

**ARGENTINA BEAT
BRAZIL, LIFT COPA
AMERICA TITLE**

RIO DE JANEIRO: Angel Di Maria starred as Argentina clinched the Copa America final for the first time since 1993, registering a 1-0 win over Brazil at the Maracana on Saturday. **>A8**



6 085010 120010

**HIS MAJESTY SENDS GREETINGS TO
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE PRESIDENT**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Evaristo Carvalho of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe on his country's Independence Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes to President Carvalho, and the friendly people of Sao Tome and Principe. — **ONA**



Founded 1975 · Volume 46 No. 98 | 16 Pages · Baisas 200 · Subscription OMR63 | ISO 9001:2008 Certified Company | Chairman/Editor-in-Chief: Mohamed Issa Al Zadjali | Printed & Published by Muscat Media Group



HIS MAJESTY'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA TO BRING BOTH THE NATIONS CLOSER

New Omani-Saudi
Coordination Council
to work on projects
of joint interest

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A memorandum of understanding to set up an Omani-Saudi Coordination Council has been signed in the presence of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, during His Majesty's official visit to Saudi Arabia. The MoU, which aims to develop stronger ties over areas of common



concern, was signed by Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, the Foreign Minister of Oman, and his Saudi counterpart, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud.

The agreement aims to expand cooperation between Oman and Saudi Arabia. The two countries are expected to sign more pacts and memorandums to serve their joint interest. The two countries hope that the coordination council will promote existing cooperation and joint projects with a view to achieving full integration in various spheres.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials from the Saudi and Omani delegations.

During His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik's visit, he was conferred the Order of King Abdulaziz, the highest Saudi order of merit granted to monarchs and heads of state, by King Salman.

His Majesty the Sultan also con-

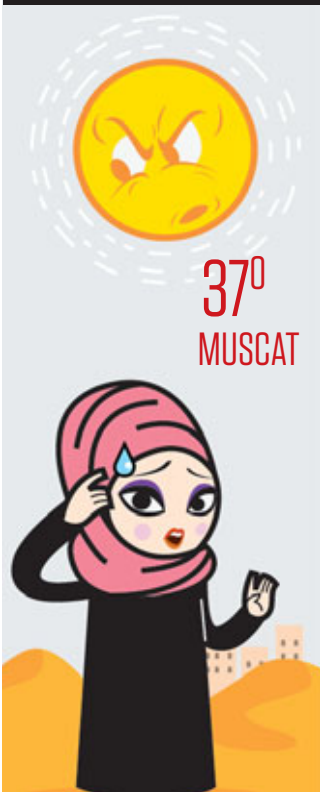
ferred upon the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman, the Order of Al Said, considered the highest Omani honour.

The orders were exchanged at Neom Palace on Sunday evening.

His Majesty the Sultan arrived in the city of Neom, where he was received by Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia. He was then received at Neom Palace by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

His Majesty's visit to Saudi Arabia comes in response to an invitation from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. It is a confirmation of the deep historical ties between Oman and Saudi Arabia, and is based on the willingness of both countries to enhance joint cooperation.

-With inputs from ONA



AS PER ROYAL ORDERS

Eid Al Adha holidays from July 18 to July 22

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As per the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, it was decided that Eid Al Adha holiday for employees of the departments of the State Administrative Apparatus and other legal entities, as well as private sector's establishments will begin from Sunday, 8 Dhul Hijjah 1442 AH, corresponding to July 18 till Thursday July 22.

Therefore, work shall be resumed on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

The decision allows employers and employees to agree on work arrangements to compensate for this holiday, if necessity arises.

For this, hotels in Oman have rolled out offers for people to spend the lockdown phase during the upcoming Eid Al Adha holidays.



Although the holiday will run from Sunday, July 18 to Thursday, July 22, most of the country will be under lockdown during the three days of Eid, which begins on Tuesday, July 20.

Anticipating this, hotels have introduced four-day staycation packages, enabling people to arrive before the lockdown, and leave once it ends.

• See also **>A2**



More coverage of
His Majesty's visit
to Saudi Arabia

A4-5

PRAYER
TIMINGS

Dhuhr.....	12.17pm
Asr.....	3:37pm
Maghrib.....	7:02pm
Isha.....	8:23pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	4.02am

#MAISARAHOMAN

Own your dream home with our Home Finance

- Finance available for purchase of property or land
- Flexible payment tenure up to 25 years
- Fast approval and easy documentation

For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/HomeFinanceENG>

2477 5777 | www.maisarah-oman.com | /MaisarahOman | @MaisarahIslamic | @MaisarahIslamic

making life easy

الخدمات المالية الإسلامية
Islamic Banking Services

Hotels in Oman roll out staycation offers for Eid Al Adha lockdown

Hotels have introduced four-day staycation packages, enabling people to arrive before the lockdown, and leave once it ends

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Hotels in Oman have rolled out offers for people to spend the lockdown phase during the upcoming Eid Al Adha holidays. Although the holiday will run from Sunday, July 18 to Thursday, July 22, most of the country will be under lockdown during the three days of Eid, which begins on Tuesday, July 20. Anticipating this, hotels have introduced four-day staycation packages, enabling people to arrive before the lockdown, and leave once it ends.



Up in the mountains of Jabal Akhdar, where temperatures are far cooler than in the plains below, Sahab Resort is offering people a package of OMR300 for double occupancy, three-night stay inclusive of all meals. “We also have a deluxe suite priced at OMR350, and a family suite for OMR550,” said Arup Singh Deo, the Director of Operations and Projects at Al Nahda Hotels and Resorts. “Our other operation, Al Nahda Resort and Spa, has prices starting at OMR180 for the executive suite, OMR210 for the premium suite, and OMR350 for our exclusive Royal Suite, all in-

clusive of all meals.” Climes are also cooler in Dhofar governorate, where Alila Hinu Bay is among many hotels and resorts expecting to welcome vaccinated visitors to experience the Khareef season. Characterised by cool winds, continuous rainfall and landscapes covered in a layer of mist, the excellent weather the region experiences turns the normally brown land green. “This Eid, one night is on us when you stay for three nights or more,” explained Martin Persson, general manager of Alila Hinu Bay. “Enjoy complimentary a la carte breakfast at SeaSalt, indulge in

delightful cuisine, complimentary resort activities and signature spa treatments at Spa Alila, all crafted for those who have a profound desire for luxury discoveries in life, with a true balance of harmony and a humble nature. Embark on a harmonious journey of land, sea and sky in the heart of Dhofar, and reconnect with nature surrounded by mindful luxury. Stay for three nights or more and enjoy an extra night complimentary.” At the Grand Millennium Hotel in Bowshar, guests can book a four-day package that is priced at OMR160 (inclusive of two meals) for couples, and OMR240 for a family of four. “We have about 100 twin rooms, where two rooms are adjacent to each other, so this is a great opportunity for families to spend some time together, as well as enjoy their privacy,” said Ishaq Qazi, the head of sales for Grand Millennium. “This is an opportunity for families to spend some time out of the house and with each other. Guests who check in to the Grand Millennium can enjoy in-house facilities such as the gym and swimming pool, with room rates inclusive of breakfast and either lunch or dinner. A 20 per cent discount on all food and beverage options is also included. Over at Al Mouj in Seeb, the Kempinski hotel also has a similar offer, where families can pay OMR70 for two adults and two children per night, for a minimum stay of four nights. They can also benefit from free breakfast, a 20 per cent discount on all other food and beverage, and spa treatments, during their stay. Use of the gym and pool is free, but reservations will need to be made, as these facilities will be operating at reduced capacity. “In the days around the lockdown, walk-ins who wish to dine with us can use our restaurants until about 4 pm,” said Firas

Rashid, the hotel’s director of sales and marketing. “In-house guests can use it until about 10:30 pm. “We’ve got great activities for our kids as well: our kids’ club is open for guests, in line with COVID protocols, however, we will have no group activities,” he added. “We have already received a lot of enquiries for our staycations, with the Eid holidays now known, and we expect bookings to be made soon.” Radisson has also introduced offers at their hotels in Muscat and Sohar. At both the Hormuz Grand Muscat, a Radisson Collection Hotel, and Park Inn by Radisson Muscat, guests who book for four nights need to only pay for three. Rates at the Hormuz begin at OMR129 and go up to OMR246 for two adults and two children. Over at Park inn, packages range between OMR69 and OMR126. Similarly, at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Muscat, guests can expect rates from OMR99 to OMR150 for two adults. All three hotels have this offer from July 15 to 31. Radisson Blu in Sohar has also introduced this special offer, albeit only from July 19 to 23. Guests can expect to pay between OMR126 and OMR207 for a four-night package during the Eid Al Adha holidays.

Looking for the bravest and boldest start-up in Oman.

Introducing the Omantel Innovation Labs. Here’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to kick-start your technology start-up with Omantel. The intensive -6month program, held as part of the Omantel Innovation Labs, is designed to give you the tools, mentorship, networks and fundraising support to become the next big thing...the pride of Oman. Register at <https://www.omantel.om/Innovation>

AL-HASHAR PHARMACY L.L.C.

SWISS PATENTS
CH 689 817
CH 700 735
CH 704 809
CH 710 438
CH 711 466

LABO HAIR LOSS 5 PATENTS

LABO HAIR LOSS 5 PATENTS
14 ANTI-HAIR LOSS VIALS - MAN

5 SWISS PATENTS
CH 689 817
CH 700 735
CH 704 809
CH 710 438
CH 711 466

TOPICAL PRODUCT- SPECIFIC FORMULATION FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Visit any of Al Hashar Pharmacy LLC, Capital Pharmacy and other leading pharmacies. For more information please contact @ 9608 7743 OR CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR

How much hair do you lose each day?

LABO LABO COSPROPHAR



Times of Oman

VOL 10, NO. 20 MUSCAT, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1984 - SHAWAL 13, 1404 PRICE BAIZAS 200

● Health campaign triumph.

Diphtheria, polio almost disappeared

There has been a breakthrough in controlling some of the diseases common among children, said Dr. Musallam bin Seif al Bualy, Senior Consultant and head of the Paediatric Department at Al Nahda Hospital.

He said the breakthrough has been made in the case of polio and diphtheria as a result of the big national immunisation campaign launched in October 1982.

Dr. Musallam said that as a result of these efforts diphtheria and polio cases have almost disappeared while measles is rapidly going and can be totally controlled in three to five years.

A problem with new-born children which took a considerable toll of lives has now been controlled. This was bleeding in children after birth.

The department took immediate action and started vaccinating children with Vitamin K. The measure proved successful and the disease vanished.

Dr. Musallam expressed regret that there has been no drop in diarrhoeal diseases despite all the efforts made by the health authorities.

Grand Mufti visits Brunei

The Grand Mufti of Oman and Under-Secretary for Justice, Sheikh Ahmad bin Hamad al-Khalili has arrived in the Sultanate of Brunei on an official visit.

Sheikh Ahmed is responding to an invitation from the Government of the Sultanate, which became independent recently.

The Sheikh, who is accompanied by a delegation including the Director of Koranic Schools Ahmed bin Saood al-Siyabi, will meet Sultan Hassan al-Boulqiah and will call on leading religious and judicial officials in Brunei to discuss subjects of common interest to Muslims and possible cooperation in different spheres.

The Grand Mufti will then go to Malaysia.



Musallam bin Seif al Bualy

The main reason for this unfortunate situation, he said, is the growing trend of bottle feeding among mothers. The habit of artificial feeding has now spread to women in villages, he said. They are being misled by attractive publicity by manufacturers of milk substitutes.

The Ministry has intensified efforts to persuade women they should practice breast feeding - the only way to stop diarrhoea among children.

Dr. Musallam referred to some administrative measures taken by the Government to induce women to breast feeding. All working women having infants are allowed to leave office one hour earlier to reach home for breast feeding.

The Civil Aviation authorities have agreed to build a special breast-feeding room at Seeb International Airport.

national Airport.

About the treatment of diarrhoea, Dr. Musallam disclosed that about 300,000 visits to hospitals were recorded in 1982 by these patients. The number of children admitted was 10,000.

He claimed that a 90 per cent drop can be achieved in the rate of morbidity and mortality can be considerably reduced if doctors and parents use the latest method of oral re-hydration.

by Muzaffar Mohammad

He said oral re-hydration is being used for in-patients at the childrens' ward while arrangements are being made to start oral rehydration at the OPD.

Tetanus

Dr. Musallam also referred to a new drive to vaccinate all females from age 12 to 49 against tetanus. The campaign started after cases of tetanus in new-born children.

He appealed to all women and girls get vaccinated against tetanus before they married.

A play area equipped with toys and health education aids has been opened at Al Nahda. An Omani nurses and health instructor has been assigned to educate mothers through lectures and films on subjects such as breast-feeding, nutrition, and precautions against children's diseases.

Bahrain telegram

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos received a telegram of thanks from the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa bin Salman al Khalifa in reply to a telegram of condolence His Majesty sent on the death of Sheikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Salman al Khalifa.

Capital delegation for Ankara talks

A delegation from the Capital Municipality will attend a meeting of the Islamic Capitals and Cities Organisation scheduled in Ankara, Turkey, from July 16 to 21.

An invitation was received by the Capital Municipality from the Organisation's office in Makkah.

The Omani delegation will consist of Essa bin Nasser al Essa, Director General of Districts and Towns in the Capital Area and Abdulla bin Seif al Khalili, Director of the Ruwi Municipality Department.

The delegation will attend another meeting during its stay in Ankara - one on matters relating to population in Muslim cities and towns.

LATEST



China welcomes Sayyid Thuwainy

Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab, Personal Representative of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for a 10-day official visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Chinese Vice President, Mr. Ulanfu.

The visit, the first by any Omani of such senior status, is seen by diplomats as a major development in Sino-Oman relations.

The delegation accompanying Sayyid Thuwainy includes Khalaf bin Nasser al Wahaibi, Minister of Electricity and Water; Dr. Mubarak bin Salem al Khadouri, Minister of Health, Malallah bin Ali bin Habib, Under Secretary of National Heritage and Culture and senior officials.

A five-man team from Oman Radio and Television was with the delegation and viewers in Oman saw Sayyid Thuwainy and his delegation being received at a special welcome ceremony in Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

Both national anthems were played before Chinese schoolgirls performed a dance of greeting for the Omani party.

His Highness was invited to inspect the guard of honour, while the military band played.

Later, the two sides held talks, and a reception followed.

In his pre-dinner speech Sayyid Thuwainy thanked the Chinese for their "kind hospitality" and conveyed a message of goodwill from His Majesty Sultan Qaboos and the people of Oman.

Mr. Ulanfu hosted a banquet in honour of the Omani delegation on same evening. The Omanis were also attending a lunch hosted by the State Counsellor and Foreign Minister Mr. Wu Xueqian. The Omani dignitaries were to be the guests of honour at a cultural evening to be specially organised to entertain the visitors.

Sayyid Thuwainy and the delegation will be received by the Chinese President Li Xiennian.

The Omani ministers and officials will hold talks with their Chinese counterparts on matters of mutual interest.

Sayyid Thuwainy will spend three days in Beijing, two days in Shanghai and three days in Canton and the industrial town of Shenzhen.

The delegation will be taken to historic sites such as the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs and the Palace Museum. They will also visit factories and see water conservancy projects in villages around Canton.

UK tanker hit

A British tanker in the Gulf was hit by two missiles fired by an unidentified aircraft.

Damage is said to be slight and the fire was extinguished by the crew of the ship, "The British Renown".

The owners, BP, said there were no casualties among the crew 24 Britons and two Maltese.

The captain said an Iranian observation plane flew over the ship 15 minutes before the attack which took place 40 to 50 miles north of Bahrain.

The ship headed towards Dubai, after the incident, under its own power. "British Renown" which was chartered by a Dutch salvage company was on its way to take oil off a Liberian tanker which was itself damaged in an Iraqi missile attack further north last month when eight crewmen died.

'Minister wounded'

Reports from diplomatic sources say that an Afghan Government minister wounded another during an argument in Kabul and that a third minister had been assassinated.

The Defence Minister is said to have shot the Communications Minister, who is opposed to Soviet presence in Afghanistan. The reports also say that the Finance Minister may have been killed.

Beirut moves

Airport and docks in the Lebanese capital, Beirut, are beginning to get back to normal.

Crossing between the two halves of the capital are open again after two days of disruption. The opening of the city's international airport and normal working in the docks are two key elements of the new government's security plan.

Your TV and radio programmes are on page 10



YOU ORDER
WE DELIVER

FRESH FROM OUR WAREHOUSE

rafeeq.om Click to install the app



KING SALMAN RECEIVES HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN

His Majesty the Sultan arrived on a two-day state visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

NEOM: The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) received at Neom Palace yesterday His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, who arrived here on a two-day state visit to the Kingdom.

Upon His Majesty the Sultan's arrival at Neom Palace, King Salman led the welcoming party. Then, the two leaders took Arabian coffee and exchanged cordial talks, reviewing the strong relations binding the Sultanate and the Kingdom in light of their joint visions.

The meeting was attended from the Omani side by members of the official delegation accompanying His Majesty the Sultan, namely HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al-Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al-Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Nu'amani, Minister of Royal Office, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al-Busaidi, Minister of Interior, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Eng. Said bin Hamoud Al-Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, Qais bin Mohammed Al-Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al-Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA), and HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al-Said, the Sultanate's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

It was attended from the Saudi side by Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud Al-Saud, Minister of Interior (Head of Mission of Honour),

Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister, Dr. Musaad bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, Minister of State and member of the Council of Ministers, and Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, Minister of Commerce.

It is worth noting that His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik arrived in Neom city earlier today. Upon his arrival at Neom Bay Airport, His Majesty was received by Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

His Majesty the Sultan was accorded an official welcome ceremony. When the Royal aircraft entered the airspace of Saudi Arabia, it was escorted by warplanes from the Saudi Air Defence Force. As the aircraft came to a halt at the designated place at Neom Airport, His Majesty the Sultan was accorded an official welcome. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who led the welcoming party, greeted His Majesty the Sultan at the aircraft ladder, along with Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud Al-Saud, Minister of Interior (Head of the Mission of Honour).

Then, Prince Mohammed bin Salman accompanied His Majesty the Sultan to the dais, flanked by two columns of the Guard of Honour. The Omani Royal Anthem and the Saudi National Anthem were played to the accompaniment of a 21-gun salute, while military aircraft passed over the airport quarter, in a resounding salutation to His Majesty the Sultan.

After that, His Majesty the Sultan headed to the Royal Hall, where coffee was served in the presence of the Saudi Crown Prince and top officials and dignitaries. Meanwhile, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman welcomed the official delegation accompanying His Majesty the Sultan.

Then, His Majesty the Sultan, accompanied by the Saudi Crown Prince, joined the motorcade, which took them to Neom Palace, escorted by a cluster of motorbikes from the Royal Protocols. When the motorcade arrived, the cavalry lined both sides of the road in manifestation of warm welcome for His Majesty the Sultan. — OMA



King Salman hosts luncheon in honour of HM the Sultan

Neom: The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) hosted at Neom Palace a luncheon on Sunday in honour of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to the Kingdom.

The luncheon was attended from the Omani side by HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al-Said, Deputy Prime Minister for De-

fence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al-Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Nu'amani, Minister of Royal Office, Sayyid Hamoud bin Faisal Al-Busaidi, Minister of Interior, Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Eng. Said bin Hamoud Al-Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, Qais bin Mohammed Al-Yousef, Minister of

Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed Al-Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA), and HH Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al-Said, the Sultanate's Ambassador.

It was attended from the Saudi side by Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud Al-Saud, Minister of Inter-

ior (Head of Mission of Honour), Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister, Dr. Musaad bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, Minister of State and member of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, Minister of Commerce, Eng. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Faleh, Minister of Investment, Eng. Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics, and Abdullah Saud Al-Anzi, KSA Ambassador to the Sultanate. — OMA

HM the Sultan, King Salman hold official talks



NEOM: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) held a round of official talks at Neom Palace yesterday.

At the outset of the talks, the Saudi monarch expressed his warm welcome to His Majesty the Sultan and commended the solid foundation of bilateral relations and the strong ties between the two countries. King Salman lauded the progress made in all spheres, noting that this visit will give impetus to bilateral cooperation and joint coordination.

In turn, His Majesty the Sultan affirmed that Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, is progressing with firm confidence and shaping a brighter future. His Majesty the Sultan pointed out that relations between the Sultanate and Saudi Arabia are based on strong bonds of history and affinity. Various aspects of bilateral cooperation continue to gain grounds, which opens wider horizons towards the realisation of aspirations of Omani and Saudi peoples, His Majesty the Sultan said.

The two leaders expressed their full satisfaction with joint coordination and understanding about issues of common concern, notably recent developments in the regional and international arenas in light of global events.

The talks session was attended from the Omani side by HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al-Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Khalid bin Hilal Al-Busaidi, Minister of the Diwan of Royal Court, Gen. Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Nu'amani, Minister of State and member of the Council of Ministers, and Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, Minister of Commerce. — OMA

Minister of Interior, and Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister.

It was attended from the Saudi side by Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud Al-Saud, Minister of Interior (Head of Mission of Honour), Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister, Dr. Musaad bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, Minister of State and member of the Council of Ministers, and Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, Minister of Commerce. — OMA

His Majesty's visit to Saudi Arabia reflects deep-rooted bilateral ties



RIYADH: Dr Navef Falah Mubarak al-Hajraf, GCC Secretary General has said that the historic visit of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), being His Majesty's first trip abroad since he assumed power in the Sultanate in January 2020, and his meeting with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud of Saudi Arabia, comes in confirmation of the great status of Saudi Arabia and stems from the deep-rooted ties between the two countries.

The visit also responds to the hopes and aspirations of the peoples of the two states, he added.

In a statement to the Oman News Agency (ONA), al-Hajraf underscored the significance of the visit, which, he said, reflects the

wisdom and farsightedness of the leaders as they strive to enhance joint action. He wished the GCC leaders success in realising further bounty, prosperity and security for their countries' citizens.

Realising ambitions
Al-Hajraf pointed out that GCC citizens look forward to this visit and appreciate the efforts made by GCC leaders and their keenness on consolidating intra-GCC action and realising their ambitions.

"Great hopes are pinned on the exceptional ties among GCC leaders, their consultations, joint visions, full understanding and keenness to cooperate in all that safeguards the GCC's security and prosperity of its citizens," al-Hajraf said. — OMA



T FM
95.4Follow us on
TFMOman

OMAN-SAUDI BILATERAL RELATIONS

Ministers explore ways to boost cooperation

NEOM: As part of the programme of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik's current visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, ministers from both sides held meetings during which they explored ways of enhancing cooperation in commercial and investment fields.

In this context, Abdulsalam bin Mohammed al-Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority (OIA) held a meeting with Khalid Al Faleh, Saudi Minister of Investment.

During the meeting, the two sides identified broad lines of cooperation based on empowering their private sectors. It touched on some projects that are capable of consolidating economic integration.

Al-Murshidi told Oman News Agency (ONA) that it was agreed to form a joint action team between the OIA and its Saudi counterpart. The team will be entrusted to conduct preliminary studies for the envisaged projects.

Al-Murshidi pointed out that the meeting was an opportunity



to promote the advantages of economic zones and ports of the Sultanate which, he said, was projected not only as a gateway to the East, but also as gateway to Saudi products targeting East Africa.

Meanwhile, Eng. Said bin Hamoud al-Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, held a meeting with his Saudi coun-

terpart Eng. Saleh bin Nasser al-Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics.

The meeting discussed means of enhancing cooperation in the logistics sector through land transport, air transport, railways and the carriageway that will connect the two countries (Ramlat Khaliya highway).

In a statement to ONA, Eng.

Al-Ma'awali said that the meeting explored ways of harnessing the Omani-Saudi experience in the field of electronic trade.

In his turn, Qais bin Mohammed al-Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, met with Dr Majid bin Abdullah al-Qasabi, Minister of Commerce.

The meeting discussed cooperation in commercial and investment fields and envisaged working plans towards this goal.

Al-Yousef told ONA that the meeting underscored the importance of consolidating commercial exchange and the flow of business activities between the two countries and agreed to form a working team to undertake this mission.

After separate meetings, the Omani and Saudi ministers held a roundtable meeting that focused on some economic feasibility projects. It was agreed that the OIA and its Saudi counterpart will conduct feasibility studies for joint economic projects.

- ONA



Printed and published by:
Muscat Media Group
Post Box 770,
Postal Code: 112



Founder: Essa bin Mohammed Al Zedjali
Chairman / Editor-in-Chief: Mohamed Issa Al Zedjali
Deputy Editor-in-Chief: Anees bin Essa Al Zedjali
Chief Executive Officer: Ahmed Essa Al Zedjali

EDITORIAL: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24813153, E-mail: editor@timesofoman.com
ADVERTISING: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24812624, E-mail: advertising@timesofoman.com
CIRCULATION: Telephone: 24726666, Fax: 24818270, E-mail: circulation@timesofoman.com

STRENGTHEN TIES

North Korea, China vow to cooperate in face of 'hostile forces'

BEIJING: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Chinese President Xi Jinping vowed to strengthen their ties and cooperation on the anniversary of their treaty of friendship.

North Korean news agency KCNA reported Sunday that Kim and Xi pledged mutual cooperation in their relationship. Xi pledged to strengthen their

ties by "steadily leading the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries to a new stage."

"Despite the unprecedentedly complicated international situation in recent years the comradely trust and militant friendship between the DPRK and China get stronger day by day," Kim said in a statement. **aw**

SPACE MISSION

Billionaire Richard Branson's VSS Unity craft reaches space



LONDON: British businessman Richard Branson has gone where no billionaire has by reaching space on board a Virgin Galactic vessel on Sunday.

The winged rocket ship took off at around 2:40 p.m. UTC after its initial start time was pushed back due to bad weather at its New Mexico launchpad.

The space plane detached from the mother ship at an altitude of about 8 miles (13 kilometers) and

fired its engine. It reached the edge of space at about 53 miles (88 kilometers) up.

The crew successfully landed after an hour-long trip.

The 70-year-old entrepreneur behind Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Records has beaten Amazon founder Jeff Bezos in the ultimate space race between some of the world's richest men.

Bezos plans to travel on July 20 on his own New Shepard sub-

orbital rocketship built by his Blue Origin firm. The Amazon founder is set to pilot the spacecraft himself.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk also has ambitions to travel to outer space and eventually Mars, although his timetable is less clear.

However, Musk's SpaceX project is expected to carry civilians into space as early as September this year. **aw**

COVID CASES

Australian state of Victoria to close borders to neighbouring states amid surge in COVID cases

VICTORIA: Australia's state of Victoria is closing its borders to New South Wales (NSW) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) on Sunday amid a rise in COVID-19 cases in NSW, the state's Department of Health said.

"The Acting Chief Health Officer has declared that all of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory will become a red zone under Victoria's travel permit system at 11:59 pm Sunday 11 July. This means the Vic-



torian border is effectively closed to New South Wales and the ACT," the Department of Health said in a statement on Facebook.

Starting at midnight, people residing in NSW and ACT will not be allowed to enter Victoria, with some exceptions. Victoria residents will be allowed to enter the state if they have a valid permit. Those allowed to return to Victoria from red zones are required to get tested and immediately quarantined for 14 days. People attempting to enter Victoria with no permit will be fined a sum of AU\$4,957 (US\$3,710) and made to quarantine until they can be sent back. **ANI**



Times OF OMAN CLASSIFIEDS

I AM AVAILABLE. BOOK ME!

Email us:
classifieds@timesofoman.com
or WhatsApp: 93852823

Make online payment
Through Bank Muscat



ENJOY FLAVOUR IN EVERY BITE!

A'saffa
A name you can trust!



Follow us on
TFMoman

WORLD



Firefighters struggle to control wildfires amid heat wave



WILDFIRES: US authorities have deployed hundreds of firefighters and multiple planes in a bid to get the fires under control.

A rescue aircraft crashed into a wildfire in Arizona killing the crew of two firefighters

CALIFORNIA: Firefighters in the western US fought to contain wildfires amid soaring temperatures in northern California and surrounding regions.

A rescue aircraft crashed into a wildfire in Mohave County, Arizona, killing the crew of two firefighters.

The aircraft was monitoring the Cedar Basin Fire burning near Wikieup, the Arizona Bureau of Land Management told local broadcaster KHPO-TV. The Cedar Basin Fire, which has burned around 300 acres (1.2 square kilometres), was started by lightning.

US authorities have deployed hundreds of firefighters and multiple planes in a bid to get the fires under control, but the blazes, fueled by winds and lack of moisture, have been raging on.

California power grid affected

California residents had been asked to cut down on their power usage as the state's power grid was under excessive strain due to the wildfires in Oregon.

The blaze in Oregon, which is located just north of California, threatens the power lines that carry power to the southern state.

As grids remained stable, however, the flex alert (a request for residents to cut down on power usage) was lifted on Saturday night.

On Friday, fire information officer Lisa Cox said, "We're expecting more of the same the day after and the day after and the day after."

On Saturday, Death Valley in California's Mohave Desert hit 128 degrees Fahrenheit (53 degrees Celsius). On the previous day, it had reached 54 degrees Celsius. The highest recorded temperature on Earth is 57 degrees Celsius, from July 1913 in Furnace Creek Desert.

The largest wildfire of the year in California was raging around 483 kilometres (300 miles) away from the desert, along the border of Nevada.

Another fire caused by two lightning strikes was blazing in the Beckwourth Complex of the Sierra Nevada forest region, nearly doubling in size during Friday and Saturday.

Several fires burning in the west have destroyed homes in California. Surging flames have forced evacuations in Northern California and Nevada. **bw**

Bangladesh factory owner arrested after 52 killed in fire

DHAKA: Bangladesh fruit juice factory owner along with seven other people were arrested after 52 people were killed in the Narayanganj blaze.

"Among the 8, one of them is the owner of the factory and his staff," Zaidul Alam, the Police Superintendent of Narayanganj district in Bangladesh told CNN. As many as 52 people have died and 50 others were injured after a fire broke out in a juice factory in Bangladesh's Narayanganj city on Thursday afternoon.

The fire started on Thursday afternoon on the ground floor of a six-story Hashem Foods Ltd factory in Rupganj, east of the capital Dhaka, Debashis Bardhan, Deputy Director of the Fire Service and Civil Defense said, reported CNN.

The presence of chemicals and flammable substances like polythene and clarified butter contributed to the blaze in the factory, and made it more difficult to bring under control, the state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) news agency reported. **ANI**



U.S. EMBASSY - MUSCAT

ONLINE AUCTION SALE OF USED ITEMS

The U.S. Embassy Muscat is auctioning used household furnishings, appliances, computers and IT equipment by online auction.

Interested bidders may view the auction items online starting on July 13, 2021 by scanning the QR code above or the link to <https://online-auction.state.gov/en-US>. Bidding will open July 15 at 09:00. Bidders must first register on the site before placing a bid.

All items offered for sale will be sold as is, where-is. "As is, where is" means that there is no warranty, either expressed or implied. Bidding closes on July 26 at 15:00.

Successful bidders will be notified on July 27. At that point, they must make full payment of all lots won. Payment instructions are listed in the "How to pay for your items" section in the "How it works" link on the auction page. Full and complete payments must be received in the U.S. Embassy bank account no later than August 3.

Successful bidders with fully paid lots may collect their goods on Aug 7 at the Ghala warehouse.

Omade_Om

Omade_Om

omade.oman@gmail.com





Luban Project for Developing Omani Products to World Class

Way to Expo 2020 Dubai

Awareness Campaign for Small Producers (July - October 2021)

Governmental Executive Committee



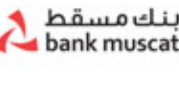
Strategic Sponsor



Diamond Sponsor



Participant Sponsors



Executive Partners



Project Manager



Media Sponsor





Argentina beat Brazil, lift Copa America title



CHAMPIONS: The final started off with both sides pressing hard for the goal in the early stages of the match.

ANGEL DI MARIA netted a goal in the 22nd minute to ensure Lionel Messi ended his drought of an international CROWN

RIO DE JANEIRO: Angel Di Maria starred as Argentina clinched the Copa America final for the first time since 1993, registering a 1-0 win over Brazil at the Maracana on Saturday. Maria netted a goal in the 22nd minute to ensure Lionel Messi ended his drought of an international crown with Copa America final win. The final started off with both sides pressing hard for the goal in the early stages of the match. However, neither Brazil nor Argentina was able to get their foot on the ball. In the 22nd minute, Angel Di

Maria latched on to a ball over the top and capitalised on an error from Renan Lodi before lobbing Ederson Santana de Moraes to find the back of the net. Maria netted the goal to put Argentina ahead. He became the first Argentina player to score in a Copa America final since Cesar Delgado in 2004. In the 32nd minute, Lionel Messi ran past the Brazil defence only to find out the edge of the box. Meanwhile, Neymar tried to chip the football but wasn't able to find the desired result. Maria's goal separated Brazil

and Argentina at half-time in the Copa America final. In the second half, Richarlison gave Brazil some relief as he fired the ball into the net but the goal was turned down due to offside. Brazil kept pressing hard to find a goal and even forced Argentina to turn on a defensive mode but still wasn't able to find the net. In the dying minutes of play, Brazil earned a corner with Neymar swinging a cross into the box, however, Thiago Silva glanced the header over the goal post. In the end, Argentina defeated Brazil 1-0 to lift the coveted trophy. **ANI**

The legend of Messi enters new chapter

RIO DE JANEIRO: Angel Di Maria might have scored a goal in the Copa America final but all eyes were on Lionel Messi as the legend ended the drought of the first major international title with Argentina. He might not have scored in the finals of Copa America but Messi was in red hot form in the ongoing tournament having scored the joint highest four goals in Copa America 2021. Argentina clinched the Copa America final for the first time since 1993, registering a 1-0 win over Brazil at the Maracana on Saturday (local time).

Messi was seven years old when Argentina last lifted the coveted Copa America trophy. Maria's strike in the tournament's final gave Messi or his fans the much-needed relief. Whenever the debate erupted between Messi or any other big player, football pundits always highlighted how the Argentina captain wasn't able to reap rewards at the big stage. Messi had won everything at the club level, both in personal and team capacity, but missed a major title with Argentina apart from a 2008 gold medal in the Olympics. For now and at least sometime there won't be people questioning Messi's legacy as he has finally won his first trophy with the senior national team. The 'icon' Messi would only want Argentina to take the carry forward the momentum to the FIFA World Cup in 2022. Messi and Neymar were also named as the two best players of the tournament just before their teams locked horns in the final.



If not for the goal, the Barcelona star had five assists in six games to his name before the summit clash kicked off. The Copa America final started off with both sides pressing hard for the goal in the early stages of the match. However, neither Brazil nor Argentina was able to get their foot on the ball. In the 22nd minute, Angel Di Maria latched on to a ball over the top and capitalised on an error from Renan Lodi before lobbing Ederson Santana de Moraes to find the back of the net. Maria netted the goal to put Argentina ahead. He became the first Argentina player to score in a Copa America final since Cesar Delgado in 2004. In the 32nd minute, Lionel Messi ran past the Brazil defence only to find out the edge of the box. Meanwhile, Neymar tried to chip the football but wasn't able to find the desired result. **ANI**

EURO FINAL

Queen Elizabeth sends England team 'good wishes'

LONDON : Queen Elizabeth II has sent a good luck message to the England team ahead of their Euro Cup final clash against Italy on Sunday. England and Italy will lock horns at the historic Wembley Stadium to decide the next champion of Europe. After two epic semi-finals, London now hosts a decider which, for the first time in Euro history, will feature England The Three Lions had defeated West Germany 4-2 in the 1966 World Cup final. The Queen was in attendance as she witnessed the high octane clash. "55 years ago I was fortunate to present the World Cup to Bobby Moore and saw what it meant to the players, management and support staff to reach and win the final of a major international football tournament," a message from Windsor Castle read. "I want to send my congratulations and that of my family to you all on reaching the final of the Eu-



EURO CUP: England and Italy will lock horns at the historic Wembley Stadium to decide the next champion of Europe.

ropean Championships, and send my good wishes for tomorrow with the hope that history will record not only your success but also the spirit, commitment and pride with which you have conducted yourselves," it added. Since that famous World Cup

triumph at the previous Wembley Stadium, England has lost in the semi-finals of five major tournaments: EURO '68 and '96,

the 1990 and 2018 World Cups, and the 2019 UEFA Nations League. However, Gareth Southgate-led English side has buried those ghosts of the past as they have seen off Germany, Ukraine and, Denmark to earn their chance to end 55 years of drought in the Euro 2020 final. Southgate's men will have the opportunity to make themselves national heroes when they step out in front of 60,000 supporters at Wembley. And the nerves will no doubt be rising among the squad as they look ahead to the biggest match of their careers. Facing Three Lions will be the formidable Italians who are arriving in London with a 33-match unbeaten run. Their last defeat came all the way back in September 2018. Roberto Mancini's men held their nerve in a semi-final penalty shootout battle with Spain, while previously eliminating the world's no.1 ranked team Belgium

in the quarter-finals. They conquered Austria in the extra time for their last-16 win after dominating Turkey, Switzerland, and Wales to top Group A. Since the start of the tournament, Italy has netted 11 goals in the tournament with Ciro Immobile, Lorenzo Insigne, Manuel Locatelli, Matteo Pessina, Federico Chiesa, and Nicolo Barella being the scorers. But for England, eight out of their 10 goals have been scored by Harry Kane and Raheem Sterling which can become a problem for the home side in a tight final. Italy and England have faced each other 27 times, the Azzurri winning 11 to Three Lions' eight, with eight draws. Notably, Italy has never lost to England at major finals, with the 2-1 FIFA World Cup victories in 1990 (third-place play-off) and 2014 (group stage) on top of those EURO triumphs. **ANI**

WEST INDIES VS AUSTRALIA

West Indies' electric batting display demolish Australia in 2nd T20I

GROS ISLET : Shimron Hetmyer smashed 61 off 36 while Andre Russell blasted 24 off 8 balls before Hayden Walsh picked three wickets to help West Indies thrash Australia by 56 runs in the second T20I on Saturday (local time). With this win, West Indies have taken a 2-0 lead in the five-match T20I series. West Indies scored 196/4 in the allotted 20 overs and then bundled Australia out for 140 in the second T20I. Hetmyer showed his immense class and skill as he produced a top-quality match-winning knock. The left-hander top-scored with 61 off 36 balls and Dwayne Bravo contributed an immeasurable unbeaten 47 not out as the home team seal a comprehensive victory. Chasing 197, Australia got off to the worst possible start as they lost openers Matthew Wade and Aaron Finch inside four overs. While Mitchell Marsh struck his second half-century in as many matches with a steady 54, a batting collapse meant the visitors were bowled out for 140 in



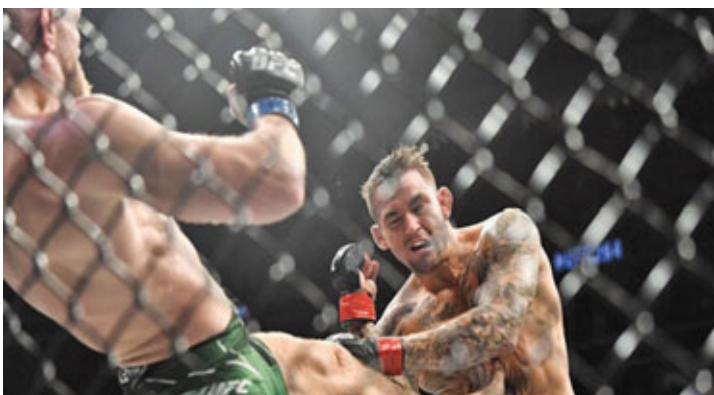
19.2. After Marsh's wicket, West Indies bowlers ran through Australia to seal the game as eight visitors' batsmen got out without touching the double-figure mark. A mix-up between Ashton Agar (1) and Daniel Christian (9) ended Australia's hopes of winning the game. The run-out meant the visitors' last recognised batting pair was broken leaving Australia 113/7. For West Indies, after they were put in to bat first, Hetmyer was the sheet anchor with four sixes and two

boundaries as he added a record 103-run partnership with Bravo, who had three sixes. The left-hander and Russell added 24 off eight balls after Hetmyer was run out, as the West Indies added 123 runs in the last 10 overs to reach 196-4 on a good batting surface. Brief Scores: West Indies 196/4 (Shimron Hetmyer 61, Bravo 47; Mitchell Marsh 1-18); Australia 140 (Mitchell Marsh 54; Hayden Walsh 3-29, Sheldon Cottrell 2-22) **ANI**

UFC TRILOGY

Poirier overpower McGregor via doctor stoppage after Irishman suffers leg break

NEVADA: The much-anticipated fight between American combatant Dustin Poirier and Irishman Conor McGregor ended in abbreviated fashion, as a leg injury suffered by McGregor forced a halt to the bout at the end of the first round, with Poirier taking a 2-1 lead in their lightweight UFC trilogy via TKO (technical knockout) on Saturday (local time) in Las Vegas. The fight was intense and action-packed for as long as it lasted, but the third matchup between the two superstars absolutely didn't live up to the hype. The fight was officially ruled as a "doctor's stoppage" at the end of the first round by referee Herb Dean after McGregor's leg snapped on the edge of the octagon. McGregor opened up the proceedings with a spinning kick to the body and followed with more kicks to the body and legs before throwing a left hand upstairs. Poirier answered with kicks to the leg of his own and when he let loose with punches to the head, he knocked McGregor off balance before grappling with his foe against



the fence, as per UFC.com. McGregor attempted a guillotine choke as the two went to the mat, and when Poirier slipped loose, he worked for position while throwing a series of elbows in response to elbows by the Irishman. With a minute left, Poirier let loose with his ground strikes and was able to shake off an upkick from McGregor before the two rose. Seconds later, the two swung and missed, and as McGregor stepped back, he fell and appeared to break his left leg, bringing in the

referee to stop the fight at 5:00 of the first round. It was the first time a capacity crowd has attended a UFC fight at the T-Mobile arena in Nevada since the COVID-19 pandemic. Saturday's crowd included former US President Donald Trump. "I beat the guy," said Poirier, when asked by Joe Rogan if the win was anticlimactic. As for this being the end of the rivalry, the two continued to jaw at each other after the fight, with McGregor telling Rogan, "This is not over." **ANI**

REBOUND IN GROUND TRAVEL
After flights were largely grounded and travellers stayed home in 2020, the return to travel has become one of the most anticipated, and uncertain, activities of 2021. While the global travel recovery remains uneven, a rebound in ground travel and pick-up in domestic flight bookings are showing encouraging signs.

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER
The MSX index closed at 4,132.33 points, up 0.29 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index up 0.29 per cent at 596.78 points. National Gas, up 4.58 per cent, was the top gainer while Al Hassan Engineering, down 31.25 per cent, was the top loser.

CMA presents draft Sukuk, bonds regulation for public consultation

The regulation aims to regulate issuance of bonds and Sukuk by adding a set of detailed clauses prepared by a specialised work team constituted by the CMA

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In continuation of the approach of community partnership, the Capital Market Authority (CMA) invited all public joint stock companies, audit firms, law firms, investors, academicians, interested persons and the general public to provide their comments, observations and input on the draft Sukuk

and bonds regulation which is posted on the CMA's website.

The draft regulation is a response to the rapid legislative developments in the capital market since the issuance of the Commercial Companies Law in 2019 and the Regulation for Public Joint Stock Companies early this year to enhance the readiness of the legislating regime to cope with the

global economic developments and changes. This is to standardise the rules of Sukuk and bonds market to improve the efficiency of such debt instruments in moving the wheel of the national economy to contribute to furnishing appropriate credit environment to finance the development projects of the government and the private sector.

The draft regulation aims to regulate the issuance of bonds and Sukuk by adding a set of detailed clauses prepared by a specialised work team constituted by the CMA for more resilience to ease the processes of issuance of bonds and Sukuk as financing instruments.

CMA applies the public consultation approach to obtain the input of the stakeholders of the industry. Responses will be received on email oep@cma.gov.om for three weeks from July 7.



STAKEHOLDERS INPUT: CMA applies the public consultation approach to obtain the input of the stakeholders of the industry.. - File picture

BCG REPORT

Regional asset management sector witnesses double digit growth

DUBAI: The disruptive nature of the COVID-19 health crisis has been unrelenting, with repercussions implicating all societal areas. Yet despite the unprecedented turbulence of late, the asset management industry in the Middle East has emerged in a favourable position, according to a new report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

The report, titled 'Global Asset Management 2021: The \$100 Trillion Machine,' illustrates that the Middle East's Assets Under Management (AuM) have witnessed double-digit growth in recent times, increasing by 11 per cent from \$1.1 trillion in 2019 to \$1.2 trillion in 2020.

"Much like every sector, the resilience of the asset management industry was tested in 2020, with initial outbreak disruption and subsequent economic tailwinds presenting a period of sizeable uncertainty for the industry and its incumbents," said Harold Haddad, Managing Director and Partner, BCG. "However, the Middle East has prevailed in the face of adversity, and it is now apparent that the region has entered 2021 in a position of strength following healthy returns."

As per the report's findings, AuM growth in the region is primarily attributed to an increase in sovereign wealth funds (SWF) assets, mostly due to strong capital market performances.

Many SWFs had high equity exposure in developing and emerging markets, faring well as the financial landscape regained a degree of pre-pandemic stability. Furthermore, another main driver of AuM growth was retail investors. In the Middle East, retail mutual funds had 12 per cent growth during 2020, with strong global market performance instigating this outcome.

19th annual BCG study

The 19th annual BCG study of the global asset management industry explores the extent of growth that other markets have accumulated during challenging conditions, showcasing key drivers while providing comprehensive explanations. At the global level, net inflows for the asset management industry reached \$2.8 trillion in 2020, or 3.1 per cent of the total AuM at the beginning of the year – compared to a historical average between 1-2 per cent over the previous decade. Again, retail investors proved to be the main driver behind AuM growth. Global retail AuM portfolios grew globally by 11 per cent in 2020, representing 41 per cent of global assets at \$42 trillion.

Institutional investments also grew at a similar pace to reach \$61 trillion, or 59 per cent



Harold Haddad



Mustafa Bosca

of the global market.

"The asset management industry is coming out of the recent crisis with notable changes. Although the operating environment continues to change, the growth recorded from 2019-2020 – in such a precarious climate – implies further development in due course as countries continue their reemergence, with many opportunities sure to present themselves as new trends accelerate," said Mustafa Bosca, Managing Director and Partner, BCG. "From an industry player perspective, the objective looking ahead will be to pursue a sustainable growth strategy that revolves around differentiation and advantage, with client engagement models, investment products, operating models, and talent strategy all potential areas that could be prioritised."

BCG's 2021 Global Asset Management report considers how new realities – for example, in markets and technology – will shape future industry leaders and why specific areas, such as private markets, ESG investing, and advanced data and analytics, are likely to play key roles. Given the opportunities for asset management industry growth and transformation in the years ahead, the study also explores private markets' outlook and projections. BCG highlights the potential for sizeable progress within private markets, especially for firms that can successfully enter the retail market, systematically use data and analytics to enhance decision making, and integrate meaningful ESG metrics.

YOUNGOV MENA RESEARCH

78% of Oman IT decision-makers changed customer experiences due to pandemic

Times News Service

MUSCAT: 78 per cent of Oman's IT decision-makers have had to fundamentally change their customer experiences in response to the pandemic, according to Sitecore, a global leader in digital experience management software.

The research, conducted by YouGov Mena, surveyed more than 650 IT decision-makers across 12 countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Levant, and Egypt.

In response to changing customer demands, 89 per cent of Oman's IT decision-makers, said their brands created a deeper connection with their customers over the past year. The pandemic has also accelerated organisations' digital transformation roadmaps.

Among respondents, 67 per cent in Oman said their brands had advanced their marketing technology stack more in the last year than in the previous three years before 2020. Thanks to these new technological capabilities, 100 per cent of Oman's respondents, said they experimented with a number of new marketing approaches during the pandemic.



"With 78 per cent of Oman's brands changing their customer experience in response to the pandemic, regional brands understand that they need to prioritise digital

“
Regional brands understand that they need to prioritise digital experiences, especially for Millennials and Generation Z customers

Mohammed Alkhotani
Area Vice President – Middle East and Africa, Sitecore

East brands, such as Mashreq Bank, emphasise the need to put technology firmly at the centre of their business to consistently create personalised experiences."

Putting CX at the heart of banking

More than 50 years on from Mashreq's inception, the bank maintains an unwavering commitment towards customer-centricity. Whether it is transforming ideas into solutions, or harnessing digitisation to provide a seamless banking experience; developing products that empower and meet the needs of customers is a value deeply ingrained within the bank. Through Mashreq's digital-first approach, customers can benefit from a convenient banking experience, tailored to their needs, and meets their evolving demands.

Mashreq embarked on an exciting digital transformation journey with a key objective of improving the experience of our customers by offering them superior services, whenever and wherever they need. A modern, intuitive and user-friendly website is imperative in digital transformation.

PAVE YOUR WAY. ANYWHERE.

GMC SIERRA

GMC
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE

5.3L / 355 HP • 8" Color Touch Screen Infotainment System
18" Machined Alloy Wheels with Dark Gray Accents • HD Rear View Camera

/GMC.OMAN /GMC.OMAN GMC Arabia gmc.moosagroup.com

MOOSA ABDUL RAHMAN HASSAN & Co. LLC
CR NO. 1002104

9450 0004: Ghubra
9410 6970: For branches at - Salalah | Sohar | Nizwa | Sur | Ibri

800 76 200

Scan the QR Code to check out the GMC RANGE

MARKET

MSX index ends higher

National Gas, up 4.58 per cent, was the top gainer while Al Hassan Engineering, down 31.25 per cent, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,132.33 points, up 0.29 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index up 0.29 per cent at 596.78 points.

National Gas, up 4.58 per cent, was the top gainer while Al Hassan Engineering, down 31.25 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of National Gas were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Bank Muscat was the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 708 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR4 million, with more than 20.5 million shares changing hands. Out of 54 traded stocks, 19 advanced, 12 declined and 23 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net buyers for OMR277,000 while local investors were net sellers for OMR252,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR25,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,584.80 points, up 0.33 per cent. Bank Muscat, Al Anwar Investment, Muscat Finance, National Bank Oman and Global Invest-

ment Holding were up 1.82 per cent, 1.80 per cent, 1.61 per cent, 1.53 per cent and 1.45 per cent respectively. Arabia Falcon Insurance, Al Omaniya Financial Services, Vision Insurance, Takaful Oman and HSBC Bank Oman were down 2.34 per cent, 1.60 per cent, 1.14 per cent, 0.99 per cent and 0.98 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 5,962.66 points, up 0.59 per cent. Oman Cement, Oman Cables Industry, Al Anwar Ceramic, Galfar Engineering and Oman Flour Mills were up 1.61 per cent, 1.45 per cent, 1.24 per cent, 1.20 per cent and 0.99 per cent respectively. Al Hassan Engineering was the only loser by 31.25 per cent.

Services Index was down by 0.14 per cent before closing at 1,766.70 points. National Gas, Oman National Engineering and Renaissance Services were up 4.58 per cent, 1.05 per cent and 0.47 per cent respectively. Muscat Desalinate, Phoenix Power, Dhofar Generating, Oman Telecommunication and Ooredoo were down 3.33 per cent, 2.00 per cent, 0.78 per cent, 0.51 per cent and 0.48 per cent respectively. — United Securities

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,136.34	4,120.41	4,132.33	4,120.41	11.92	0.29
FINANCIAL INDEX	6,594.52	6,563.27	6,584.81	6,563.27	21.54	0.33
Industry Index	5,965.07	5,935.09	5,962.66	5,927.52	35.14	0.59
Services Index	1,769.24	1,766.46	1,766.70	1,769.13	-2.43	-0.14
MSX Shariah Index	597.03	595.84	596.78	596.06	0.72	0.12
MSX TR INDEX	4,966.85	4,947.73	4,962.04	4,947.73	14.31	0.29

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
20,555,680	4,096,156	708	21,697,033,502	19	12	23	54

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PRI. VALUE	MARKET CAP
---------------	--------	----------	--------	------------	------	-----	-----------	-------------	-----------	--------	---------	---------	------------	------------	------------

REGULAR MARKET

OM000001160	NATIONAL GAS	4,515,137	721,207	63	0.153	0.160	0.153	0.160	0.153	0.007	4.575	0.160	0.155	0.160	0.100	13,600,000
OM000000296	BANK MUSCAT	2,150,973	963,749	52	0.444	0.450	0.444	0.448	0.440	0.008	1.818	0.448	0.446	0.450	0.100	1,601,364,707
OM000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	788,000	80,044	11	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.111	0.002	1.802	0.113	0.110	0.110	0.100	22,600,000
OM000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	75,500	4,727	5	0.062	0.063	0.062	0.063	0.062	0.001	1.613	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.100	19,350,218
OM000001749	OMAN CEMENT	92,950	23,478	9	0.254	0.254	0.250	0.253	0.249	0.004	1.806	0.250	0.249	0.250	0.100	8,710,796
OM000001707	OMAN CABLES INDSTR	10,000	10,476	2	1.040	1.050	1.040	1.050	1.035	0.015	1.449	1.050	1.040	1.040	0.100	94,185,000
OM000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	53,960	26,404	10	0.480	0.490	0.488	0.490	0.484	0.006	1.240	0.488	0.460	0.494	0.100	107,800,000
OM000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	6,073	4,950	4	0.808	0.816	0.808	0.816	0.808	0.008	0.890	0.816	0.816	0.816	0.100	128,520,000
OM000000440	AL SHARQIA INV	36,725	38,933	27	0.106	0.107	0.106	0.107	0.106	0.001	0.943	0.107	0.107	0.109	0.100	9,630,000
OM000001533	OMINVEST	111,000	35,746	8	0.322	0.324	0.322	0.322	0.320	0.002	0.625	0.322	0.320	0.322	0.100	260,102,690
OM000003224	RENAISSANCE SERV	946,700	408,681	33	0.430	0.434	0.430	0.432	0.430	0.002	0.465	0.430	0.430	0.436	0.100	102,128,120
OM000000418	RAYSUT CEMENT	5,100	613	2	0.292	0.292	0.292	0.292	0.292	0.000	0.000	0.292	0.292	0.295	0.100	58,400,000
OM000001525	OMAN INVST & FIN	327,008	42,437	26	0.130	0.130	0.129	0.130	0.130	0.000	0.000	0.129	0.129	0.129	0.100	30,810,000
OM000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD	4,000	1,536	2	0.384	0.384	0.384	0.388	0.388	0.000	0.000	0.384	0.384	0.382	0.100	48,460,408
OM000000200	AHLI BANK	350	40	1	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.110	0.114	0.100	222,260,561
OM000000226	AL JAZEERA SERVICES	2,000	820	2	0.410	0.410	0.410	0.420	0.420	0.000	0.000	0.410	0.420	0.430	0.100	25,705,795
OM000000398	SOHAR INT BANK	734,341	71,756	12	0.087	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.087	0.100	0.100	238,581,660
OM000000505	ALMAHA CERAMICS	20,000	7,306	6	0.368	0.368	0.364	0.366	0.366	0.000	0.000	0.366	0.330	0.366	0.100	20,130,000
OM000000398	OOREDOO	148,728	61,422	14	0.412	0.418	0.412	0.412	0.414	-0.002	-0.483	0.418	0.414	0.418	0.100	268,189,023
OM000000306	OMAN TELECOM	204,602	160,491	24	0.784	0.788	0.780	0.784	0.788	-0.004	-0.508	0.784	0.780	0.784	0.100	588,000,000
OM000000620	VISION INSURANCE	245,940	21,411	32	0.087	0.088	0.087	0.087	0.088	-0.001	-1.136	0.087	0.087	0.088	0.100	8,700,000
OM000000207	AL OMANIYA FIN.S	67,000	8,241	2	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.125	-0.002	-1.600	0.123	0.123	0.123	0.100	35,908,026
Total	22	10,852,687	2,701,468	347												

Parallel Market

OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	1,396,302	107,473	18	0.197	0.200	0.197	0.199	0.196	0.003	1.531	0.200	0.198	0.200	0.100	323,563,325
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV H.	1,316,461	92,018	38	0.069	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.069	0.001	1.449	0.070	0.070	0.072	0.100	14,000,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	97,973	7,173	11	0.074	0.074	0.073	0.073	0.072	0.001	1.389	0.073	0.073	0.078	0.100	8,896,875
OM000000979	OMAN QATAR INSUR	620,000	96,380	36	0.154	0.160	0.154	0.156	0.154	0.002	1.299	0.160	0.160	0.160	0.100	15,600,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	254,153	21,299	16	0.083	0.085	0.083	0.084	0.083	0.001	1.205	0.084	0.083	0.084	0.100	17,050,861
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT ENG	82,805	7,949	11	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.095	0.001	1.053	0.096	0.094	0.096	0.100	12,480,000
OM0000004788	ALMAHA CERAMICS	21,870	6,558	10	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.105	0.001	0.952	0.106	0.105	0.106	0.100	18,510,796
OM0000001095	DHOFAR INSURANCE	22,638	4,188	4	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.185	0.184	0.001	0.543	0.185	0.185	0.200	0.100	18,500,000
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	1,879	340	1	0.181	0.181	0.181	0.184	0.184	0.000	0.000	0.181	0.181	0.000	0.100	5,520,000
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	8,555	288	1	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.088	0.100	10,320,000	
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INV	446,716	10,721	15	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.023	0.025	0.100	4,971,633
OM0000002028	GULF INT CHEM	25,000	3,125	1	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.125	0.120	0.130	0.100	2,625,000
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MKR	17	16	1	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.024	0.030	0.100	91,580,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	222,290	13,337	15	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.100	20,948,665
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	10,000	1,260	1	0.126	0.126	0.126	0.126	0.126	0.000	0.000	0.126	0.120	0.130	0.100	3,775,240,281
OM0000003141	ACTVA POWER BARKA	1,200	311	1	0.259	0.259	0.259	0.278	0.278	0.000	0.000	0.259	0.000	0.000	0.100	76,480,000
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	355,287	35,287	23	0.099	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.100	148,500,000
OM0000004469	SHARQIAH DESALIN	1,830	216	4	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.120	0.120	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.100	11,736,259
OM0000004725	SEABOARD SALALAH	4,000	432	4	0.082	0.084	0.082	0.085	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.080	0.090	0.100	81,136,616
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	1,070	60	2	0.056	0.056	0.055	0.054	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.053	0.058	0.100	36,443,921
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	1,000	26	2	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000006912	AHLIA INSURANCE	2,500	900	1	0.360	0.360	0.360	0.360	0.360	0.000	0.000	0.360	0.300	0.360	0.100	33,000,000
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	3,500	526	1	0.093	0.093	0.093	0.095	0.095	0.000	0.000	0.093	0.091	0.093	0.100	19,000,000
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	1,187	632	1	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.187	0.000	0.000	0.187	0.126	0.187	0.100	44,720
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	707,660	71,490	14	0.102	0.102	0.101	0.101	0.101	-0.001	-0.980	0.101	0.102	0.101	0.100	202,031,592
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	15,000	1,500	3	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.101	-0.001	-0.990	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000005993	PHOENIX POWER	3,968,412	185,075	100	0.051	0.051	0.049	0.049	0.050	-0.001	-2.000	0.049	0.048	0.050	0.100	71,667,071
OM0000007290	ARABIA FALCON INS	10,000	1,250	1	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.128	0.128	-0.003	-2.344	0.125	0.000	0.128	0.100	12,912,708
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	45,840	3,992	4	0.088	0.088	0.087	0.087	0.090	-0.003	-3.333	0.087	0.088	0.087	0.100	13,532,885
Total		29	8,873,245	689,972	345											

OFFICIAL DATA

Overseas investors increase purchase of Chinese bonds

BELJING: Overseas investors increased their holdings of Chinese bonds in June, marking a surge in purchases for 31 consecutive months, official data showed. The total amount of yuan bonds owned by overseas institutions reached approximately 3.3 trillion yuan. -Xinhua

REPORT

Rebound in ground travel for some markets in Middle East & Africa

Times News Service

MUSCAT: After flights were largely grounded and travellers stayed home in 2020, the return to travel has become one of the most anticipated, and uncertain, activities of 2021.

Mastercard released Recovery Insights: Ready for Takeoff? a view into key travel trends in the air and on the ground, around the world. While the global travel recovery remains uneven, a rebound in ground travel and pick-up in domestic flight bookings are showing encouraging signs.

The report, developed by the Mastercard Economics Institute, draws on aggregated and anonymised sales activity across the global Mastercard network to better understand the next phase for travel, its drivers and challenges. This includes the balance between leisure and business, local and long-distance, and sav-

ing and spending. The report also looks at the spending categories seeing an uptick and what they signal for travel recovery.

Indicators of recovery

"There are indicators

SUNCITY HOTEL
RUWI, MUSCAT - OMAN
(Near Mwasalat Bus Stand)
For a comfortable stay, Well furnished spacious rooms

Quarantine special Package at affordable Rates

Tel: 24789801/24789802

CONNECT

PRINT EDITION

WWW.TIMESOFOMAN.COM
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

Tally TALLY FOR **VAT** Tally Prime

POWER OF SIMPLICITY

For Tally sales, services or customization Email: guru.prasad@rtsgroup.com
Contact: TallyGuru +968-78248644 Roudh Lotas Group LLC
http://www.rltsgroup.com/tally-accounting-software/

RENT

VACANCY

CARGO

FOR RENT, FOR SALE?
PLACE YOUR AD HERE
email: classifieds@timesofoman.com

AL NAMANI CARGO
DOOR TO DOOR AIR & SEA CARGO WORLD WIDE
AIR CARGO & SEA CARGO
INDIA | BANGLADESH | INDONESIA | PHILIPPINES | SRI LANKA | ALL GCC SERVICE AVAILABLE
alnamanicargomct@gmail.com www.alnamanicargo.com

FREE PICK UP 24/7 Service Available

HO: RUWI 2478 51 99, 2470 25 28 Branches: GHALA 99 63 86 98 HAMRIYA 99 78 54 20 SOHAR 98 52 38 31 SEEB 96 96 10 85 REXROAD RUWI 95 58 74 10

95 58 74 10, 96 35 36 54, 24 70 25 28

For High Impact Professional Oman Web Award Winner

WEBSITES GULFCYBERTECH E-Solutions

Designing & Maintenance E-Commerce Solns. Domain & Hosting Mobile Applications Email Ads & Promotions

Tel: 99818819 Email: 24130929 info@gulfcybertech.com
www.gulfcybertech.com

WJ Towell Group Company

Quality car rentals at competitive prices.

- Fleet of 2,000 vehicles
- Choose from a wide range of brands & models
- PDO, OXY and BP spec vehicles available
- Attractive rates for short-term & long-term lease

Muscat 9014 6672 9679 0684 Sohar 9731 6218 9429 9325 Salalah 9429 9325 www.orbit-oman.com

أوربيت ORBIT Car Rental & Lease

FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE
AL AZAIBA

PRICE: RO.300 THOUSAND NEGOTIABLE

CONTACT 92042451

FOR RENT

alhabib concrete values

Flats For Rent

	Was	Now
1BR flat at Darsait near Indian school Muscat	165-OMR	140 OMR
3BR flat at Al Falaj near Al Falaj Hotel	325-OMR	275 OMR
1BR flat at Ghubra near Bank Muscat	160-OMR	130 OMR
2BR flats at Ghubra near to Scientific Pharmacy	200-OMR	160 OMR
2BR flat at Darsait opposite Al Ahli club	225-OMR	190 OMR
2BR premium flat at Ghubra North next to Liwan mall	350-OMR	300 OMR
1BR flat at Rex road opposite to Bank Muscat	250-OMR	180 OMR

Call Rithesh: 99318626 / WhatsApp: 72582888
www.alhabib.om

FOR RENT

Room rent starting from 60 to 200 R.O 02 (Two) rooms starting from 120 R.O

With accessories and include with following services:

- 24-hour electricity & water service.
- Water & Electricity bill are included with rent.
- We have electrician & plumber for repairing & fixing any problem.
- Clean the site morning & evening every day.
- Site is monitored by the latest IP camera.
- An Omani supervisor always observing site security.

Contact No: 93910079, 93817042, 99321944 • Address: Wadi Al Lawami, Nursery, after NMC medical, Seeb, Muscat

NRI

FOR SALE

500 Sq. Mts. Plot for sale, Greater Noida, Delhi, Sector Pi-01 Sigma.

Contact: 99889615 / 99236945

alhabib concrete values

Flats For Rent

	Was	Now
2BR flat at Al Khuwair behind HSBC	225-OMR	150 OMR
1BR flat at Al Khuwair behind OASIS mall	200-OMR	160 OMR
2BR flat at Al Khuwair behind OASIS mall	225-OMR	230 OMR
2BR flat at Azaiba behind Mitsubishi Showroom	250-OMR	180 OMR
2BR flat at Al Ghubra behind Indian school	275-OMR	180 OMR
1BR flat at Al Khuwair near Radisson Blue	140-OMR	125 OMR

Call Mohammed: 98062392 / WhatsApp: 72582888
www.alhabib.om

FOR RENT - DARSAIT
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

*1 BHK RO.120/-
*2 BHK RO.150/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT

Property	Description
HAR Complex MSQ	2&3 BHK Flats & Villas / 6 BHK villas + maids room, garden, shared gym/swimming pool & Children play area.
Al Khuwair	2 BHK spacious flats (prime location).
Al Ghubrah (18 Nov. Street)	3 & 4 BHK Villas.
Darsait	1 & 2 BHK Flats.
Ruwi	2 & 3 BHK spacious flats (Prime locations).
Al Amerat	2 & 3 BHK Flats With A.C.

Website: assarainproperties.com

For viewing please call 24694088, 99316410, 92841690 or email us on: hartc@omantel.net.om

FOR RENT

FOR RENT

Super Deluxe 1, 2 & 3 BHK Flats with Ducted VRF A/Cs. Free centralize gas, Built in wardrobes, Kitchen appliances, 24x7 CCTV, Security access system, Free Unlimited High Speed Fiber Optic WiFi & Secured car park.

Next to Sri Lankan School Wadi Kabir

Monthly Rent: 375/- to 650/-
Fully Furnished Apartment and Transport for Office also available

Contact: 99657906 or 24781446

FOR RENT - SHOWROOMS - GHALA
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

Showrooms around 80sq RO. 400/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT - Ghala Near Muscat Expressway
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

*1BHK RO.160/-
*2BHK RO.180/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT - OFFICES - GHALA
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

*Office 105 sq. RO.350/-
*Office 60 sq RO.250/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT - Ghala Near Palm Tree Roundabout
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

*2BHK RO.200/- *3BHK RO.225/-
*3BHK Big RO. 250/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT - STORES - GHALA
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

*Store 100 sq RO. 250/-
*Store 200 sq RO. 400/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT - Wadi Kabir Near Srilankan School
Feel Cool With Summer Rates – For New Agreements

2BHK RO. 175/- & RO. 180/- & RO. 200/-

71771133 / 91771133 91248444
www.rescooman.com

FOR RENT

Super Deluxe 1, 2 & 3 BHK Flats with Panasonic VRF A/Cs, Free centralize gas, Kitchen appliances, 24x7 CCTV, Security access system, Free Unlimited High Speed Fiber Optic WiFi & Secured Car Park.

Behind Mazoun Complex, Ruwi

Fully Furnished Apartment Also Available

Contact: 96707247 or 24704141

FOR RENT

Deluxe 2 & 3 BHK Flats with Split A/Cs, Fixed wardrobes, Kitchen appliances, Free Unlimited Broadband WiFi, 24x7 CCTV, Security access system & Secured car park.

Opposite Kims Hospital Al Falaj

Monthly Rent: 375/- to 650/-
Fully Furnished Apartment And Transport For Office Also Available

Contact: 99657906 or 24781446

alhabib concrete values

Flats For Rent

	Was	Now
1BR flat at Wadi Kabir	140-OMR	120 OMR
1BR flat at Hamriya near to Al Nahdha Hospital	150-OMR	110 OMR
2BR flat at Wadi Kabir	150-OMR	120 OMR
2BR flat at Al Khuwair33 near to Oman Oil station	250-OMR	210 OMR
3BR flat at Ruwi near to Ruwi RA	260-OMR	210 OMR
2BR flat at Bousher opposite to Sultan Qaboos Stadium	300-OMR	275 OMR

Call Bader: 92609625 / WhatsApp: 72582888
www.alhabib.om

alhabib concrete values

Flats For Rent

	Was	Now
1BR flat at Mawaleh, near Muscat City Center	180-OMR	150 OMR
2BR flat at Seeb, in Seeb souq	175-OMR	150 OMR
2BR flat at Al Khoudh, in Mazoon ST	180-OMR	160 OMR

Call Yahya: 98864783 / WhatsApp: 72582888
www.alhabib.om

FOR SALE

USED VEHICLE FOR SALE

- Volvo Freezer Truck FM400 - Make Dec. 2008
- Renault Freezer Truck - Make Jan. 2011

All vehicles are available for inspection on 14th July 2021 time for 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Price to be submitted in sealed envelope and directed to the Procurement Manager.

Contact: 24400754, 24400752
(During office hours)

PPR Pipes & Fittings

- Ex-Stock Available
- Total Outright Sale
- NSF & WRAS Approved
- Size: 25 & 32 mm
- Price is Negotiable
- 47,000 Running Meter Available With Fittings

Contact: +968 9291 5778

AVAILABLE

Availability of Warehouse Space with Accommodation and Food facilities near Ramez - Al Khoudh. Rent: 50 RO /month. Contact number 99881459

Furnished bedroom with attached bath & kitchen, separate entrance available for executive bachelor in a villa opposite Star Cinema. Contact 99314807

*Classified Advertisement space booking with text, should be done till 12.00 noon for next day's publication.
* Subject to space availability

CARGO & LOGISTICS

PROMOTE YOUR SERVICES WITH US

SEND EMAIL TO CLASSIFIEDS@TIMESOFOMAN.COM OR CALL 24726666 (EXT. 465/431/456)

ADVERTISE WITH US & INCREASE YOUR SALES

SEND EMAIL TO CLASSIFIEDS@TIMESOFOMAN.COM

Tracking ملك التتبع

info@tracking.co
+968 9535 9117
www.tracking.co

IVMS

Real time tracking
Fuel consumption
Ignition ON/OFF
Speed Alert
History report
RAG report
Driver report with overspeed
Odometer reading
SMS Gateway
App for Android & iOS
Mobile tracking
TRA approved
Temperature & Humidity monitoring online for Cold Storage & Warehouses

Scan our QR for more information & offers.

الكهف للاستثمار ش.م.م
CAVE INVESTMENT L.L.C

Email: dailyguide@timesofoman.com
classifieds@timesofoman.com
Tel: 24726666
Ext: 465 / 431 / 456

CONNECT

JOB VACANCIES

SITUATION VACANT: SALES EXECUTIVE

Looking for an experienced, highly motivated and result-oriented **Omani candidate** for an established company in Oman.

► **Job Purpose:** To drive sales and promote Dewalt Power Tools/accessories and other industrial/engineering products, to achieve individual sales target set for the month and contribute to team targets as well.

► **Experience:** Should have experience in Sales & Account Management.

► **Qualification:** Bachelor's Degree in Business, Mechanical or equivalent is preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Generating leads.
- Meeting or exceeding sales goals.
- Negotiating with prospective clients.
- Helping determine pricing schedules for quotes, promotions, and negotiations.
- Preparing weekly and monthly reports.

Please email your CV to: aljizied@omantel.net.om

An established Trading Company dealing in Lightings, and Video & Audio Door Phones, seeks to recruit:

Showroom Sales Manager & Executives

- Should be presentable with at least 2 years of experience of Showroom Sales, of any line of work; and
- Good command at Spoken Arabic & Spoken English.

Outdoor / Project Sales Executives

- Should be presentable with at least 2 years of experience of Outdoor Sales/Project Sales, of any line of work;
- Good networking with dealers, consultants, contractors & Government Organizations;
- To generate business through Projects/Dealers;
- Must be able to understand client's requirements;
- Preparation of proposals / quotations independently; and
- Should possess valid driving license.

Email CV by **July 15, 2021**, at jobatmuscat@gmail.com

An established Trading Company dealing in Lightings & Electrical Accessories, seeks to recruit:

FEMALE OFFICE ASSISTANT

- Should be an Omani National.
- Must be fluent in English.
- Must be with strong Arabic writing skills.
- Calling & replying to calls/messages of customers at various social media platforms.
- Presentable applicant with bookkeeping & admin experience, shall be preferred.

Please email CV by **July 15, 2021**, at vacanciesatgcc@gmail.com

The Following Staff Required

- **Supervisor** 2 Nos. (For supermarket)
- **Merchandiser** 3 Nos. (For supermarket)
- **Salesman** 1 No. (Building Material with D/L)
- **Operations Head** 1 No. (Hospitality Division with D/L)

All Nationalities can apply

(NOC must with required experience in the same field)

For further queries please contact

GSM: **97365922**, Email: kamaljeetk666@gmail.com

JOB VACANCIES

MEDICAL

Urgently required Nurse with MOH license at Al Khabourah. High salary and free accommodation. Contact 99048170

MISCELLANEOUS

Urgently required **Junior Level Civil Engineers, Civil/MEP - Foreman, Assistant HR** for an reputed construction company. Interested candidates can send their cv's to hr@oasisgrace.com. Contact 99881459, 24826566

We are a leading Manufacturing company in Oman looking for local available labour

Unskilled / Skilled Blue collar workers

Companies looking at reducing their manpower could contact us on

+968-79909912

or Email us on info.compnyoman@yahoo.com

JOB VACANCY

We are looking for **Sales and Support Executives**

Who are well versed with Tally.ERP 9 and TallyPrime. Should have good knowledge of accounting and preferably with Driving License. Visa will be immediately provided on selection of the candidate.

Kindly email your CV to criscorppc@gmail.com

Civil & Construction Products Division Requires:

Energetic Salesman with Project Execution Experience

- Experience in selling building materials / facade materials.
- Should hold a valid driving license and NOC and willing to join immediate.

Resumes accepted at electromech.cv@gmail.com

Vacancy: 1 Position

Urgent Requirement Jewellery Showroom

Sales Representative

- Minimum 3 years work experience in same field.
- Fluent in English and Arabic advantage.
- Age limit maximum 35 years.
- Must be present in Oman.
- Ready to join immediately.

Job ref no: 2104

Email: jobs@sgoman.net

JOB VACANCIES

SALES/MARKETING

Available vacancies for young and energetic **Salesman** in the field of textile trading for well reputed company to recruit urgently. Email: sendcvom@gmail.com

MECHANICAL/TECHNICAL

Looking for experienced **Engine Cylinder Head Technician**. Contact 99418428

SERVICES

AL SHARQIYAH FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC CONSULTING SPC

Free yourself and SAVE money by Outsourcing

- Accounting, Finance and VAT Related Services
- Project Report and Feasibility Studies
- Financial and Advisory Services
- Corporate Tax Advisory

Please Contact, Mobile: +968 9595 9496 / Email: info.alsharqiyah@gmail.com

We provide several services in Building Design Sector such as

Architectural, Structural Design, CAD Drawings and Revit 3D Models.

Please Contact: 92283696, 92334234

AI MALAKI AUDITING

1. VAT, WHT and Corporate Tax Filing
2. Statutory & Internal Auditing
3. Monthly and Yearly Accounting
4. Business Process Outsourcing

Website: www.almalaki.co

Contact: 90608097

IT SERVICES

- Online Food Ordering Software
- ERP System
- eCommerce Solution
- School Management ERP with LMS
- Cloud Based Accounting Solution

Contact +968 91334194

Email: info@magistrum.net

NOTICE

1 Shaju Kodundhare Joseph (holder of Indian passport NO.Z5032271) S/o Joseph Kodundhare having permanent residence in Door No 129 Silver Jubilee Park Road, Christian Colony, KR Puram, Hassan, Pin: 573201, Karnataka, India (complete postal address in India) and presently residing at Muscat, post Box. No 58, Postal code 100, Sultanate of Oman (complete postal address in Sultanate of Oman), Intend to marry **Ms. Glory** (Holder of Indian Passport bearing No V9074341) D/o Simson Devaraj at Embassy of India, Muscat. I swear that I am marrying her at my own free will and not under any duress and intimidation. Any objection towards this marriage may please be communicated to Embassy of India, Muscat, Diplomatic Quarters, Al Khuwair, P.O. Box No. 1727 , Postal code No.112, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this newspaper advertisement.

SERVICES

General Cleaning& Pest Control services. # 93688051, 71197864

Guaranteed Cleaning carpet & sofa shampooing. # 93578244

Disinfection & Sterilization Treatments. Ocean Centre LLC. Contact 99329289
Email: sales@oceancentre.co
Pest Control Treatments - Cockroaches, Ants, etc. Ocean Centre LLC. Contact 99329289
Email: sales@oceancentre.co

Carpet & Sofa Shampooing, General Cleaning - Offices, Villas & Flats. Ocean Centre LLC. Contact 99329289
Email: sales@oceancentre.co

Carpet Shampoo, marble & tile polishing, pest control & anti-termite treatment, general cleaning painting, Plumbing, Electrical, shifting. Contact Mundhir I-Rizaiqi trading. L.L.C. Contact 24810137, 99450130



JOB WANTED

ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

Indian male, B.Com, MBA Finance, 23 years of experience in Accounts, Audit & Finance (last 14 years in Oman) looking for a suitable placement.D/L & NOC available. Contact 93231040, Email: trp270172@gmail.com

Indian, MBA Finance with 14 + years of experience in Accounts, Audit & Finance is looking for a senior post in finance. Oman D/L & NOC available. Contact 99510161, Email: vinodpanchaman@gmail.com

Female ACCA qualified member, 4+ years work experience in Oman, driving license, NOC available, looking to join a finance team. Contact 95785272

Professional part time accountant. Eve & Weekend. Contact 91190552

Accountant with 3 years Oman experience (6 years total Experience), MBA Finance, well versed in VAT, NOC Available. Contact 97874226

Srilankan with 5 yrs experience & have completed BBA in Accounting looking for an Accountant job. Contact 98981998, 9388825

IT

Indian Female, Master Degree in Computer Science. Seeking for suitable jobs. Currently available in Oman (Sohar). Contact 79566592.

ADMIN/HR

Indian male having 21 years' experience in Oman seeks job for Hr/ Admin. Contact 95425764

Indian male with 21 years' experience in Oman seeks job for Admin / Hr / - Contact 95425764

Indian Male, Smart, Excellent English, Arabic speaker, 17years Oman experience. Contact 99283938

BM, with 26 yrs exp of large FMCG distribution looking for better prospect. Contact 90925520

DRIVER

Looking for driving job, 8 yrs experience in Oman. Languages known - Arabic, English & Hindi. Contact 97002240

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

B.Des 22 years Indian Female looking for suitable placement in Interior Design with valid Omani D/L. Contact 98277032

MEP - Civil Designer/Draftsman 14 years GCC experience. (Full time - Freelance). Contact 90518123

DESIGNER/AUTOCAD D/MAN

CORPORATE GIFTS AND GIVEAWAYS

CONTACT US TODAY FOR:

Genuine Leather Products
Custom-made Calendars
Diaries, Organisers & Gift Sets
USBs, Pens, Powerbanks,
Mobile Accessories,
Drinkware & many more

Email: media@nexusnovel.com

If you can see this ad,
then **Your Ad** will be seen

BOOK & CALL NOW

Call 24726666

(ext. 465/431/456)

Send e-mail to classifieds@timesofoman.com

CONNECT

JOB WANTED

HSE Manager/Sr. HSE Eng
Having Nebosh Diploma with Diploma in Civil Engineering, 21 years experience in various field, looking for Job. NOC available.
Contact 94549278

FINANCE
Female, MBA Finance, 3 years experience (1.5 years in a Big Four as Tax Consultant), immediately available for Finance/Accounts job.
Contact +968-93213813

Project Director/ Contracts Administrator
Indian National, 18 Yrs. of work experience, Graduate Civil Engineer, Master's in Construction Project Management; Construction Law & Dispute Resolution from UK. Having expertise in Project, Contract & Claims Management. Experienced in Handling High End Hospitality, Residential & Commercial Projects from initiation till completion. Seeks Placement as Clients or Consultants representative in Oman.
Please contact - 78022980

Accounts & Finance
Indian Male with more than 25 years experience in Accounts and Finance field, holding Omani driving license, NOC available, seeking challenging opportunity.
Contact on Tel : 95803522

Indian Chartered Accountant
With 6 years of experience (Oman) in Accounts, Audit, Taxation, VAT, Investment, Budgeting seek suitable placement.
Contact 79848875

SALES MANAGER
Indian National, Mechanical Engineer having 14 years of experience including more than 8 years in Oman as Sales & Purchase Manager for Scaffolding; having good knowledge & experience in Fasteners & Steel wires as well.
Valid Oman D/L & release available for immediate recruitment.
Contact: 96497864
Email: taranrajpal@gmail.com

Business Administrator
Having a strong interpersonal, communication skills (verbal, written), can speak both Arabic & English languages, having basic knowledge of Microsoft Office application, ability to work on team, a very fast learner.
Contact 94887879
Email: amani.alhaj94@gmail.com

MANAGER
20Yrs experienced Indian commerce graduate, 4 Years of Fleet management in FMCG sector, 7 years of Contracts, Transportation at Oil & Gas sector in Oman, and 10years of Administration in India. D/L & NOC available.
Call/Whatsapp 94777651

Omani Mechanical Engineer
Bachelors degree in Mechanical Eng. from the United States of America & Nebosh Holder. 3 yrs of experience (Machinaries, Hydraulic, MEP, Tending & Documentation) - 2 yrs in Oil & Gas.
Contact: 95070748
Email: siyabi1430@gmail.com

15 Year's in Oman
Experienced Civil Inspector plus Quality Controller & Supervision Engineer seeking immediate placement, including 10 Year's in specialise Engineering Consultancy Department experienced.
NOC available. Light license with own car
Please contact imrankelani@gmail.com
95785529

GROUP FINANCE MANAGER
with 20 yrs+ experience seeks suitable placement
Contact 93288251
Email: suhasdkini@gmail.com

Software Engineer
Male, Master's degree, worked as Software Engineer seeking IT job. Visa status - Employment, NOC available.
Contact 79830312

Mechanical Engineer
Indian B.E., (Mechanical) with 19 years Oman Experience in MEP system Design, Supervision, Execution & Maintenance of Comm./Res. Buildings, hotels, Hospitals, HyperMarkets, PDO & Govt. Palace and RGO is looking for suitable Opening. Valid D/L, NOC available.
Contact: 92672761
email: tnrajan76@gmail.com

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL
INDIAN MALE, M.Com, PGDSCM, WITH +20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PURCHASE, SALES & DISTRIBUTION, INVENTORY & CREDIT CONTROL SEEKS PLACEMENT.
CONTACT 94619442
vineeth33@yahoo.com

Diploma Engineer Civil
Experience 10 years Oman, 6 Pakistan. Multi stories Buildings, Ministry of education & Sports. ROP Fahud Road and Building work. TELECOM, ROP Green & roof top sites. PDO applicant licence & driving licence.
Contact 98921022
akhtarmahmood3137@gmail.com

OMANI HR/PRO
Omani, 15 yrs experience, PRO, Relation development, Labour & Crime law, HR & Time Management. Fluent in English, Arabic & Hindi seeks Part Time job.
Contact 97264447

HR / ADMIN.
Certified HR Pro, MBA with 14 yrs. of Oman exp. in the field of HR / Admin. (Bldg. Const.). Office Mgt., Operations, Communication, Induction. Pakistani Male with NOC & Immediately available.
GSM: 96409439
Email: farhansiddiqi2014@gmail.com

FINANCE MANAGER
Indian Male B. Com, MBA having 14 yrs Exp in Accounts/Finance & Admin, upto finalisation, OODO, ERP, Tally & Online Softwares. Oman D/L, Noc/Release Available.
Email: mq_199820@yahoo.co.in
GSM: 99279626

JOB WANTED

TRAVEL/TOUR
Ticketing agent / travel co-ordinator with total 16 years of experience. 8 years in Oman looking for openings.
Contact 91377630
Email: maheshkv83@gmail.com

SALES/MARKETING
18 years Readmix & Cement products Oman experienced professional. Looking for a senior business development position. **Contact: 94871660**
Experienced female sales person from Philippines looking for a job in the retail sector. **Contact 90997928**
26, Indian male born in Oman, with 3years of experience, having valid D/L, looking for suitable placement in Engineering Sales/Marketing Field Holder of Bachelors in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering. **Contact 98914229**

PURCHASE
Inventory, Purchase & Accounts: Indian male 31, having 8 years experience in Retail, F&B, Operations and various other skills. NOC available. **Contact 96219904**
Email: khanshah98@gmail.com

MECHANICAL/TECHNICAL
HSE Officer with valid Oman D/L. 7 years experience in Oman. **Contact 94743007** (Oman), +917902565053 (Indian). **Email: ajeesh4god@yahoo.com**
***Classified Advertisement space booking with text, should be done till 12.00 noon for next day's publication.**
*** Subject to space availability**

OPEN DOOR FOR NEW OPPORTUNITY
PLACE YOUR AD HERE
SEND EMAIL TO CLASSIFIEDS@TIMESOFOMAN.COM
OR CALL 24726666 (EXT. 465/431/456)

Signage Design Production & Supply
3D Design & Simulations
Outdoor Illuminated Signage
Indoor Signages
Vehicle Signages & Acrylic Work
Printing & Installation of Posters
Stickers & Banners
Fit Out & Carpentry Work
Email: media@nexusnovel.com

You see this advert, Your Property will be seen!
ADVERTISE WITH US NOW
Send email to: classifieds@timesofoman.com



GET MORE CUSTOMERS

PROMOTE YOUR RESTAURANT WITH US NOW

SEND EMAIL TO **CLASSIFIEDS@TIMESOFOMAN.COM** | CALL **24726666 (EXT. 465/431/456)**

SUBSCRIBE AND GET 100 OMR WORTH OF GIFT VOUCHERS



WHEN YOU SUBSCRIBE FOR 40 OMR
OR RENEW ONE YEAR WITH TIMES OF OMAN
OR AL SHABIBA NEWSPAPER

Valid for individual subscribers in Muscat Governorate

Call or whatsapp +968 72330999

Email: subscription@mmg.om

Valid till: 25th of August, 2021



Gift
Vouchers



Free Large
Pizza



Gift
Hampers



Free tests including Liver Profile,
Renal Profile, Lipid Profile, Diabetic
Screen, Complete Hemogram - CBC,
Thyroid Function Test



Wellness
Gift Hamper
and Vouchers



Discount
Voucher

ROUND-UP

Elevate your experience in luxury Lexus ES

From its low profile to its eye-catching grille, headlamps, alloy wheels and more, the Lexus ES strikes a fine balance in power, luxury, craftsmanship and technology

MUSCAT: The Lexus ES makes an impressive mark with its sleek style, thoughtful interiors and elevated luxury experiences. From its low profile to its eye-catching grille, headlamps, alloy wheels and more, the Lexus ES strikes a fine balance in power, luxury, craftsmanship and technology. The Lexus ES is available in four different versions – the ES 250, ES 350, ES300h (Hybrid Electric Vehicle) and the ES F Sport. The ES350 is powered by a 3.5-litre V6 engine that is designed to deliver commanding



acceleration along with an invigorating sound. With the D4-S fuel injection system, the impressively smooth engine produces 298 hp and 36.3 kg-m of torque, while the ES250 is powered by, high-efficiency 2.5-litre 4-cylinder engine that produces 204 hp and 24.8 kg-m of torque. The two powertrains on ES350 and ES250 are paired to an eight-speed direct-shift automatic transmission.

Hybrid electric model

The ES300h is a class-leading hybrid electric model with a battery warranty of 8 years /160,000 Kms. The battery is automatically charged either by a petrol engine or during braking or decelerating, eliminating the need to plug in a power cord. Furthermore, it hosts

a number of advanced technologies, yet drives like any other conventional car and does not require special fuel. The ES300h offers an impressive 24.1 km/L mileage. The powerful and sporty Lexus ES350 F SPORT model further enhances the driving excitement so that drivers can enjoy a sense of oneness with the car, born of its ability to respond immediately to driving enthusiasts' intentions in various situations. In addition to a thrilling exterior that highlights its bold and aggressive personality, the Lexus ES350 FSPORT features numerous such as a retuned suspension, 19-inch wheels and tyres, and unique aluminium interior trim that gives the machine a more dynamic look and feel. Completing the Lexus ES' distinct

personality is its exquisite interior that invites the driver and passengers to enjoy a range of advanced features offering a refined cabin experience. Highlighting Lexus' unrelenting focus on safety, the vehicle ensures complete peace of mind with Lexus Safety System+, an advanced safety technology package that includes Pre-Collision System (PCS), all-speed range Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC), Lane Departure Alert (LDA) with Lane Tracing Assist (LTA), and adaptive high beam system (AHS) among many others. In Oman, every Lexus vehicle comes with special benefits and privileges such as Manufacturer's Warranty of 4 years/100,000km (whichever is earlier) and 24 hours on-road assistance from AAA.

UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

KR-Eshraqa announces Stemazone summer camp

MUSCAT: Eshraqa, the Corporate Social Responsibility Arm of Khimji Ramdas, has announced an online 'Stemazone' summer camp in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth (MoC-SY) through Children's Museum & Ministry of Education (MoE). The summer camp that started on July 4 will go on till August 5. Launched by Eshraqa, Stemazone is a unique educational programme that introduces Omani children to the wonderful world of STEAM; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Eshraqa has partnered with Sultanate of Oman's Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth (MoC-SY), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Children's Museum to lead this initiative. The partnership signifies an innovative strategy aimed towards inspiring young Omanis to enter STEAM fields and set them on the pathway from



an early age. Stemazone initiative is in line with Oman Vision 2040, which emphasises building a knowledge economy. The online Stemazone summer camps have been conceived to be active and engaging sessions of creativity for kids. They are designed interactively, with a focus on developing children's skills and knowledge on coding, electronics,

3D design, IoT, smart cities, and design thinking. The sessions also aim to build confidence, teach public speaking, and imbibe leadership, teamwork, and collaboration skills. The summer camps to be held in three phases will encourage children to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, action-takers, and global citizens. Targeting children between the ages of 6 to 12 years, phase-I of the summer camp will include 120 students from the public. 120 students aged between 6 to 12 years from museums friends and the public will participate in phase-II. The first two phases will focus on basic programming concepts of coding. The third phase will be held in collaboration with the Innovation Centres in the governorates of Al Batinah South, Al Batinah North and Al Dhahira. 150 students from the age of 13 to 15 years will work in groups to de-

sign a smart city by applying what they learn during workshops. At the end of the programme, each group will present their design for a smart city of which one will be selected as a winner. Students will be contacted by the museums and innovation centres from their database for the second and third phases. Nailesh Khimji, Director, Khimji Ramdas, said, "The Stemazone summer camps aim to develop students' skills, mindsets, and experiences through coding activities, design challenges, and group projects. We are pleased to be able to offer to programme tailored towards different age groups so that these children can gain skills and have fun in an age-appropriate setting. We believe that these kinds of camps are a great combination of education and fun to plant the seeds that develop into a love of learning."

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Lulu joins hands with Sadia to donate over OMR10,000 to Dar Al Atta'a

MUSCAT: As part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives, Lulu Oman has partnered with Sadia chicken for a good cause. Lulu Group and Sadia have donated over OMR10,000 to Dar Al Atta'a association to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged. A cheque of OMR10,271 was handed over by Ananth A V, Director, Oman, Sri Lanka and India of Lulu Group, and Shabeer K.A, the Regional Director of Lulu Oman, to Dr Shamsa Al Harthi, Director General of Dar Al Atta'a Association. The amount will be given to eligible families registered with Dar Al Atta'a Association. As part of the initiative, held during the holy month of Ramadan, an

amount of RO 0.100 was passed on to Dar Al Atta'a on every purchase of Sadia products at Lulu. The Director-General of Dar Al Atta'a expressed her thanks and gratitude to Sadia for their partnership with Dar Al Atta'a. She said that the initiative came during the month of Ramadan, which is an opportunity for serving society. "The initiative's revenue generation is for the needy families registered with Dar Al Atta'a," she added. Commenting on the charity event, Ananth stated, "Our strategic intent is to serve the community we are part of by supporting local organisations and charities. We appreciate Sadia chicken for their partnership with us and for help-

ing us do our fair bit for society. We understand the needs of our clients and communities and will do everything to help make their lives better. Didier Gabriel, General Manager of BRF (Sadia chicken) in Oman, said that the company has always been proud of maintaining its partnership with Dar Al Atta'a and has worked with all partners on the provision of innovative and sustainable solutions to ensure the success of such charity initiative, during the month of Ramadan. As a key promoter of social initiatives, Lulu has initiated several projects and contributions and has also joined hands with various firms to support the community towards a better tomorrow.

COLLABORATION

Badr Al Samaa launches largest COVID-19 vaccination centre at National Museum

MUSCAT: Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals launched the largest COVID-19 vaccination centre in the private healthcare sector of Oman at The National Museum, Muscat, Oman. The COVID-19 vaccination centre at The National Museum was inaugurated by Jamal Al-Moosawi, Secretary-General, The National Museum, Oman and Dr Mazin bin Jawad Al-Khabouri, Director-General - DGPH, Ministry of Health, Oman. This programme was attended by executive directors of Badr Al Samaa Moiden Bilal and Firasath Hassan, CEO, Sameer PT, COO, Jacob Oommen, CMO, KO Devassy and other top officials. COVID-19 protocols were strictly followed during this brief event. This exclusive collaboration by Badr Al Samaa and The National Museum comes in the wake of rising cases of COVID-19 infections especially the rising number of hospital admissions. This will currently cater to corporate and company employees and gradually, with the support from MoH, on spot COVID-19 vaccination will be made available. The managing directors of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals, Abdul Latheef and Dr P A Mohammed said that during this steep rise in the number of infected cases there are only two ways to control; aggressive vaccination and strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols. Badr Al Samaa Since being the largest healthcare provider caters to the majority of the population for vaccinations in private healthcare. Such initiatives will go a long way to speed up the

INFORMATIVE SESSION



Zubair SEC hosts final 'Know your VAT' webinar with great attendance

MUSCAT: Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC), in partnership with the Omani International Development and Investment Company (Ominvest), recently conducted its fifth and final VAT webinar titled, 'Key Transition Issues and Key Action Steps to be Undertaken by the SMEs'. With this, the series of five VAT webinar sessions presented by Moore on the topic of 'Know your VAT' has now concluded. These webinars have covered all aspects of VAT starting with 'VAT registration in Oman' followed by 'Basic concepts of VAT', 'Key compliances', 'Key aspects of input tax credit', and finally, 'key action steps with a focus on transition issues'. In addition to the webinars, a series of five animated videos, a digital downloadable booklet, and one-to-one consultations were also included as part of the initiative.

Following the usual introduction, the session began with Said Al Sahib, the Director of Zubair SEC, delivering a short speech expressing his appreciation and gratitude for all the effort that went into the 'Know your VAT' initiative. He gave special recognition to Ominvest for supporting the initiative and Moore for its successful execution. Shortly thereafter, Said wished all participants a smooth and successful transition towards meeting all required VAT compliances and procedures. "With this most recent session, we now conclude our series of 'Know your VAT' webinars. Under this initiative, we have journeyed through every aspect of VAT over the past four months, exploring even the most complex aspects of the law. I am confident that the information provided in these webinars will enable each of the participants to fully prepare for and execute a successful VAT compliance process," Said

Al Sahib commented. The fifth webinar, titled 'Key Transition Issues and Key Action Steps to be Undertaken by SMEs', took place on July 07 and covered two core topics – 'Key VAT Transitional Issues' and 'Key Action Steps from an Oman VAT perspective'. Furthermore, the former was divided into two additional sections – 'Implications on Transactions' and 'Ascertaining Contract Clauses'. Over 60 Zubair SEC members and large private-sector corporations attended the webinar. All participants thanked the organizers and expressed a desire to participate in any future webinars organised by them. "With well over 350 attendees over the course of five sessions, our series of webinars have been a great success. More importantly, it shows just how willing local entrepreneurs are towards embracing the concept of VAT," added Said Al Sahib. "For those who may have missed this session or any of our previous ones, we have made each of them easily accessible via our website. Here you can also find more information about our 'Know Your VAT' initiative."

"We are extremely impressed by the sheer number of attendees and the overall success of this initiative. It's a very positive indication for the future of the marketplace here in Sultanate. It also shows just how receptive the local business sector is to new concepts and how willing the local entrepreneurs are to embracing change for the betterment of the country's economy. Moreover, Zubair SEC has played a very significant role in introducing unique initiatives that have contributed to the success of SMEs in Oman. 'Know Your VAT' is just one such recent example" added Gajendra Maheshwari - Head, VAT Services at Moore.

ROUND-UP

Bank Muscat signs agreements with sports teams for Greens Sports 2021

This year, the bank is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its pioneering CSR programme and has increased the number of annual beneficiaries across the country from 15 to 20 teams

MUSCAT: Bank Muscat's flagship corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme continues to achieve great success across the Sultanate with the signing of agreements to start implementing Green Sports projects in 2021. This year, the bank is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its pioneering CSR programme and has increased the number of annual beneficiaries across the country from 15 to 20 teams. Agreements

were recently signed at the bank's Head Office by the representatives of the Al Samdi Sports Team from Samail and the Al Hajr Sports & Cultural Team from Quriyat, and Talib Saif Al Makhmari, Manager - Community & Media Relations, Bank Muscat. More such agreements are expected to be signed "virtually" with other beneficiaries in the coming weeks in keeping with the current situation. Speaking on the occasion, Talib



Saif Al Makhmari, Manager - Community & Media Relations, Bank Muscat, said: "The bank is delighted to sign agreements with the winners of Green Sports 2021, after which the teams can start implementing their respective projects. We wish all the teams great success in the im-

plementation of their projects and hope that it will strengthen bonds within local communities by providing facilities for various sports, cultural and social activities." Of the 20 beneficiaries this year, 14 teams will be provided with floodlighting for their sports

fields. These teams are as follows: Al Farfarah Sports Team (Bidbid); Al Kifah Sports Team (Suwaiq); Al Kefah Sports Team (Sohar); Al Mahader Sports & Cultural Team (Rustaq); Al Humida Sports & Cultural Team (Izki); Al Hajr Sports & Cultural Team (Quriyat); Al Ettihad Cultural Team (Bidiya); Al Arid Sports & Cultural Team (Ibri); Al Memoura Sports & Cultural Team (Al Kamil Wa Al Wafi); Al Samdi Sports Team (Samail); Al Khuwairat Sports & Cultural Team (Khabourah); Al Dhahir Sports Team (Jalan Bani Bu Ali); Al Ghalila Sports, Cultural and Social Team (Al Suwaiq); and Al Ettifaq Sports and Cultural Team (Liwa). The Al Soor Sports Team (Bahla); Al Husn Al Ahli Team (Salalah) and Al Shabab Sports, Cultural and Social Team (Yanqul) will receive support for natural greening of their sports fields, while artificial turf will be installed on the Wadi Nahez Al Ahli Team's

field in Salalah. The Al Majaz Al Sughra Sports Team (Saham) and Al Ittihad Wudam Al Sahel Sports Team (Musannah) will be provided water-desalination systems to support their sports fields. It should be noted that Green Sports has so far supported 143 teams across various governorates in the Sultanate. Over 36,900 members from different communities have benefitted from the programme, and more are expected to be a part of it in the future. To date, 95 teams have received support for the installation of artificial turf or natural grass on their fields, while 40 teams have received support for floodlighting and 8 teams for water desalination plants. As a 'one of its kind' programme, Green Sports is contributing majorly to developing the sporting skills and talents of Omani youth. Bank Muscat has been encouraged by the tremendous success of the programme in transforming sports infrastructure across the country.

SAILFREE PROGRAMME

Oman Paralympic Committee and BP Oman launch National Paralympic Coaching Course



MUSCAT: In partnership with BP Oman, Oman Paralympic Committee launched the first level of the National Paralympic Coaching Course at the Amal Club in Muscat, as part of the SailFree programme. The SailFree programme is implemented in partnership with Oman Sail and was first launched in 2019 introducing persons with disabilities (especially with physical impairment) to the sport of sailing in Oman. The course aims to train 20 coaches, eight of which are Oman Sail coaches, to obtain a nationally accredited certificate in the field of para-sports. They will also be trained in the intermediate and advanced levels to develop their theoretical and practical

knowledge in para-sports. The first level of the course included topics around the Paralympic movement, parasports committees' structures and hierarchies, the classification, methods and history of parasports, and the role of the coach in influencing the lives of people with disabilities. Shamsa Al-Rawahi, BP Oman social investment manager, commented: "One of BP's vision, in Oman and globally, is to align with our sustainability framework which highlights the importance of being inclusive of all individuals within a society. This programme is a great example of working to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion within society by allowing



young disabled Omanis to compete in local and international competitions. I would like to add that bp globally has partnered with the British Paralympic Association for 12 consecutive years, to enable paralympics to compete at five Paralympic games." Dr Mansoor Al Tauqi, President of the Oman Paralympic Committee, further added: "This course is the first of its kind in our region and acts as a fully-integrated course to qualify and equip trainers to coach in paralympic sports. This, in turn, will make the Sultanate one of the leading countries in providing quality training services to qualify technical parasailing coaches according to

international standards. We are truly thankful to BP Oman for their continuous support." The Chief Executive Officer of Oman Sail, Dr Khamis Al Jabri, commented: "We are incredibly proud to launch a National Paralympic Coaching Course and enhance the knowledge base of our coaches as well as inspire athletes across the nation. The commitment of our partners, BP Oman, the Oman Paralympic Committee and the Al Amal Occupational Centre has enabled us to deliver a long-term, national initiative that is beneficial to people with disabilities in our society and it will further benefit our coaches at Oman Sail to support those individuals."

HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE



Superior technology, maximum savings in 1.8L Toyota Corolla HEV

MUSCAT: Imagine the advantage of going places without worrying about fuel efficiency or power. The 1.8L Toyota Corolla Hybrid Electric vehicle makes for a better option when compared to many petrol version vehicles in the category. That means lesser stops at the fuel station and more savings than expected. Based on the TNGA platform, the Corolla offers some of the smoothest and stable driving experiences too. According to a loyal Corolla customer, "I have been a Corolla customer for many years now. Although I have moved on to own a Toyota Fortuner, my wife enjoys driving the Corolla. Especially around town or when she is shopping. After spending almost 11 years with it, we wanted to purchase a new Corolla. That is when we explored the Hybrid Electric version. At first, we were impressed with the silence even when the vehicle was on. Apart from that, the power is impressive, something that transforms what you can expect from a Hybrid vehicle. Also, an 8 years / 1,60,000 km Hybrid Battery Warranty (Conditions apply) ensures a peaceful ownership experience. I am very happy to have made the decision of buying the Corolla Hybrid Electric Vehicle."

car echoes the look of the front through the shape of the bumper and the inverted trapezium design of the boot lid. The rear lamp clusters are connected by a chrome trim, further highlighting the car's wide stance. The Corolla HEV is equipped with 17-inch alloy wheels that further express its elegance and sportiness. The Corolla HEV's distinct personality is completed by its expansive and comfortable cabin, which displays exceptional quality and finishing throughout. The interior design adopts a simple yet appealing style, with comfortable spaciousness and integrated functional parts combining to create a refined elegance. The ergonomically designed seats, the armrest and ample legroom offer superior comfort for the rear-seat passengers.

The cabin is accentuated with an extensive range of features, which vary based on the trim level. Occupants also benefit from Auto Air Conditioner with vents for the rear seat, a moonroof, a 7-inch colour multi-information display (MID), a 7-inch touch-screen multimedia infotainment display, rearview camera, cruise control, six-speaker sound system, and 60:40 split-folding rear seats. The Corolla HEV offers one of the lowest fuel consumption values in its category, enabling customers to contribute to a greener future while enjoying the increased driving satisfaction provided by its advanced technologies. It offers exceptional cabin quietness and smooth acceleration, especially when accelerating from a stand-still.

The Corolla HEV's striking look is characterised by a frontal treatment with a two-step rendering of the front corners, flanking a strongly projecting lower grille. The LED projector headlamps with integrated daytime running lights give the Corolla HEV a sleek and stylish look. Meanwhile, the rear of the

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Malabar Gold & Diamonds to open new manufacturing facility in Qatar

DOHA: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the largest jewellery retailers globally with a strong network of over 260 outlets spread across 10 countries are scheduled to open a new manufacturing facility in Qatar by leasing an area of 3,000 sq. m at the Birkat Al Awamer Logistic Park, Manateq Economic Zone, Qatar. The groundbreaking ceremony of this facility was jointly done by Shiekh Hamad Nasser A A Al-Thani and Shiekh Abdulla Nasser A A Al-Thani on July 5, in the presence of Santhosh T V - Regional Head of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Naufal T - Zonal Head, Malabar Gold & Diamonds and A K Usman. The new facility will be able



to produce 5,000 kg of gold ornaments with high quality & finish utilising the latest technologies like casting, CNC and CAD-CAM (3d) and will also create 200 jobs. The facility, which is scheduled to open in July 2022 will have different departments for production including CNC cut-

ting, chains, anklets, rings, bangles, 22K&24K coins, Kuwaiti necklace, etc. The new facility will add diamond and other precious gems jewellery manufacturing capability which will be the first of its kind in Qatar. This is in addition to the existing manufacturing unit in Qatar which started its operations in

2013 and currently has a production capacity of 1,200 kg per year and employs 50 skilled artisans. As a testament to the group's strong focus on sustainability, this facility will also be designed to incorporate various energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features and promoting clean energy. The factory will use advanced types of machinery and equipment like hydrogen generators which produce fuel from water causing zero emissions, air pollution control devices that will remove toxic particles and gases from industrial exhaust streams and a dry scrubbing system for removing odorous and corrosive gases from wastewater treatment plant operation.

RO 50 ONLY

HOT & COLD DISPENSER

2 FULL BOTTLES

12 REFILL COUPONS

RO 20 ONLY

WHITE TAP DISPENSER / TAP DISPENSER / MANUAL WATER PUMP / CRADLE WITH TAP

2 FULL BOTTLES

7 REFILL COUPONS

Get 1 Raffle Coupon for every RO 20 spent. Buy from any of the offers (RO 50 or RO 20) or buy a coupon book worth minimum of RO 20.

oman OASIS

Register your raffle coupon number at www.omanoasis.com/eid2021 to win.

CALL TOLL-FREE 800 71 222 or GSM: 9275 5522

Offer valid from 1st May 2021 to 31st July 2021. Terms and conditions apply.

BUY & WIN 310 Prizes

10 NOS.

22 CARAT 8 GMS GOLD COIN

20 NOS.

22 CARAT 4 GMS GOLD COIN

AND OTHER PRIZES



BIGGEST
FLASH SALE



أكبر
التنزيلات

BOOK ON 14TH TO 16TH JULY 2021
احجز من 14 إلى 16 يوليو 2021

STAY FROM 14TH JULY TO 31ST AUGUST 2021
الإقامة من 14 يوليو إلى 31 أغسطس 2021

فقط
FOR ONLY
OMR **29**
لليلة الواحدة
PER NIGHT



يرجى التواصل 22302330
FOR MORE INFO, +968 2230 2330

تطبق الشروط والاحكام
TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

ROOM ONLY | ADVANCE PAYMENT IS REQUIRED | FREE DATE CHANGES UNTIL 31
AUGUST 2021 | CHANGES MUST BE WITHIN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE
CHECK-IN | THIS BOOKING IS NON-REFUNDABLE | THIS PROMOTION IS NOT IN
CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER PROMOTION



HITACHI

The way you live
will be the way we innovate



جينتكو
Genetco

GENERAL ELECTRIC & TRADING CO.L.L.C



C.R. No. 1009680

MUSCAT

94108890, 96742452

Available at

Major Hypermarkets & Electronics Retailers

SALALAH

79011363

Eid Offer

sifr

SODIUM FREE
DRINKING WATER

RO 50
ONLY

**HOT & COLD
DISPENSER**



PLUS

**2 FULL
BOTTLES**

PLUS

**12 REFILL
COUPONS**



RO 20
ONLY

**WHITE TAP
DISPENSER
OR
TAP DISPENSER
OR
MANUAL WATER
PUMP
OR
CRADLE WITH TAP**



PLUS

**2 FULL
BOTTLES**

PLUS

**7 REFILL
COUPONS**



**BUY &
WIN 310
Prizes**

Get 1 Raffle Coupon
for every RO 20 spent.
Buy from any
of the offers
(RO 50 or RO 20) or
buy a coupon book
worth minimum
of RO 20.

Register your raffle coupon number
at www.omanoasis.com/eid2021 to win.

10
NOS.

22 CARAT
8 GMS
GOLD COIN



20
NOS.

22 CARAT
4 GMS
GOLD COIN



200
NOS.

10 SIFR
5 GALLON
WATER COUPONS



80
NOS.

LULU GIFT
VOUCHERS
WORTH
RO 10



Offer valid from 1st May 2021 to 31st July 2021. Total of 3 raffle draws will be held at Oasis Water Company, Azaiba. Draw Dates: 1st June 2021, 1st July 2021 and 2nd August 2021. Winners will be intimated directly. Oasis Water Company employees are not eligible to participate in this promotion. Gifts shown are for illustrative purpose only. Actual may vary.

oman
OASIS
BALANCED DRINKING WATER

Oasis Water Co. SAOC
PO Box 87, Rusayl 124,
Sultanate of Oman.
www.omanoasis.com

CALL TOLL-FREE
800 71 222
or GSM: **9275 5522**



Winner of
His Majesty's Cup Award
in 2012 & 2013
for Best Five Factories