muscat has always been a pillar that supports the country's needs.

"It seeks to cater to the needs of different retail banking customer segments. In line with its commitment to national development and priorities including partnering with the government in its role of providing a high standard of living for the people of Oman, the bank offers financing at highly competitive interest rates and flexible repayment options in keeping with the needs of its customers. Hence, it has launched many products and services in this regard and continues to develop new ones in response to customer feedback."

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