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# CYCLONE SHAHEEN COMPENSATION STUDY NEARS COMPLETION

"We expect to begin the payment process shortly," says the top official involved in the process

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** A majority of all insurance claims made by people affected by Cyclone Shaheen have been assessed, a senior official involved in the matter has said.

Dr Abdurahman Sulaiman Al Shahi, the director general of the Directorate General of Social Development in the North and South Al Batinah said in an interview that the review of files put forth for consideration was in its final stages.

"We are now considering the cases of people who have lodged grievances with us, and are re-evaluating their grievance forms," he said. "So far we have completed a review of almost 95 percent of these cases. We expect to begin the payment process shortly."

Al Shahi was speaking to Shabiba FM, the radio station of *Al Shabiba*, the sister Arabic publication of the *Times of Oman*. There are more than 19,000 claims that are entitled to compensation, with a few still under assessment.

"We have faced challenges in terms of payment and compensation, because there were shortages in the terms of the number of teams responsible for verifying and investigating the extent of damages reported," he said. "Furthermore, many of the damages took place within densely populated areas, requiring us to expend more efforts towards evaluation.

"We addressed such challenges by coordinating with the Ministry of Social Development," he added. "However, we have come across some claims that require re-evaluation, as well as others where the forms and details requires have been submitted on more than one occasion. This has caused us to verify whether such claims are eligible for compensation, according to the documents which prove their eligibility. We need to verify such claims because we must make sure that those who truly require compensation receive it accordingly."

**Impact**

Cyclone Shaheen battered Oman on 3 October, 2021, after intensifying over the Arabian Sea for days. It battered the coasts of northern Oman, with most of its impact felt by towns in North Al Batinah.

The terrible weather unleashed a continuous torrent of rain that caused wadis to overflow, flooded people's homes, and washed away the property of many others. The intense climatic conditions also led to the uprooting of electricity and telephone poles, and deposited debris in the form of rocks and trees across many key roads, impeding traffic to affected areas.

About OMR200 million has been allocated in the 2022 State Budget to address the damages caused by Shaheen.

"Oman was recently hit by tropical cyclone Shaheen, which took a toll on the community and infrastructure of some cities," said the Ministry of Finance in their budget report. "However, with the efforts of government entities and members of society, life has returned to normal."

Because of the devastating impact of the cyclone, some of the people who wished to claim compensation for damages suffered have not been able to locate the right documents. >A3

## HM TO PRESIDE OVER ROP ANNUAL DAY, OFFICERS' GRADUATION

His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Supreme Commander, will preside over a ceremony on 5 January marking the Annual Day of Royal Oman Police (ROP) and the graduation of new batches of officers. The ceremony will be held on the military parade grounds of the Sultan Qaboos Academy for Police Sciences in the Wilayat of Nizwa. — ONA

MEETING

# Sayyid Shihab receives Saudi Chief of General Staff

**MUSCAT:** His Highness Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received at Al Murtafa'a Garrison yesterday Air Chief Marshal Fayyadh Hamid Al Ruwaili, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The two sides exchanged cordial conversations and explored points of view. They also discussed issues of common concern. The meeting was attended by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF), and the guest's accompanying delegation. — ONA

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IMPROVING SERVICE QUALITY

# New employee evaluation system adopted by Ministry of Health

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Oman's Ministry of Health began rolling out on Sunday the new employee evaluation system, which takes into consideration individual performances and efficiency while assigning promotions and pay rises to staff.

The adoption of the system, titled "Ejada" in Arabic, comes within the framework of Oman Vision 2040, the country's long-term plan to boost economic diversification, create sustainable employment opportunities, and good standards of living for all.

"The system will contribute to achieving Oman's Vision 2040, improving the quality of services provided to individuals and institutions in a way that enhances the community's confidence in the institution in providing high quality healthcare at all levels," said the Ministry of Health in a statement.

"The Ejada system will help teams complete their annual operational plans, enhance employee affiliation, and maintain competitiveness," they added. "This system will further enhance the return on investment in human capital. Additionally, Ejada evaluates the performance of employees, defining their tasks clearly, and establishing harmony between the organisation and employee's plan."

**Benefits**

Other benefits brought about by the new evaluation system include increased transparency in employee roles, linking incentives and rewards to the quality of work, and easier follow-ups between employees and supervisors, particularly when it comes to performance assessments.

The implementation of Ejada comes under the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, and concerns improving the efficiency of the state's administrative apparatus.

Present at the launch of the evaluation programme at the Ministry of Health were Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Saidi, the Minister of Health, and the Undersecretary of Administrative, Financial, and Planning Affairs.

Also present were a number of senior ministry officials, and the Ejada team responsible for rolling out the software. To educate ministry employees about how the new system functions, many workshops have been held for government staff.

Ejada aims to build a culture of proficiency in job performance, and is supervised by the Ministry of Labour. The system, when fully rolled out, will cover 57 civil units of government infrastructure, including more than 175,000 employees. >A3

*Khor Rori, an important heritage reserve in Dhofar* **A4**

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MEETING

## State Council discusses proposals to amend archives, securities laws

**MUSCAT:** The State Council on Monday held a meeting during which it studied proposals to amend the Law on Records and Archives and the Securities Act in preparation to submit the drafts of both to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, along with the opinions of the State Council and the Shura Council.

The drafts of the Archives and Records Law (promulgated under Royal Decree No. 60/2007) and the Securities Act were earlier forwarded to the two councils for discussion by the Council of Ministers.

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Al Khalili said in a speech at the outset of the session that the meeting coincides with the start of a new year which, he wished, would be a year of bounty for Oman and His Majesty the Sultan. He also wished that 2022 would see the eradication of coronavirus and the recovery of the global economy from the negative impacts of the pandemic.

Then, Dr. Rashid Salim Al Badi, Chairman of the Legal Committee at the State Council, said that the proposed amendment of the first draft law stems from a keenness to address the challenges facing the Records and Archives Authority so that the implementation of the law would conform with the provisions of the State's Administrative Apparatus's System promulgated under Royal Decree No. 75/2020.

Amendments were proposed to be made to the 14th Article of the Records and Archives Law forwarded to the State Council, said Al Badi.

In his turn, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah Al Harthi, Chairman of the Economic Committee, said that the proposed amendments to the Securities Act assume significance due to the fact that the law plays a great role in facilitating the activities of the national economy.

Al Harthi explained that the draft law deals with many vital issues, including the funding of existing productive units and new investment units, providing alternative opportunities for investors other than traditional banking portfolios, allowing the owners of small and medium enterprises to become investors, contributing to the financing of development plans, consolidating internal and external credit and achieving efficiency in channeling resources to more profitable areas.

The views of the Economic Committee focused on ways to enhance the power of financial securities, augment employment opportunities funding, creating the desired balance among stakeholders dealing with the stock market and minimising risk factors, to name a few.

The meeting also discussed the reply of the Council of Ministers about two proposals made earlier by the State Council, one about a study on the Law on Environment Conservation (promulgated under Royal Decree No. 114/2001) and the other about the 2020 Annual Report of the State Audit Institution. -ONA

MEETING

## GCC health undersecretaries discuss COVID strain Omicron

**MUSCAT:** The GCC Health Undersecretaries today held their 20th meeting to discuss the latest developments of the new COVID-19 strain "Omicron".

The meeting reviewed latest updates regarding coronavirus and the measures taken by GCC member states. It also touched on proposals submitted for the next period, among other topics.

The GCC health Undersecretaries commended the significant efforts of health workers, as well as their tangible contribution in mitigating the spread of the virus.

They urged citizens and residents to adhere to preventive measures, such as wearing masks, avoiding gatherings and maintaining social distance. -ONA

MEETING

## Shura Committee discusses job plan for Omanis at UTAS

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** The Education and Research Committee of Majlis Al Shura met yesterday under Dr. Said bin Hamad Al Rubaie, Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (UTAS) and a number of UTAS specialists.

### Training programmes

The meeting aimed to acquaint with the vision of UTAS and the challenges it faces in supervising over the various colleges, the Omanisation plan, employment procedures, the training programmes and accreditation of the programmes of the university.

The discussion was held at the 4th regular meeting of the third annual convening (2021-2022) of the ninth term (2019-2023) of Majlis Al Shura, chaired by Jamal bin Ahmed Al Abri, Chairman of the Committee in the presence of the members.

The meeting also discussed replacement mechanisms, employment plans and the training programmes for Omanis for working as academics and technicians at UTAS.

The meeting discussed replacement plans of academic cadres at the colleges of applied sciences of UTAS through the programmes of scholarships for masters degrees besides appointments through internal advertisements of vacancies in coordination with the Ministry of Labour.

The meeting also tackled replacement plans at the colleges of applied sciences through seconding of students for furthering post graduate studies in the various specialisations and appointing them at the colleges.

The meeting also dealt with the solutions adopted by UTAS for settlement of the issues related to recruitment companies, and to hire Omanis as academics at UTAS.

The meeting pointed out that UTAS is working with a number of teams from the various entities including the private sectors on development of academic programmes for meeting the needs of the employment market.

The committee enquired about the capacity of UTAS colleges and the possibility of introducing new programmes and specialisations.

The meeting also pointed to that UTAS is reviewing its academic programmes and working on development of a number of new specialisations for diploma, bachelor and masters degrees along with a project for opening a new branch for UTAS in Musandam Governorate.

The committee also discussed a proposal for addressing the challenges associated with employment of graduates of the college of education in some specialisations such as the Islamic Education and pre-school education among others.

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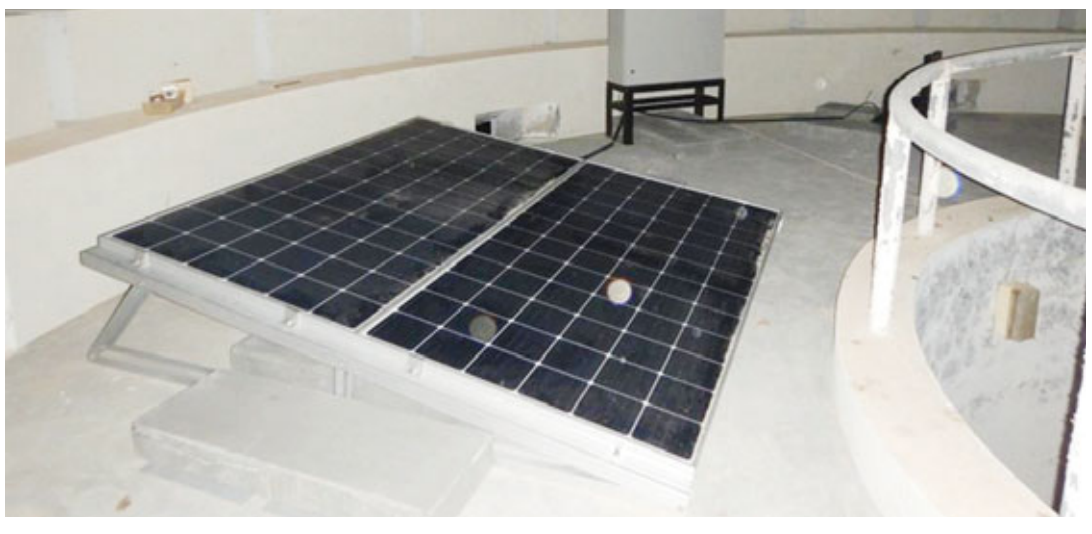

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The project was carried out in cooperation with a specialised scientific team from the Natural History Museum in Berne in Switzerland. Technical support for the project is provided by Curtin University in Australia and Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel).

The move comes within the Ministry's continuous endeavours to nurture and develop research related to meteorites and use the latest technologies in this field. -ONA

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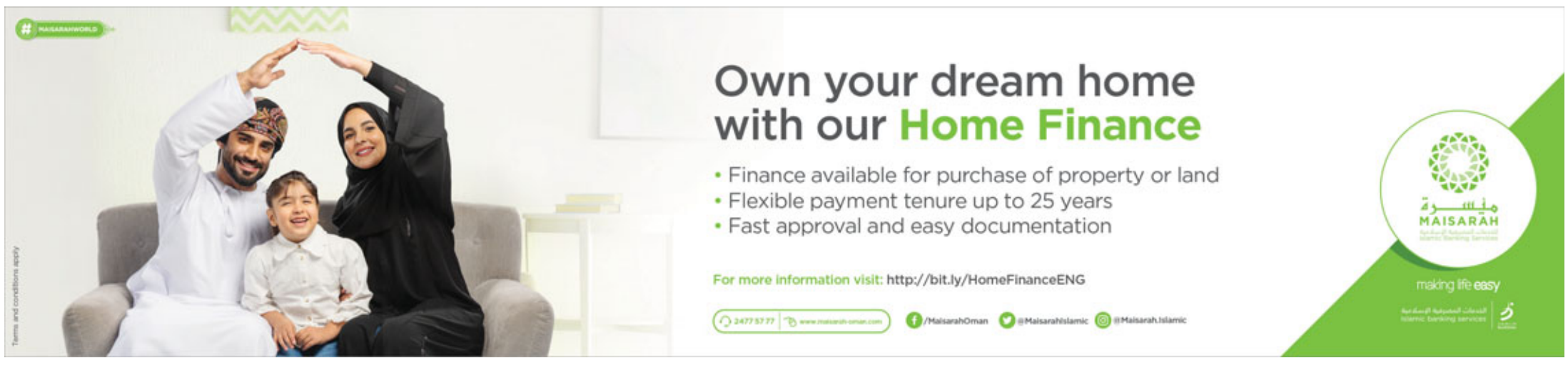


EDUCATION

# Mixed feelings for parents as Indian schools begin to reopen with in-person learning

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Parents of students attending Indian schools in Oman are divided over whether the current measures employed by schools are enough to keep their children safe from COVID-19, especially in the light of the new Omicron variant.

Indian School Muscat reopened on Monday, 3 January, and other Indian schools are expected to follow suit in the coming days.

Children attending senior school (grades IX to XII), as well as those in VIII, are expected to rejoin school at 100 percent occupancy, whereas those in the lower divisions will still be learning in hybrid mode featuring a blend of online and in-person education.

"We have a lot of schools that are scheduled to reopen next week," said an official from the Board of Directors of Indian Schools in the Sultanate of Oman. "The reason this subject was raised is because ISM was the first of the schools to open. We have informed parents whose children are still not eligible for vaccines that they can continue to learn online, and don't need to come to class.

"However, the decision regarding the older children was based on guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education, because they are eligible to be double vaccinated," he added. "We are waiting for more instructions regarding in-person attendance for them, and will issue an update as soon as we receive one."

Joby Titus, whose children are too young to attend 100 percent in-person learning, said the rules in effect were adequate to ensure their safety, provided they are adhered to properly.

"The children themselves say they are extremely keen to go back to school, because they have not been to school now for a good two years," he said. "They are tired of staying at home for so long, starved of interaction with their friends. Staying away from social interaction for so long is not good for their overall development.

"If the measures the schools take are followed properly, including the checking of temperatures at the gate, proper mask mandates, regular sanitisation, and so on, then I think it is okay to send our children to school," he said.

Of a similar opinion was Nishad Mohammed, whose children will also undergo hybrid learning. "My children are also excited to go back to school, and the schools have assured us that they will take the proper measures to keep them safe," he said. "If that is the case, then they definitely must attend school, because there is a lot more to learning than just books and lessons."

However, Michelle Gonzalves' daughter is required to attend in-person lessons, and given the crowded nature of Indian school classes, she is concerned about whether 100 percent attendance is a good thing.

"In my daughter's class, there are easily about 40 children, so there is really no room for social distancing," she said. "If even one child has the symptoms of COVID-19 and they spread it to others, it is a matter of concern for all of us."

Michelle was able to witness this first-hand during a recent parent-teacher meeting, when she saw that the procedures put in place were just as they were before the pandemic: people were clustered together, and there was little effort to maintain social distancing.

## *Classes, exams suspended*

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** A decision has been taken to suspend classes and exams scheduled for Tuesday due to heavy rains forecast in some governorates.

The directorates of education in the governorates of Muscat, South Al Sharqiyah and Al-Batinah in a statement, said: "With reference to the statement of the Civil Aviation Authority on heavy rains forecast between Monday night and Tuesday, it was decided to suspend studies and exams in schools on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the governorates of Musandam, North Al Batinah, South Al Batinah, Al Buraimi, Al Dhahirah, Al Dakhiliyah, Muscat, North Al Sharqiyah, and South Al Sharqiyah for the safety of students and staff.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

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# Tasks and goals to help assess employees

A Ministry of Labour official had previously explained how employees would be evaluated under the new system.

"The measurement of an individual's performance is based only on the extent to which they have accomplished the tasks entrusted by their employer during a specific pre-determined period, according to the goals or plans that was approved or drawn up to achieve them every year," explained the ministry official. "Performance evaluations will be done regardless of existing parameters, such as attendance, departure and behaviour at work at the beginning of applying this system," he explained. "The numbers of years they have in terms of experience will not be considered, either in terms of incentives, promotions, rewards, or job opportunities."

"What will be looked at is an employee's performance in terms of the excellent nature of their work, their creativity, employee productivity, and how they have achieved the tasks entrusted to them," he went on to say. "All promotions, bonuses, and incentives will be based on these factors."

CYCLONE SHAHEEN

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# 13,500 claimants entitled to other support as well

Al Shahi, however, said that people in such a situation would also have their claims considered.

"We have met with a number of people who are in this situation," he said in this context. "An independent committee has been formed to consider people who are impacted in this manner, and have submitted grievances.

"I personally communicated with a citizen when we realised his claim had been made public through Shabiba FM, but then realised that the claim was not registered in his name, but under his son," he added.

"This claim has been closed, and the people in question are entitled to support. Their claim will be settled within two weeks. There are about 13,500 claimants who are entitled to other forms of support as well."

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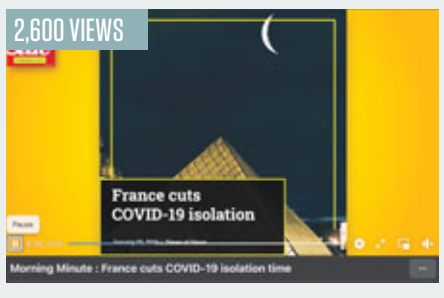


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# KHOR RORI, AN IMPORTANT HERITAGE RESERVE IN DHOFAR

Khawr Rawrī or Khor Rori is a bar-built estuary (or river mouth lagoon) at the mouth of Wādī Darbāt in the Dhofar Governorate, Oman, near Taqah. It is a major breeding ground for birds and used to act as an important harbour for frankincense trade when it was an open estuary.

Khor Rori is best known for the ruins of the ancient fortified port city of Sumhuram on the eastern bank. There are also archeological ruins on the two promontories at the mouth of Khor Rori. It is considered the most attractive to tourists as it contains Khawr Ruri port, famously known as Samharam.

Nearby, there are important ruins that date back to prehistoric times. The port was often mentioned in Greek, Hellenic and Arabic historical scrolls, being the main port for the export of frankincense in Dhofar. Therefore the khawr (lagoon) has gained special status, as it is not only a nature reserve, but an important heritage reserve as well, and has been included in the World Heritage List. Before that, it was a natural reserve helping to maintain the biological balance, where many fish, birds and plants live. The lagoon is connected to Wadi Darbat.

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MEETING

# Royal Office Minister meets Saudi Chief of General Staff

**MUSCAT:** Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received at his office here on Monday Air Chief Marshal Fayyadh Hamed Al Ruwaili, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

The two sides reviewed the joint cooperation fields and discussed matters of common interest.

The meeting was attended by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF). -ONA

BILATERAL RELATIONS

# Foreign Minister receives credentials of Algerian envoy

**MUSCAT:** Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister received here yesterday a copy of credentials of Filali Guenni, Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Sultanate of Oman.

Sayyid Badr welcomed the ambassador, wishing him success in carrying out his duties, and the bilateral relations between the two countries further growth and progress.

The meeting was attended by several officials at the Foreign Ministry. -ONA

EXCHANGED VIEWS

# SAF Chief of Staff meets with Saudi Chief of General Staff

**MUSCAT:** Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Ra'eesi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) received in his office at Al Murtafa'a Garrison on Monday Air Chief Marshal Fayyadh Hamed Al Ruwaili, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

The two sides exchanged views and discussed military matters of common concern.

The meeting was attended by several senior SAF officers and the Military Attaché at the Saudi embassy in Muscat.

Air Chief Marshal Fayyadh Hamed Al Ruwaili, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) visited the Maritime Security Centre (MSC) at Al Murtafa'a Garrison.

The guest was accompanied by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF).

Upon the guest's arrival, he was received by Rear Admiral Saif Nasser Al Rahbi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), Head of the Maritime Security Committee and Commodore Mohammed Hamoud Al Zedjali, Head of the MSC.

The guest toured the centre's facilities and viewed its latest equipment and technologies. He was also briefed on the tactical roles and tasks carried out by the centre within its national duties, as it coordinates with relevant authorities in search and rescue missions and the safety of the maritime environment.

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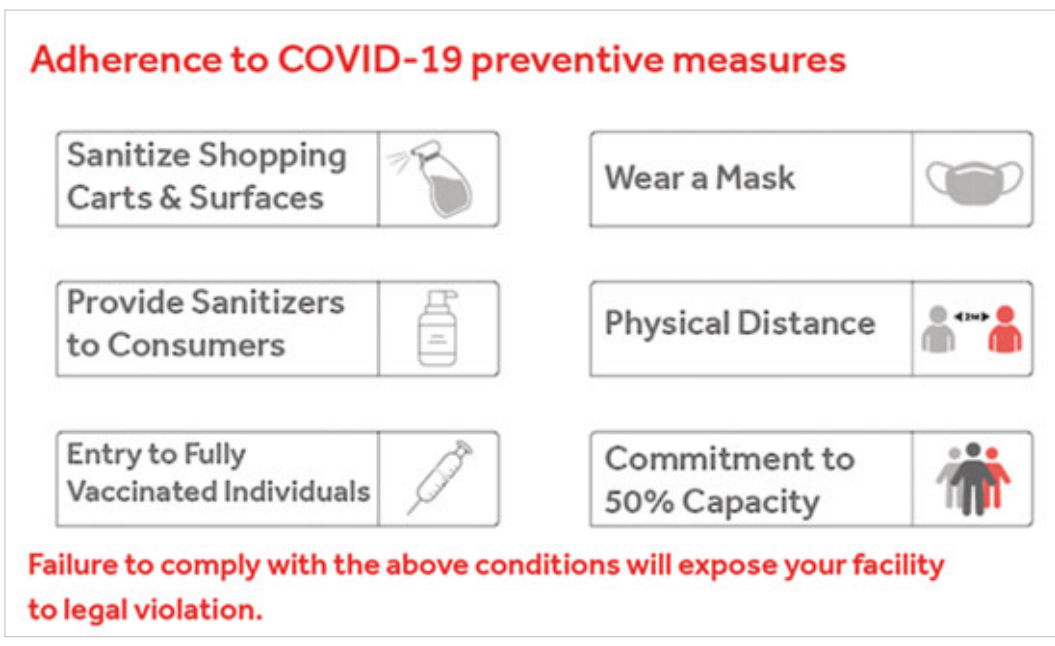
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

# Ministry urges establishments to follow COVID-19 guidelines




**MUSCAT:** The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion called upon all commercial and industrial establishments to abide by the precautionary measures set to curb the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the decisions issued by the Supreme Committee tasked with tackling the developments resulting from COVID-19.

The Ministry urged all commercial establishments to cut down the number of visitors to their outlets by 50 percent of the total capacity of each outlet.

The establishments are also required to see to their customers' compliance with all precautionary measures, including wearing face masks and observing the 2-metre physical distance.

Commercial outlets have to sanitize shopping trolleys and surfaces, provide the customers with sterilizers and ask them to show the two-dose vaccination certificate, among other precautions, said the Ministry in a statement issued today, noting that its teams will intensify checkups on commercial and industrial activities to ensure compliance.

The Ministry encourages customers to benefit from electronic apps provided by commercial outlets to avoid crowdedness. In the meantime, the Ministry urges the owners of commercial centres, restaurants and workers in home delivery services to endorse protective mechanisms to help protect public health.

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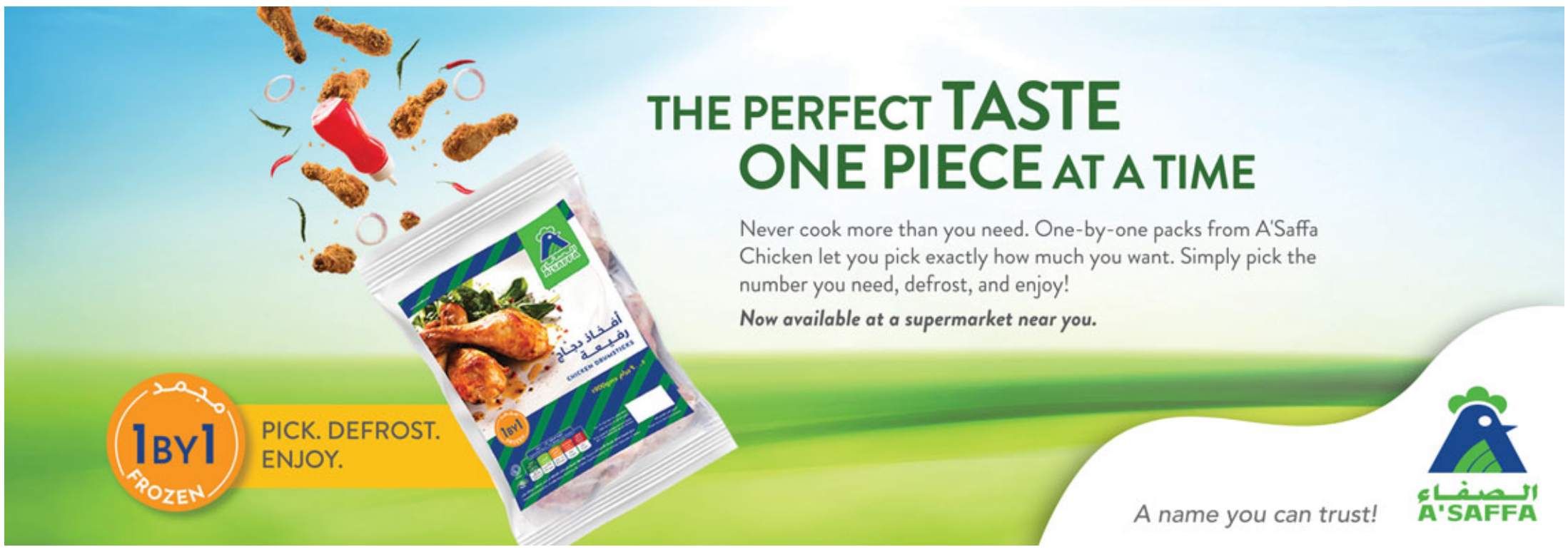

# WORLD

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COVID CONCERNS

## Nearly 2,000 flights cancelled in 24 hours in US

**WASHINGTON:** Around 2,000 flights have been cancelled in the United States as of Sunday morning, amid the spike in COVID-19 cases in the country.

Citing FlightAware, The Hill reported that a total of 1,956 flights within, into or out of the US were cancelled as of 8:30 am ET today. While another 870 flights within, into or out of the US had been delayed, it added.

According to The Hill, Southwest recorded 264 cancellations today, JetBlue reported 169 cancelled flights, and Delta followed with 161 cancellations.

Americans Airlines cancelled 136 flights today, and United called off 94 trips, as per the media outlet.

The US has seen a large number of flight cancellations within recent days, driven largely by the nationwide spike in COVID-19 cases.

During the past 10 days, including Sunday and Christmas Eve, airlines have cancelled more than 14,000 flights in the US, according to a CNN tally of FlightAware statistics. The Hill reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) warned on Thursday that more travel delays are likely in the coming days because of COVID-19 infections among FAA employees. ANI

# US, allies will 'respond decisively' if Russia invades Ukraine

During a call with Ukraine leader, President Biden expressed support for diplomatic efforts, starting next week

**DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS:** The call comes days before Russian and US officials are set to meet in person in Geneva on January 10 amid a Russian military buildup on the Ukraine border.

**WASHINGTON:** US President Joe Biden on Sunday told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that the United States and its allies will "respond decisively" if Russia invades Ukraine, according to White House.

During a call with Ukraine leader, President Biden expressed support for diplomatic efforts, starting next week with the bilateral Strategic Stability Dialogue.

"President Biden made clear that the United States and its allies and partners will respond decisively if Russia further invades Ukraine.

The leaders expressed support for diplomatic efforts, starting next week with the bilateral Strategic Stability Dialogue, at NATO through the NATO-Russia Council, and at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said on Sunday (local time).

The call comes days before Russian and US officials are set to meet in person in Geneva on January 10 amid a Russian military buildup on the Ukraine border and ongoing tensions. Zelenskyy spoke with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken ahead of the call earlier this week.

White House Press Secretary in the statement added that Biden underscored Washington's commitment to the principle of "nothing about you without you."

Biden also "reaffirmed the United States' commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He also expressed support for confidence-building measures to de-escalate tensions in Donbas and active diplomacy to advance the implementation of the Minsk Agreements, in support of the Normandy Format," Psaki said.

On Thursday, Biden held a telephone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, discussing the escalating tensions over Ukraine and European security.

The call between Biden and Putin comes at a time when the US continues to pressure Russia to draw down its large military presence near Ukraine's borders. US intelligence officials have warned Ukraine and its allies that Russia could be planning to launch an attack as soon as January.

The US and NATO have voiced concerns over Russia's alleged preparations for invading Ukraine. Moscow has repeatedly denied the accusations, saying that Russia has the right to relocate the troops within its territory at its own discretion, while NATO's military activity near Russian borders poses a threat to its security. ANI

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TREATMENT

## Brazilian President Bolsonaro admitted to hospital for checks

**BRASILIA**: President Jair Bolsonaro was admitted to the Vila Nova Star hospital in Sao Paulo in the middle of the night for treatment of a probable intestinal obstruction.

TV Globo showed images of him disembarking from the presidential plane on foot with his entourage. He had been returning from a weekend break over New Year in the south of the country. Globo said he was taken to the hospital after landing in Sao Paulo.

Bolsonaro took to Twitter later on Monday, still early in the morning in Brazil, to provide some information on his condition, including the insertion of a special tube designed to take food to the stomach via the nose.

"I started to feel sick after Sunday lunch," he wrote, saying he arrived at the hospital at around 3 a.m.. "They inserted a nasogastric tube. More tests will be done for possible surgery for internal obstruction in the abdominal region."

Bolsonaro went on to say it was his second hospital stay with the same symptoms, "as a consequence of the stabbing and four major surgeries."

Doctor Antonio Luiz Macedo, who has operated on Bolsonaro on other occasions, told Globo and news site UOL that the president would undergo several tests on his abdomen. Bolsonaro said Macedo would arrive, having returned from a holiday in the Caribbean, mid-afternoon.

Bolsonaro, 66, has been hospitalised several times since he was stabbed in the abdomen at an election rally in 2018. Most recently, he spent a few days receiving checks in July amid a bout of persistent hiccups.

Bolsonaro intends to run for a second term in presidential elections in October, with his main rival likely to be former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, better known simply as Lula, of the left-wing Workers' Party. ANI

DEVASTATING FIRE

## Blaze at South African Parliament 'under control'

**CAPE TOWN**: Firefighters managed to contain the fire at the South African Parliament by Monday morning, but the blaze caused extensive damage and knocked down the roof of the old assembly building, authorities said.

"The fire was brought under control during the night," spokesman Jermaine Carelse told reporters, adding that the fire was still burning in the oldest wing of the complex, which was built in 1884.

He warned that the current National Assembly chamber, located in one of the newer buildings, "won't be used for months."

City of Cape Town safety and security official J.P. Smith said that the main chamber of the National Assembly was "completely gutted."

"The entire Parliament complex is severely damaged, waterlogged and smoke damaged," Smith said.

### Police launch criminal case

A man was detained in connection with the blaze and the authorities have opened a criminal investigation, according to local media. However, the authorities did not immediately confirm that the blaze was caused by arson. The man was due to appear before court on Tuesday.

"It is alleged that he gained entrance through the window in one of the offices," spokesperson Nomthandazo Mbambo told eNCA television. He added that authorities were looking into how the suspect had managed to evade security.

A union representative also claimed security guards were not on duty when the fire started early on Sunday, because of cost cutting directives.

### Sprinkler system failed

The Parliament complex houses many unique historical artifacts, including rare books and the original copy of the former Afrikaans national anthem. It is also the home of the 120-meter (roughly 390-foot) Keiskamma tapestry which shows the history of South Africa from the earliest indigenous peoples to the end of the Apartheid era in 1994. Cape Town security commissioner Jean-Pierre Smith said "nothing" was left of the section where the tapestry was located. He also told news channel eNCA that the electricity and ventilation systems failed to shut off during the fire. Separately, President Cyril Ramaphosa told reporters that the sprinkler system apparently failed. -DW

RESIGNATION

## Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok resigns

**KHARTOUM:** Sudan's civilian Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok announced on Sunday that he was stepping down from his role.

His resignation comes six weeks after he was reinstated as part of an agreement with the military that originally overthrew the government in October.

"I decided to give back the responsibility and announce my resignation as prime minister, and give a chance to another man or woman of this noble country to ... help it pass through what's left of the transitional period to a civilian democratic country," Hamdok said in a televised address.

Hours before the announcement, thousands of protesters took to the streets in the capital calling on the military to stop interfering in the transition.

### Why is Hamdok stepping down?

Hamdok's decision comes amid stunted attempts to carry out a democratic transition in the country. He has called for a roundtable discussion to table a new agreement on how this can be achieved.

"I have tried my best to stop the country from sliding towards disaster," he said, addressing the nation.

"In view of the fragmentation of the political forces and conflicts between the (military and civilian) components of the transition ... despite everything that has been done to reach a consensus ... it has not happened," he said.

Sudan "is crossing a dangerous turning point that threatens its whole survival", he added.

Hamdok had got the military to agree to elections in 2023, but rumors of his possible resignation began to circulate after local media reported that he had not been in his office for days.

### What is the situation in Sudan?

The news of Hamdok's plan to leave power throws the country into further uncertainty, three years after a popular uprising toppled the long-time leader Omar al-Bashir.

Hamdok first became prime minister as part of a deal with the military. He had previously served as an official for the United Nations and is trained as an economist.

The military — under the leadership of General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan — then conducted a coup on October 25, sparking concern for the state of the country's struggling democratic transition. He was reinstated in November.

Despite the concession from the military, protests continued. Protest organizers claimed that the reinstatement of Hamdok was a move by the military to legitimize the coup. Police and security forces have responded in a heavy-handed way against protesters leading to scores of them being killed. DW

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# Elgar, Petersen steady ship after South Africa bowlers dominate Day 1

It was an enthralling day of Test cricket as 11 wickets fell on Day One of the second Test

**JOHANNESBURG:** South African bowlers dominated Day One of the second Test against India as the visitors were bowled out for 202 in the first innings on Monday.

At Stumps, South Africa scorecard read 35/1 with Dean Elgar (11*) and Keegan Petersen (14*) at the crease. It was an enthralling day of Test cricket as 11 wickets fell on Day One of the second Test. After bundling India out for 202 in the first innings, South Africa got off to a bad start as they lost opening batter Aiden Markram in the fourth over.

Mohammed Shami trapped Markram in front of stumps to give India a breakthrough. But Elgar and Petersen ensured the hosts didn't suffer any more hiccups as South Africa ended the day with nine wickets in hand.

In the second session, South African pacers had tightened screws against the visitors to leave them tottering at 146 for 5 till Tea. The hosts' bowlers kept up the pressure as they dimissed KL Rahul and Hanuma Vihari post Tea.

Ravichandran Ashwin played a fighting knock of 46 runs in just 50 balls before India were bowled out for 202 in the first innings.

In the first session, a disciplined bowling performance from South Africa kept India at bay as the visitors lost three wickets in the morning.

Earlier in the day, the second Test match started with the biggest surprise when Rahul walked in for the toss instead of Virat Kohli as the Indian Test captain did not take the field due to upper back spasm.

Brief Scores: India 202/10 (KL Rahul 50, R Ashwin 46; Marco Jansen 4-31) vs South Africa 35/1 (Keegan Petersen 14, Mohammed Shami 1-15) ANI

PREMIER LEAGUE

# Lukaku dropped from Chelsea's home fixture against Liverpool

**LONDON:** Romelu Lukaku has been dropped from the Chelsea FC squad which will face Liverpool on Sunday at the Stamford Bridge.

Lukaku, 28, has scored in his last two Premier League appearances since his return to the Blues' squad after testing positive for COVID-19.

But the marksman has since found himself amid the controversy after he said he is "not very happy with the situation" at Stamford Bridge, and complained of Tuchel's decision to play "a different formation" in an interview that was broadcast this week.

Speaking to Sky Sports, Thomas Tuchel explained that the Romelu Lukaku issue became "too noisy" and so he made the decision to drop the striker from his squad.

"The thing got too big, the thing got too noisy so close to the match so I decided to protect the preparation of the match and that's why he is out," Tuchel said ahead of the match.

"Of course we have spoken. We have spoken twice and I have spoken to the main players."

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"We have a big match to play and we need full focus...It is, in my opinion, easier if he is not in the squad. For sure, it was a difficult decision to take but in my opinion it was the decision to take," he added.

Meanwhile, for visitors, Alisson, Roberto Firmino and Joel Matip have been ruled out of trip to Chelsea, after returning suspected positive COVID-19 tests. It follows news Jurgen Klopp will not be present at the encounter after also registering a suspected positive test. ANI

CRICKET

# Mominul, Liton help Bangladesh take 73 runs lead

**MOUNT MAUNGANUI:** Mominul Haque and Liton Das's fiery partnership of 158 runs put Bangladesh in a dominating position on Day 3 of the ongoing first Test against Bangladesh here at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui on Monday.

At the Stumps on Day 3, Bangladesh's score read 401/6 with Yasir Ali (11*) and Mehidy Hasan (20*) are currently standing at the crease.

The visitors have taken a lead of 73 runs. Beginning the day from 175/2, Bangladesh suffered an early blow as the opener Mahmudul Hasan Joy was dismissed by Neil Wagner after scoring 78 runs, which was then followed by Mushfiqur Rahim's departure by Trent Boult.

But the Kiwi's happiness was short-lived as Mominul and Liton got together and kept on sailing their boat to bring up the fifth wicket partnership of 158 runs.

Both the batters brought up individual half-centuries and kept the scoreboard moving for Bangladesh. It was later Trent Boult, who came for the rescue of the Kiwis and dismissed Mominul and Liton for 86 and 88 runs respectively, leaving their side's total at 370/6.

Later, Yasir Ali and Mehidy Hasan entered the crease and anchored the innings to provide their side with a lead of 73 runs and ended Day 3 with a total of 401/6.

Brief Score: New Zealand 258/5 (Devon Conway 122, Henry Nicholls 75; Shoriful Islam 3/269) vs Bangladesh 175/2 (Mominul Haque 88, Liton Das 86; Trent Boult 3/61). ANI

CRICKET ROUND-UP

# Jatinder guides Qurum to victory, Hussnain hero of Ghubrah win

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Oman opener Jatinder Singh struck an elegant 55 off 39 including 4 sixes, steering Qurum Thunders to a 7-wicket win over Bousher Busters in a D20 Cricket League game at Oman Cricket Turf 1 in Amerat on Sunday.

Bousher's total of 159 for 8 saw 59 by Abdul Rauf and 37 by Asif Khan. Munis Ansari and Sandeep Goud took two wickets each.

Qurum openers Jatinder and Kashyapkumar Prajapati (51 off 38) dominated the chase with an entertaining 94-run partnership in less than 11 overs. Shoaib Khan came on to complete the formalities with a solid 37 off 21 as Qurum sealed the win in the 19th over, scoring 163 for 3. Asif Khan bagged 2 for 23.

Brief Scores (D20): Bousher Busters 159 for 8 in 20 overs (Abdul Rauf 59 – 3x4, 3x6, Asif Khan 37 – 1x4, 4x6, Munis Ansari 2-19, Sandeep Goud 2-23) lost to Qurum Thunders 163 for 3 in 18.4 overs (Jatinder Singh 55 – 3x4, 4x6, Kashyapkumar Prajapati 51 – 5x4, 2x6, Shoaib Khan 37 – 3x4, 2x6. Asif Khan 2-23) by 7 wickets.

**LEAGUE MATCH** Excellent all-round performance by Munthir Al Balushi helped OCT Muscat to an easy 34-run win over OCT Al Seeb in a 30-over B Division League match.

### Hussnain bowls Ghubrah to victory

In the day's other game, Hussnain Ali's brilliant spell with the new ball in which he claimed 4 for 21 was the highlight of Ruwi Rangers' thumping 6-wicket victory against Ghubrah Giants.

Ghubrah failed to post a fighting total on the board, folding up for a dismal 96 in 16.5 overs due largely to Hussnain's heroics and Sanuth Ebrahim's 2 for 2 in 2 overs. Azmat Ullah was the only Ghubrah batsman to bat well, scoring a defiant 50 off 35.

Ruwi raced to the target in only 12.4 overs, scoring 100 for 4 thanks to 37 off 20 by Khalid Kail and 25 off 20 by Zohaib Amanat. Aqil Khan took 2 for 12.

Brief Scores (D20): Ghubrah Giants 96 all out in 16.5 overs (Azmat Ullah 50 – 5x4, 3x6, Hassnain Ali 4-21, Sanuth Ebrahim 2-2) lost to Ruwi Rangers 100 for 4 in 12.4 overs (Khalid Kail 37 – 5x4, 2x6, Zohaib Amanat 25 – 3x4, 2x6, Aqil Khan 2-12) by 6 wickets.

### Munthir stars in OCT Muscat win

Excellent all-round performance by Munthir Al Balushi helped OCT Muscat to an easy 34-run win over OCT Al Seeb in a 30-over B Division League match at Muscat Municipality ground 1 in Amerat on Friday. Muscat scored 175 all out in 29.3 overs thanks to top knocks from Rashad Al Balushi (44) and Munthir (40). Issa Al Balushi was the pick of Seeb bowlers, taking 4 for 28 whereas Younis Al Balushi claimed 3 for 22.

Struggling at 27 for 4 in 7 overs, OCT Seeb never really recovered despite Samir Othman's unbeaten 76 off 86, getting bowled out for 141 in the 27th over. Munthir excelled with the ball too, taking 3 for 20 while Khalid Al Balushi and Shaed Ali bagged two wickets each.

Brief Scores (B Division): OCT Muscat 175 all out in 29.3 overs (Rashad Al Balushi 44 – 8x4, Munthir Al Balushi 40 – 5x4, Issa Al Balushi 4-28, Younis AB 3-22, Samir Othman 2-31) beat Oct Seeb 141 all out in 26.5 overs (Samir Othman 76 – 10x4, Munthir Al Balushi 3-20, Khalid Al Balushi 2-26, Shaed Ali 2-22) by 34 runs.

### Rafique steers Khalsa to big win

Mohammed Rafique's magnificent batting and bowling saw Khalsa United to a solid 49-run victory against Nibrass Tech in a C Division T20 League game at Muscat Municipality ground 2.

Khalsa's 201 for 4 was powered by Rafique's 75 not out off 44 and Majid Rafique's 32 off 16. Waqas Khalid claimed 2 for 28.

Rafique bowled brilliantly too, taking 3 for 22 whereas Muhammed Asif picked up 3 for 24 as Khalsa was bundled out for 152 in 20 overs, Tarun Bhaskaran top-scoring with 46.

Brief Scores (C Division): Khalsa United CT 201 for 4 in 20 overs (Muhammed Rafiq 75 – 8x4, 1x6, Majid Rafique 32 – 5x4, 1x6, Waqas Khalid 2-28) beat Nibrass Tech 152 all out in 20 overs (Tarun Bhaskaran 46 – 6x4, 1x6, Muhammed Rafiq 3-22, Muhammed Asif 3-24, Harminder Singh 2-25) by 49 runs

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE

### OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by March 2022 reaching $76.95, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 9 cents. - ONA

### MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,172.14 points, up 0.61 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.36 per cent at 528.46 points. Ominvest up 4.58 per cent, was the top gainer while, Dhofar Cattle Feed down 8.97 per cent, was the top loser.

# Oil starts 2022 on positive note, Omicron impact concerns ease

**OPEC+ MEETING:** Tightened supplies from Libya ahead of an Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (Opec+) meeting kept the market sentiments positive, said Abhishek Chauhan, head of commodities at Swastika Investment Ltd. - BNA

Last year, oil prices rose around 50 per cent, spurred by the global economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic slump and producer restraint, even as infections reached record highs worldwide

**NEW DELHI:** Oil prices firmed on Monday as the market kicked off 2022 on a positive note with suppliers in focus ahead of Tuesday's Opec+ meeting, although surging COVID-19 cases continued to dent demand sentiment.

Brent crude added 59 cents, or 0.76 per cent, to $78.37 a barrel, as of 0440 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 63 cents, or 0.84 per cent, to $75.84 a barrel.

"Tightened supplies from Libya ahead of an Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (Opec+) meeting kept the market sentiments positive," said Abhishek Chauhan, head of commodities at Swastika Investment Ltd, according to Reuters.

Libya's state oil firm said on Saturday the country's oil output would be reduced by 200,000 barrels per day for a week due to maintenance on a main pipeline between the Samah and Dahra fields.

Meanwhile, Opec+ will probably stick to their plan to add 400,000 barrels per day of supply in February, four sources said.

Last year, oil prices rose around 50 per cent, spurred by the global economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic slump and producer restraint, even as infections reached record highs worldwide.

US health experts warned Americans to prepare for severe disruptions in coming weeks, with infection rates likely to worsen amid increased holiday travel, New Year celebrations and school reopening following winter breaks.

Oil analysts have lowered their price forecasts for 2022 as the Omicron coronavirus variant poses headwinds to recovering fuel demand and risks a supply glut as producers pump more oil, a Reuters poll showed on Friday.

A survey of 35 economists and analysts forecast Brent crude would average $73.57 a barrel in 2022, about 2 per cent lower than the $75.33 consensus in November. It is the first reduction in the 2022 price forecast since the August poll. US crude is projected to average $71.38 per barrel in 2022, versus the previous month's $73.31 consensus.

US energy firms added oil and natural gas rigs for a record 17 months in a row as higher prices lured some drillers back to the well pad after last year's coronavirus-driven decline in demand.

US crude oil production rose to 11.47 million barrels per day in October, up 6 per cent from a month earlier, as output soared in the Gulf of Mexico as the region recovered from hurricanes, according to a monthly report issued on Thursday by the Energy Information Administration. -BNA

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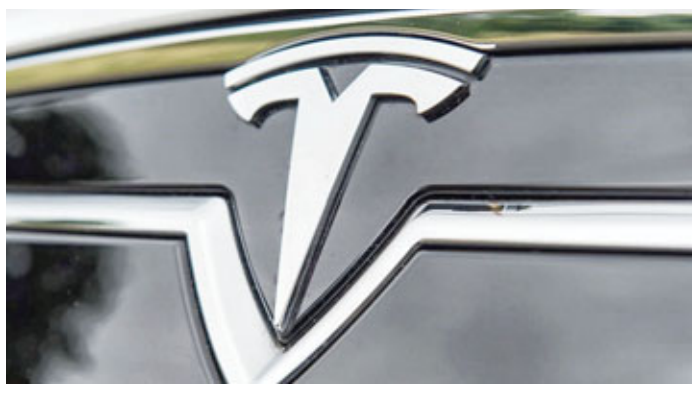

# Tesla exceeds analyst predictions with record deliveries in fourth quarter of 2021

**NEW YORK:** US electric car manufacturer Tesla has managed a record number of vehicle deliveries in the past quarter, it announced on Sunday.

A total of 308,600 vehicles were delivered to customers globally in the last three months of 2021, exceeding the expectations of analysts, who had predicted delivery of just 263,000 cars for the fourth quarter, it said, Deutsche press agency (dpa) reported.

Over 2021 as a whole, Tesla delivered a total of 936,000 vehicles globally, an increase of 87 per cent on the company's 2020 figure.

Elon Musk's pioneering company has signalled its intention to maintain an annual increase in deliveries of at least 50 per cent in the long term.

Tesla's new factories in Texas and near the German capital Berlin will be essential in creating the extra production capacity needed to meet this goal.

Tesla's Model 3 and Model Y compact cars continue to be the bedrock of its business, with the company delivering almost 297,000 in the final quarter and 911,000 for the year as a whole. The more expensive and larger Model S and Model X cars make up the rest of the company's total deliveries. -BNA

# MARKET

# MSX index ends higher

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Shares of Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 531 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3.25 million, with more than 11.43 million shares changing hands. Out of 46 traded securities, 8 advanced, 16 declined and 22 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net sellers for OMR325,000 while Omani investors were net buyers for OMR202,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR123,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 6,653.46 points, up 0.78 per cent. Ominvest, Al Omaniya Financial Services, Bank Dhofar and Bank Muscat were up 4.58 per cent, 2.42 per cent, 2.40 per cent and 1.21 per cent respectively. Takaful Oman, Taageer Finance, Muscat Finance, United Finance and Al Sharqia Investment were down 5.06 per cent, 2.70 per cent, 1.69 per cent, 1.69 per cent and 1.10 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,056.74 points, down 0.45 per cent. Oman Cement was the only gainer by 0.81 per cent.

Services Index was up by 0.19 per cent before closing at 1,631.78 points. — **United Securities**

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**INDICES**

| Index | High | Low | Value | Prev. Value | Diff | Diff % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSX 30 INDEX | 4,172.14 | 4,146.81 | 4,172.14 | 4,146.81 | 25.33 | 0.61 |
| FINANCIAL INDEX | 6,653.47 | 6,602.20 | 6,653.47 | 6,602.20 | 51.27 | 0.78 |
| Industry Index | 6,089.16 | 6,051.80 | 6,056.74 | 6,083.95 | -27.21 | -0.45 |
| Services Index | 1,635.09 | 1,630.16 | 1,631.79 | 1,628.65 | 3.14 | 0.19 |
| MSX Shariah Index | 530.77 | 528.46 | 528.46 | 530.38 | -1.91 | -0.36 |
| MSX TR INDEX | 5,020.57 | 4,990.08 | 5,020.57 | 4,990.08 | 30.48 | 0.61 |

**Trading Summary**

| Volume | Turnover | Trades | Market Cap | Up | Down | Equal | Sec. Traded |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11,426,357 | 3,256,042 | 531 | 22,175,555,683 | 8 | 16 | 22 | 46 |

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### REGULAR MARKET

| ISIN | SECURITY NAME | VOLUME | TURNOVER | TRADES | OPEN PRICE | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE PR. | PREV. CLOSE | DIFF (RO) | DIFF % | LAST PR | LAST BID | LAST OFFER | PAR VALUE | MARKET CAP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OM0000001533 | OMINVEST | 6,000 | 1,920 | 1 | 0.320 | 0.320 | 0.320 | 0.320 | 0.306 | 0.014 | 4.575 | 0.320 | 0.306 | 0.320 | 0.100 | 213,876,936 |
| OM0000002077 | AL OMANIYA FIN.S | 2,013,605 | 255,978 | 113 | 0.124 | 0.130 | 0.124 | 0.127 | 0.124 | 0.003 | 2.419 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.100 | 37,075,767 |
| OM0000002796 | BANK MUSCAT | 2,467,100 | 1,233,550 | 64 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.500 | 0.494 | 0.006 | 1.215 | 0.500 | 0.498 | 0.500 | 0.100 | 1,787,237,396 |
| OM0000003026 | OMAN TELECOM | 625,455 | 475,392 | 19 | 0.752 | 0.772 | 0.752 | 0.760 | 0.752 | 0.008 | 1.064 | 0.768 | 0.760 | 0.768 | 0.100 | 570,000,000 |
| OM0000003968 | OOREDOO | 431,280 | 167,334 | 14 | 0.384 | 0.388 | 0.384 | 0.388 | 0.384 | 0.004 | 1.042 | 0.388 | 0.382 | 0.394 | 0.100 | 252,566,361 |
| OM0000001749 | OMAN CEMENT | 8,085 | 2,021 | 2 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.248 | 0.002 | 0.806 | 0.250 | 0.243 | 0.250 | 0.100 | 82,718,178 |
| OM0000003000 | Al MAHA MARKTING | 48,930 | 34,147 | 7 | 0.700 | 0.700 | 0.692 | 0.696 | 0.692 | 0.004 | 0.578 | 0.692 | 0.692 | 0.700 | 0.100 | 48,024,000 |
| OM0000001400 | OMAN FLOUR MILLS | 500 | 390 | 1 | 0.780 | 0.780 | 0.780 | 0.784 | 0.784 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.780 | 0.712 | 0.796 | 0.100 | 123,480,000 |
| OM0000001772 | ALANWAR INVESTMENT | 40,000 | 3,800 | 3 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.095 | 0.093 | 0.095 | 0.100 | 19,000,000 |
| OM0000002176 | JAZEERA STEEL PROD | 32,260 | 11,880 | 15 | 0.370 | 0.372 | 0.366 | 0.368 | 0.368 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.366 | 0.360 | 0.370 | 0.100 | 45,962,449 |
| OM0000002226 | ALJAZEERA SERVICES | 2,000 | 700 | 3 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.350 | 0.340 | 0.350 | 0.100 | 21,421,496 |
| OM0000003224 | RENAISSANCE SER. | 906,705 | 392,377 | 42 | 0.440 | 0.440 | 0.426 | 0.432 | 0.432 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.430 | 0.428 | 0.440 | 0.100 | 102,129,120 |
| OM0000003398 | SOHAR INT. BANK | 753,093 | 87,215 | 9 | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.115 | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.115 | 0.113 | 0.115 | 0.100 | 346,847,226 |
| OM0000001525 | OMAN INVST& FIN. | 31,563 | 4,608 | 2 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.147 | -0.001 | -0.680 | 0.146 | 0.142 | 0.146 | 0.100 | 34,602,000 |
| OM0000001418 | RAYSUT CEMENT | 410,614 | 98,607 | 22 | 0.242 | 0.242 | 0.240 | 0.240 | 0.242 | -0.002 | -0.826 | 0.240 | 0.232 | 0.240 | 0.100 | 48,000,000 |
| OM0000002200 | AHLI BANK | 200,000 | 23,000 | 6 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.116 | -0.001 | -0.862 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.119 | 0.100 | 224,210,609 |
| OM0000005005 | ALMAHA CERAMICS | 86,325 | 37,977 | 25 | 0.440 | 0.448 | 0.438 | 0.440 | 0.444 | -0.004 | -0.901 | 0.440 | 0.438 | 0.440 | 0.100 | 24,200,000 |
| OM0000002440 | AL SHARQIA INV. | 136,000 | 12,276 | 8 | 0.092 | 0.092 | 0.090 | 0.090 | 0.091 | -0.001 | -1.099 | 0.090 | 0.088 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 8,100,000 |
| OM0000001590 | MUSCAT FINANCE | 37,450 | 2,172 | 2 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.059 | -0.001 | -1.695 | 0.058 | 0.056 | 0.058 | 0.100 | 17,814,487 |
| OM0000002168 | AL ANWAR CERAMIC | 465,500 | 199,572 | 49 | 0.448 | 0.448 | 0.428 | 0.428 | 0.440 | -0.012 | -2.727 | 0.428 | 0.424 | 0.428 | 0.100 | 94,160,000 |
| Total | 20 | 8,702,465 | 3,044,917 | 407 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

### Parallel Market

| ISIN | SECURITY NAME | VOLUME | TURNOVER | TRADES | OPEN PRICE | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE PR. | PREV. CLOSE | DIFF (RO) | DIFF % | LAST PR | LAST BID | LAST OFFER | PAR VALUE | MARKET CAP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OM0000002549 | BANK DHOFAR | 50,000 | 6,400 | 1 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.125 | 0.003 | 2.400 | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.130 | 0.100 | 383,532,984 |
| OM0000001152 | OMAN NAT. ENG. | 76,947 | 7,156 | 11 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.093 | 0.093 | 0.095 | 0.100 | 12,090,000 |
| OM0000001483 | NATIONAL BANK OMAN | 3,007 | 589 | 1 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.196 | 0.192 | 0.200 | 0.100 | 318,685,486 |
| OM0000001566 | OMAN FISHERIES | 28,085 | 1,629 | 7 | 0.058 | 0.059 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.058 | 0.059 | 0.058 | 0.100 | 7,250,000 |
| OM0000001681 | OMAN EMIRATES HO. | 25,000 | 1,625 | 3 | 0.065 | 0.065 | 0.065 | 0.065 | 0.065 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.065 | 0.062 | 0.070 | 0.100 | 7,921,875 |
| OM0000002036 | Muscat Thread MILL | 486 | 39 | 1 | 0.080 | 0.080 | 0.080 | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.080 | 0.068 | 0.080 | 0.100 | 1,193,514 |
| OM0000002275 | SHELL OMAN MRK | 1,111 | 1,013 | 2 | 0.912 | 0.912 | 0.912 | 0.920 | 0.920 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.912 | 0.912 | 0.912 | 0.100 | 87,400,000 |
| OM0000003125 | GLOBAL INV. H | 158,000 | 9,954 | 5 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.063 | 0.063 | 0.064 | 0.100 | 12,600,000 |
| OM0000003661 | VOLTAMP ENERGY | 408 | 47 | 1 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.115 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.115 | 0.110 | 0.122 | 0.100 | 9,361,316 |
| OM0000003711 | SOHAR POWER | 2,110 | 80 | 1 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.039 | 0.039 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.038 | 0.038 | 0.042 | 0.100 | 8,619,390 |
| OM0000004420 | BANK NIZWA | 183,069 | 17,746 | 13 | 0.097 | 0.097 | 0.096 | 0.097 | 0.097 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.097 | 0.096 | 0.097 | 0.100 | 216,984,444 |
| OM0000004933 | AL SUWADI POWER | 60,307 | 2,955 | 4 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.049 | 0.100 | 35,005,911 |
| OM0000005963 | PHOENIX POWER | 380,817 | 19,041 | 7 | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.050 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.050 | 0.048 | 0.050 | 0.100 | 73,130,073 |
| OM0000007084 | MCT DESALINATE | 1,000 | 85 | 1 | 0.085 | 0.085 | 0.085 | 0.090 | 0.090 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.085 | 0.086 | 0.090 | 0.100 | 13,999,536 |
| OM0000008447 | OMAN REIT FUND | 436,200 | 38,329 | 6 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.086 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.086 | 0.080 | 0.086 | 0.100 | 57,618,787 |
| OM0000004768 | MADINA TAKAFUL | 10,541 | 1,005 | 5 | 0.095 | 0.096 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.096 | -0.001 | -1.042 | 0.095 | 0.095 | 0.096 | 0.100 | 16,625,000 |
| OM0000003521 | GALFAR ENGINEER | 325,651 | 24,499 | 9 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.076 | -0.001 | -1.316 | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.100 | 15,223,983 |
| OM0000002374 | UNITED FINANCE | 100,480 | 5,828 | 5 | 0.059 | 0.059 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.059 | -0.001 | -1.695 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.059 | 0.100 | 20,250,376 |
| OM0000002804 | ASAFFA FOODS | 34,175 | 5,905 | 5 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.171 | 0.173 | 0.176 | -0.003 | -1.705 | 0.171 | 0.166 | 0.171 | 0.100 | 20,760,000 |
| OM0000004669 | SHARQIYAH DESALIN. | 45,000 | 4,950 | 1 | 0.110 | 0.110 | 0.110 | 0.110 | 0.112 | -0.002 | -1.786 | 0.110 | 0.106 | 0.110 | 0.100 | 10,758,238 |
| OM0000001319 | ALUMINIUM PROD. | 44,590 | 6,129 | 4 | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.137 | 0.137 | 0.140 | -0.003 | -2.143 | 0.137 | 0.132 | 0.137 | 0.100 | 4,599,289 |
| OM0000003281 | TAAGEER FINANCE | 101,817 | 7,331 | 5 | 0.072 | 0.072 | 0.072 | 0.072 | 0.074 | -0.002 | -2.703 | 0.072 | 0.072 | 0.075 | 0.100 | 18,258,480 |
| OM0000004776 | TAKAFUL OMAN | 627,467 | 46,768 | 23 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.074 | 0.075 | 0.079 | -0.004 | -5.063 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.100 | 7,500,000 |
| OM0000001301 | DHOFAR CATTLE | 15,000 | 1,065 | 1 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.078 | -0.007 | -8.974 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.078 | 0.100 | 5,740,350 |
| Total | 24 | 2,711,268 | 210,168 | 122 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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# Sensex surges 929 points

**MUMBAI:** The Indian equities markets started the new calendar year 2022 on a firm note with the benchmark Sensex surging 929 points despite rising COVID-19 related restrictions across the country.

The key indices of the Indian equities markets including Sensex and Nifty opened trading in the new year with significant gains and surged more than one-and-a-half per cent towards the end of the day's trade.

The 30 stock S&P Sensex of the Bombay Stock Exchange closed at 59,183.22 points, which is 1.60 per cent or 929.40 points higher from its previous session's close at 58,253.82 points.

Earlier the Sensex opened in the positive at 58,310.09 points and touched a high of 59,266.39 points in the intra-day. There was strong buying support throughout the day and the momentum picked up towards the end of the trading session.

The broader Nifty 50 of the National Stock Exchange closed 1.57 per cent or 271.65 points higher at 17,625.70 points. Earlier the Nifty opened in the positive at 17,387.15 points and touched a high of 17,646.65 points in the intra-day.

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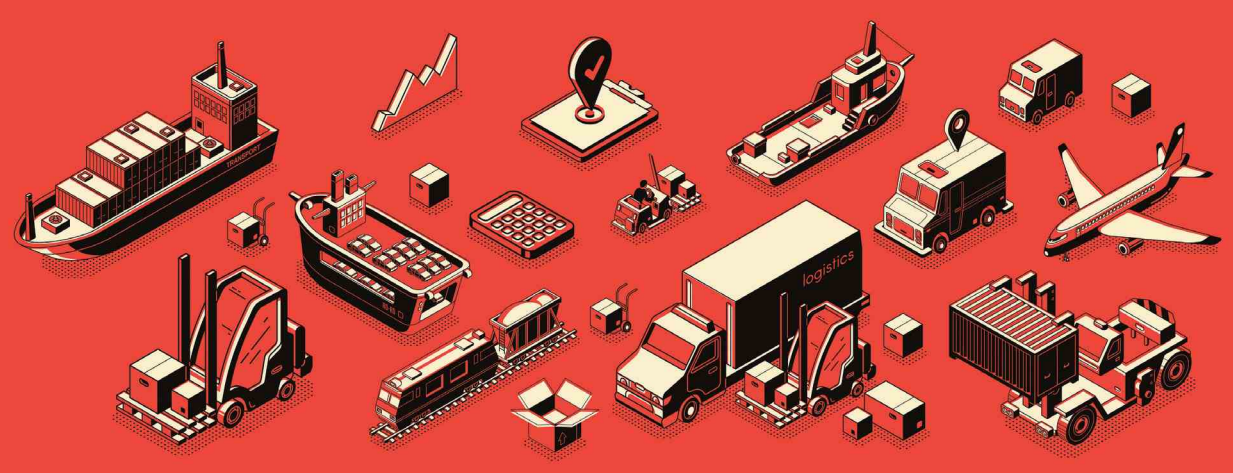

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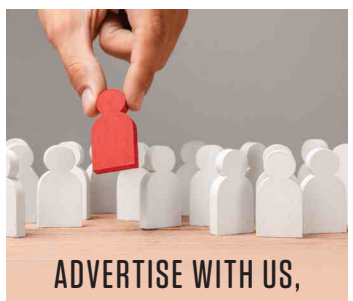


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**Indian Male,** 7 years working experience in Oman as an AutoCAD Civil Draftsman cum Document Controller in various projects. Seeking suitable placement. Contact 95223019, Email: prasanthnair2010@gmail.com

**Freelancer 2D/3D_AutocaD/Revit** (Civil / MEP). Contact 99506977

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**Pakistani driver** with 20 yrs experience seeks job. Contact 92091552

**Bangladeshi driver** with 3 yrs experience seeks job. Contact 94256510

**Bangaladeshi driver** with 10 yrs experience seeks job.
Contact 93539260

**Bangladeshi driver** with 5 yrs experience seeks job. Contact 94531675

### MEDICAL

**Medical representative** seeks suitable job. Contact 93513927

**Indian**, 23, Civil Engineer, fresher with Oman D/L, looking for suitable job. Contact 95257524

**Safety officer (engineer)**,5 years experience in GCC, two years in Oil field in Oman, nebosh IGC, valid D.L). Contact 79318246

**Electrical Engineer** with +10 years of experience in electrical network (MT, LT) and project management. Contact 94446214

**B.Tech Civil Engineer**, experienced in construction of residential and commercial buildings, Quantity Surveying and 3d designing. Seeking for suitable placement. Contact 79038416

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Email mukim0201004@gmail.com

**Indian Male** MSc Civil Engineer, having 5 years of Oman experience, seeks suitable position having D/L. Contact No. 968-93273239 whatsapp +447466266942 Email ID: mohammedamair.bin@gmail.com

**Indian male** diploma in Civil Engineering, presently in Oman, seeking for suitable job. Contact 92475396
Email vithunvithuec@gmail.com

**Electrical eng** 10 years experience in projects, QA/ QC, O&M, PMP holder,OQ approved, D/L, looking for job. Contact 71543379

**B.E.Mechanical Engineer**, 3yrs experience in India for pipe line. Presently in Oman. Contact 71089758/ Whatsapp +918962292915
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### PURCHASE/PROCUREMENT

**8 Yrs of experience** in procurement (Parts for Heavy machineries, Light motor vehicles & crushers) plus Accounting, Administration, Logistics support, B.Com, MBA.
Contact 78234545

## JOB WANTED

**Omani Statistical**
Statistical (Omani), Graduated from Modern College of Business & Science with Bachelor degree in Statistics. Experience in Statistics in Ministry of HigherEducation and Purchase Assistant sales representative in hospital laboratory and chemicals for pesticides (current work).
Email:Radhiyaalkharusi24@gmail.com
Phone No: 00968-93987544

**ACCOUNTS ADMIN**
Accountant with 10 yrs experience in trading & contracting, oil & gas, building materials, manufacturing, constructions & IT sectors.
Expertise in accounting, VAT, finalization, auditing, budgeting, costing & payroll.
NOC / local release & driving license available.
CONTACT: 91183601
E-MAIL: SUNEEL.SUNEEL@GMAIL.COM

**Hygiene / Food Safety / QC Specialist**
4 yrs of experience in QC with HACCP Food safety & quality STD. Looking for a suitable job.
Contact 79015490

**ENGINEER**
Mechanical Engineer, & Graduate Marine Engineer Indian male, 36 year old, having an experience of 12 years. Presently in Oman, having Oman D/L seeks suitable placement in Oman.
Contact: 95476011
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**Quantity Surveyor**
Srilankan Male Quantity Surveyor (BSc QS (Hons) reading) with 4 years of Civil & ID experience in Oman. Looking for a job.
Contact: 92187572
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**RETAIL- ADMINISTRATION**
Indian - 10 yrs of experience in retail, health care & telecomm as Administration, Sales & Marketing. Work experience with: Joyalukkas India Pvt ltd, Aster DM Healthcare, Reliance JIO Infocomm ltd. International License & Medical done.
Contact no: 78621939
E-mail: suhailkmuhammed00@gmail.com

**OMANI HSE**
Bachelor's degree in BA & IOSH.
10 years experience in HSE and O&M.
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**ENGINEER**
BE Electronics & Communication Indian Male looking for a suitable job in Oman. Presently in Oman.
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**MECHANICAL ENGINEER**
Indian, 23, (B.E Mechanical), fresher PG Diploma in Oil and Gas Piping and Pipeline, QA/QC, NDT, looking for suitable job.
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Email: rejiakhil111@gmail.com

**Mechanical Engineer**
Sudanese mechanical engineering with 10 years experience, Firefighting & alarm system, Seeking a position as Mechanical engineer.
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**Senior Accountant**
Indian male M. Com with PG in computers, working as Senior Accountant in Oman with over 12 years with advanced knowledge in MS Dynamics, ODDO, Tally Erp/Prime (Tally customising with developer), looking for suitable position.
Contact on +96871551938

**Project Manager - Civil**
An Indian, Graduate Civil Engineer having 22+ yrs Exp. in Construction Sector on Buildings, Infrastructure & Electro-Mechanical Projects with Project Management/ Contracts Exp. looking for a Middle Management Position in the Consulting/Contracting Firm. Valid Engineer Visa & D/ L, NOC available/Transferable Visa.
Contact No. 91996650

**ENGINEER**
Indian Male, 42 yrs, B Tech Graduate, 15+ years gulf experience in Civil construction field. In an excellent grade construction and Trading Company with good Knowledge is looking for suitable opening.
Valid D/L, NOC Available.
Contact 98032824, peer.ktr@gmail.com

**FINANCE**
Sr Accountant/ Chief Accountant (Male). 15+ years of experience in Oman. Having Good Experience in Finance and Supply Chain also have great knowledge in Finalization ,Stock Audit , Various Accounts Packages, etc. Looking for Suitable Position. Having Valid Oman D/L.
Contact +968 79830539
Email : justmailshaik75@gmail.com

**ADMIN/FINANCE**
33 year Female MBA with valid Omani D/L seeks placement in Admin/Finance or Marketing.
Contact: 96711850
Email: snehalturn06@gmail.com

**FINANCE**
B.Com ICWAI (Intermediate), 18+ years Finance/Accounts/Reporting/Credit Control/ Finalisation, Expd in MFG/Retail/Service Ind, Expd in ERP-Orion/Focus/JD Edwards/D/L, NOC available, can join immediately.
Mobile: 97634372

**PROCUREMENT**
Indian male, 20yrs exp. in supply Chain management, Import Vendor Management. Skilled & forecasted sourcing, Inherent negotiation & documentation skill to benchmark, MIS, Inventory & Credit control, dynamic in office software handling, GCC D/L, N.O.C Available, immediate joining at Sr. Position.
Contact 78599071
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**Business Unit Head**
15+ years of experience in Sales,Marketing and Operations worked for a well renowned Trading Company for ( ELV & Electrical Products) in Oman, experience in developing Product Market for Projects and Retail Business, looking for a suitable job change.
Contact: 9364 3218

**SENIOR MANAGER SUPPLY CHAIN**
Indian Male with +25 years of Experience in Supply Chain, Purchase, Sales & Distribution, MIS, Inventory & Credit Control seeks placement.
CONTACT 94619442

**FINANCE**
MBA, Mcom, ICWA (inter) 21 years experience in Oman working as Manager in Business / Accounts / Finance / Operations. Looking for Senior positions in Business / Finance and Operations.
CONTACT: 96211885

**ACCOUNTS**
Indian Male, 38yrs (age), 13 years of experience in accounts in Oman, Having D/L, NOC is available, Can join Immediately.
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Email ID: alhameed1527@gmail.com

**English Teacher**
Experienced English Teacher Bachelor's degree & Academic IELTS with a 6.5 +4 years of experience.
Contact: +968 99022926

**Finance & Accounts**
Indian Female (MBA Finance) having more than 15 years of Experience in Oman in Manufacturing and Trading company seeks suitable Senior Position in Finance and Accounts.
Contact # 94953826 / 92824146

**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

**Senior Manager**
**(HR/Administration/Operations)**
Indian male, 42, MBA, 12yrs' experience with international exposure. Having GCC experience. Also having Experience in the Education Industry (India). Presently in Muscat. D/L Available.
Contact: 94326527
Email: sreekanth.kerala987@gmail.com

### IT

**Indian male MCA,** 6+ yrs experience IT admin, ERP admin, website application (NET/PHP).
Contact 78668657

**Computer science** bachelor's degree holder with 1 year experience, looking for a job as a Frontend Developer and Website Development.
Contact 78629566

### MANAGER

**Accounts/Finance Manager** 29 years experienced, worked with reputed groups, expert in cashflow & budgeting, auditing etc.
Contact 98803439

## JOB WANTED

### SALES/MARKETING

**Indian, graduate,** 6 years experience in Sales and Marketing having valid Oman D/L, fluent in English, Hindi and Arabic. Presently in Oman, looking for immediate placement. Contact 78699300,
Email: abidm0786@gmail.com

**33 yrs Male,** MBA & 11+ yrs experience in Sales, Service, lead & Supervision (Automobiles & FMCG). With D/L (UAE) Contact 7862 2687

**Indian Male,** MBA-Marketing, 6 years Oman experience as Sales & Marketing Executive. Seeking suitable position. D/L available.
Contact 94883005

**Indian male** experience in Sales and Marketing for 12 years with D/L looking for suitable placement.
Contact 92085257"

**Sales operations coordinator** B-com with E-commerce & Various other certifications,5 years of Dubai and 2 years of Muscat experience, with refined skill set, Looking for new challenges. Contact +968 9676 6702
E-mail: ilyas3299@gmail.com

**Indian Male PG in Biotech.** with 4 years experience in Insurance sales total 8 year exp. Looking For Sales Job, available in Oman.
Contact 79015490

**Indian male 30 B.com** Having 7yrs on field experience in Inventory, operation assistant & Sales Executive DL & NOC available. Contact 97855282
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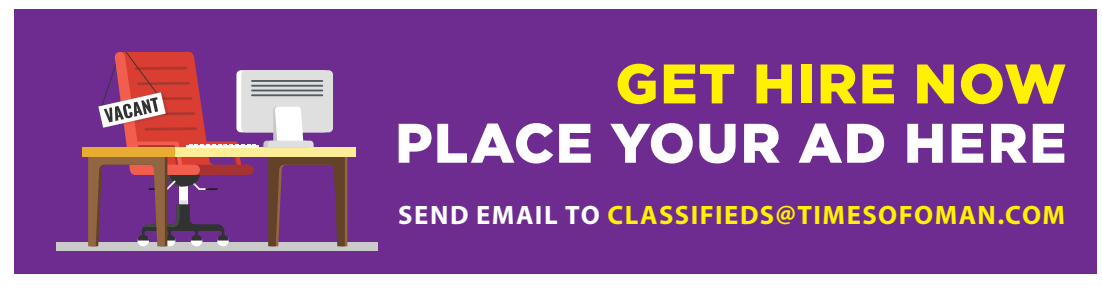

LIFESTYLE

# 3 WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE AND KEEP YOUR MIND IN SHAPE

Ageing brings about many changes. Beyond greying hair and wrinkles, your brain is also changing as you grow older and wiser. According to McKnight Brain Research Foundation, 87% of people 65 and older experience cognitive changes associated with normal ageing. The good news is that these changes don't have to be a normal passage of ageing. You may find that you can combat some cognitive decline through exercise.

Beyond staying physically fit and healthy, exercise can benefit your mental health. Physical activity improves cognitive function as people age through neuroplasticity, which allows the brain to compensate for injury and disease and adjust in response to new situations. Exercise also helps alleviate stress and depression.

**Here are three ways you can stay physically active and reap the mental benefits.**

## TAKE A WALK

Daily walks are incredibly beneficial and easy to incorporate into your routine. You can start small by taking a walk around your block or going to a local park for a short circuit. As you continue to build your walking stamina, you may find that you can go farther and farther.

While walking, you can also enjoy listening to an audiobook or podcast. Learning about new subjects is another excellent way to keep your mind healthy as you age. You can also listen to music or simply enjoy the ambient sounds of nature.

Walking doesn't have to be a solitary activity. Ask a friend or family member to come along on your daily walk. Your neighbourhood may have local walking groups. Joining a group allows you to stay active, provides community and allows you to make new friends.

## JOIN A FITNESS CLASS

Group exercise is a great way to stay active. Your local gym or community centre is likely to have group fitness classes for several days a week at various times, so you can easily find one that fits your schedule.

Whether you're going back to a familiar activity like swimming and water aerobics or learning a new form of exercise like yoga and dance, a fitness class allows you to have a repeating, consistent physical activity in your weekly schedule.

"I encourage seniors who are new to exercise to try a class that is designed specifically for older adults," said Richard Ashworth, president and CEO of Tivity Health based in the US. "We also have a wide variety of live virtual classes through SilverSneakers.com with trainers who guide participants every step of the way. These classes are a great way to get moving from the comfort of your home."

Keeping your mind as active as your body is vital to healthy ageing. "Once you turn 65 or 85, it doesn't mean you can't keep learning, trying new things and sharing your passions with others," said Lawrence Kosick, Co-Founder and President of GetSetUp. "The older adults who participate in GetSetUp classes are eager to explore new topics and develop or deepen hobbies. Not only is it a lot of fun, but with brain health being as important as physical health as we age, learning new skills or enjoying mentally stimulating activities with peers all can lead to healthier ageing."

These online classes allow older adults to learn new skills, combat social isolation and unlock new life experiences. The programme also encourages seniors to become instructors and share their skills and knowledge with their peers.

## KEEP STRETCHING

As you age, you tend to lose some muscle strength and elasticity and your joints weaken. A gentle way to incorporate movement into your life is to do daily stretches. Stretching provides several benefits, including increased circulation and blood flow, enhanced muscle strength and improved range of motion and flexibility. You may also find that stretching relieves lower back pain and stiffness associated with arthritis.

Low-intensity stretching — such as lunges, squats and shoulder circles — can also improve your mood and energy. You can incorporate these and other stretches into your routine by starting your day with some light stretches after your morning cup of coffee or doing a few dynamic yoga stretches before turning in for the night.

No matter what type of physical activity you decide to do, invest in your mind and body and get moving today. - BPT

FEATURE

# COVID COMPLICATES ASIAN FOOTBALL'S FIGHT AGAINST MATCH FIXING

Asian football in particular has long had a problem with match fixing. While some progress had been made in fighting the crime in recent years, the arrival of COVID-19 has made it easier for match fixers to do business.

For years, Asia has been known around the world as a hot spot for match fixing in football. Especially in Southeast Asia, a region of around 650 million people that stretches from India in the west to China in the East, there are few leagues that haven't had a scandal or two.

Malaysia has been fighting to shake off the scourge of match fixing since football was rocked by a major scandal in the early 1990s. In Laos in 2017, 22 players and officials received lifetime bans by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Just last month, the Football Association of Malaysia confirmed it was investigating two games played in October.

Low salaries that aren't always reliably paid provide fertile ground for gambling gangs based in Southeast Asia and elsewhere to persuade players, coaches or officials to help produce a specific outcome in a game.

### Conditions ripe for fixing

"Once clubs stop paying players, then the fixers will start hovering," Steve Darby, who has coached extensively in Southeast Asia with spells in Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia and Singapore, told DW.

"You have not been paid for three months, you have rent to pay and two children to feed, then someone offers you six months' wage for one game. This, I believe, is the most common reason for fixing."

According to investigative journalist and academic Declan Hill, author of "The Fix" and " The Insider's Guide to Match-Fixing in Football," the circumstances in the region are virtually tailor-made for match fixing.

"There is corruption in league officials and teams," Hill told DW. "Then clubs don't pay players and there are systems of hierarchy, where senior players coach and train young players to go along with it."

It's not just Southeast Asia, either. In a 2011 scandal in South Korea's K League (regarded as one of the strongest and most professional in Asia) that involved over 50 players and coaches, what was striking was the small sums — as little as €2,000 ($2,260) — that many players accepted to fix games. Senior players who were working for the fixers were adept at either recruiting teammates or forcing others to be silent.

"To put in a proper fix, the best players have to be involved," said Darby.

"They are usually leaders and senior, so young players have very little chance to do anything."

Darby also said he has come across coaches who have accepted money. There are also numerous examples of referees receiving bribes — such as top Chinese referee Gong Jianping, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2003 after he confessed to doing so.

### COVID-19 a game changer

The AFC has tried to stamp out the problem, and since 2013 has been working in partnership with Swiss-based sports data company Sportradar to try to combat match fixing. The multinational organization has a large integrity services department that analyzes international sports in order to detect signs of fixing.

"I was deeply impressed by how seriously the AFC was taking this," said Andreas Krannich, managing director of integrity services at Sportradar. "They became the global leaders in sports integrity. They had a zero-tolerance stance and numbers were going down." In February 2020, Sportradar reported a drop of 21% in match fixing since 2013.

Then came the global pandemic. In the early days, it resulted in leagues being canceled or postponed and games taking place in empty stadiums.

"COVID-19 is a game changer," Krannich said. "It has poured gasoline on the fire."

There is a business reason behind this. As the virus spread, clubs everywhere saw a reduction in revenues. As many tried to cut costs, they looked to reduce their biggest expense: player salaries. Stars at major European clubs agreed to a temporary cut in salaries in 2020 when COVID first hit and games were called off, but players further down the ladder were hit harder by smaller salaries.

"What the fixers quickly understood is that a lot of sports are now suffering financially as a consequence of COVID-19," Hill said. "And where there is far less money, players, referees, coaches, presidents are increasingly vulnerable."

Krannich said criminals, already experts at finding the vulnerabilities of those involved in football, have made use of another universal COVID-19 effect: working remotely.

"In the past, the organized crime groups or lone wolves would have to physically contact players on a one-to-one basis. But now, with digital reach, they shoot a thousand times and will hit one — and the messages are encrypted," he said.

The pandemic also forced fixers to diversify to even lower-level football. Earlier in 2021, Sportradar reported that 40% of suspicious activities in football took place in third-tier leagues and below, including youth matches.

"In early 2020, there was no football," said Krannich. "For bookmakers, this was a bizarre situation. Bookies were desperate to find new sports — and it is the same with fixers. If there is no sport, there is no fixing. They started to look into sports they had never thought about before."

Esports is one such field, as the possibility of remote matches makes it relatively resilient to the effects of COVID-19. In June, six professional gamers were banned for time spans from six months to five years for a tournament in 2020 when a player bet against his own team and then paid off his own teammates.

### What does the future hold?

In a more complex environment, Hill would like to see police forces get involved as much as possible.

"Fixing is still endemic in Asia. When organisaations like Asian police forces have investigated in the past, then there have been arrests and convictions," he said.

Leagues, governing bodies and police forces around the world need to work together.

"Match fixing is an international issue," said Krannich.

"At Sportradar, we are an alerting and investigation system, but we are not the police. If the authorities are not taking action, we can detect as much as we want, but nothing will happen.

"It is a global threat."

FEATURE

REVEALED

# THE FACE OF PHARAOH AMENHOTEP I

**THE MUMMY** of Pharaoh Amenhotep I was discovered in 1881 but has only now been "unwrapped" digitally, revealing his good teeth and amulets for the afterlife.

140 years ago, archaeologists discovered the mummy of Pharaoh Amenhotep I together with other well-preserved corpses in Deir el-Bahari in southern Egypt. Because of the intact facial mask and wrappings, they decided to keep the pharaoh's mummy without further intervention or examination.

In the 1930s, a couple of x-rays were made of Amenhotep, but now, radiologist Sahar Saleem of the University of Cairo and archaeologist Zahi Hawass have learned more about the ancient Egyptian pharaoh through computer tomography, and discovered many details about his body. "He was 1.69 meters tall, circumcized and had good teeth," Saleem said.

He did not suffer from any fatal disease or injury and researchers estimated his age to be 35 years. They attribute the fact that he was so well-preserved to a group of Amun high priests. Around 1100 BC, they removed the damaged mummy together with other sarcophagi from their original crypts and hid them in another place to keep them safe from grave robbers.

### Restored after 3,000 years

Thieves plundering graves often looked for ornaments and amulets. They did not handle the mummies delicately and often left badly damaged relics. Scientists Saleem and Hawass found postmortem injuries in Amenhotep's corpse. During the pharaoh's embalming, all the organs except the heart and brain were removed and replaced with amulets.

Saleem told the media that scientists could show that the high priests had "lovingly restored" the mummy to its old glory with jewels and amulets after grave robbers had injured the corpse. The 30 amulets that were supposed to protect the pharaoh in the afterlife are still well preserved, including the heart amulet and two pieces of jewelry placed in the abdomen. The amulets show motives such as the eye of Horus, scarabs, and snake heads.

Also preserved is a necklace of 34 golden beads that the dead pharaoh wore looped across his lower back.

### A peaceful pharaoh

Amenhotep I ascended the throne in the year 1525 BCE. This marked the beginning of a period of prosperity for Egypt, which had long been shaken by wars. Smaller campaigns in the border region had survived, but above all the army served to keep segments of the population — especially in Nubia — quiet. Amenhotep I used his peaceful reign to build new temples, including one in Karnak, close to Luxor.

The young king initially reigned by his father's side, but was soon joined by his mother, Ahmose Nefertari, who served as the pharaoh's regent. Later, Amenhotep married one of his six sisters, but his mother and he were worshipped as patron deities for over 800 years. The emperor died in 1504 BCE.

The pharaoh had already made a magnificent public appearance earlier this year. In April, he was carried through the streets of Cairo in a festive procession with 21 other mummies in gilded carriages specially made for the parade. The 18 pharaohs and four queens, including Amenhotep's mother had been kept in the Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square in Cairo for more than a century. Their future home is the newly-constructed National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in the south of Cairo. -DW

ROUND-UP

# BankDhofar wins 'Excellence in Priority Banking Services' award

BankDhofar is providing a world-class experience to the customers through Al Riadah Priority Banking Services

**MUSCAT:** BankDhofar has recently won the 'Excellence in Priority Banking Services' award, at the Red-Carpet Signature Luxury 100 event. The award recognises BankDhofar's Al Riadah Priority Banking Services for its exceptional services, products and financial solutions.

The high-profile event was attended by a number of dignitaries and corporate leaders, where the distinguished brands were recognised for their excellence.

BankDhofar has been providing a world-class experience to the customers through Al Riadah Priority Banking Services.

On receiving the award, Hani Habib Macki, AGM & Head of Priority Banking at BankDhofar, noted, "We are proud to have been recognized with this prestigious award, which is a testament of our ongoing efforts to provide a top-notch banking experience to our Al Riadah customers. At BankDhofar, we have designed services, products and financial solutions that cater to the needs of our priority customers and exceed their expectations."

Al Riadah Priority Banking provides a unique range of banking products and services that are tailored to suit the unique lifestyle of priority customers, ranging from personalised cheque book, exclusive Al Riadah card, including; Visa Infinite Debit Card, Visa Signature Debit Card, Visa Infinite Credit Card, and MasterCard Platinum Credit Card. Customers can enjoy exceptional times at restaurants, shops, as well as procurement protection, extended warranty, access to airport lounges around the world, travel insurance for cardholders and their families, in addition to other exclusive services. BankDhofar has tailor-made financing solutions to meet the needs of its priority banking customers with low insurance fees and simple and fast procedures. The bank also provides deposit accounts at competitive interest rates and low insurance fees. Al Riadah customers may benefit from the distinct monthly interest rate of the Savings Account, and get the chance to win in the special draws for the Al Riadah segment.

With Rewards Programme, which is an exclusive and comprehensive loyalty programme, credit card holders, may enjoy a variety of privileges and benefits. Reward points can be viewed through BankDhofar's flagship Mobile Banking Application.

The app enables customers to conduct their banking transactions at their convenience 24/7. The award-winning App offers a wide range of exclusive services including; credit card Top-up for secured payment during travel, instant transfer to any bank in the Sultanate, cardless cash, mobile top-up for all telecom providers in the Sultanate, increasing withdrawal limit to OMR 5,000, instant international money transfer service with Western Union, among other services.

BankDhofar has dedicated Al Riadah counters in most BankDhofar branches and established specialised Al Riadah centres that provide a private and unique experience in Muscat (Muscat Grand Mall, Mall of Muscat, and Royal Opera House), Batinah - North (Sohar), and Dhofar (Salalah).

UNIQUE OFFERS

# Alizz Islamic Bank signs agreement with Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah

**MUSCAT:** Alizz Islamic Bank has signed an exclusive cooperation agreement with Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah, Muscat featuring a variety of unique offers and special benefits, designed for female customers of the female banking segment 'Hiyya'.

The agreement was signed by Mohammed Al Ghassani, Chief Consumer Banking Officer, Alizz Islamic Bank and Rene D.Egle, Area General Manager of Shangri-La Resorts in Muscat in the presence of a number of senior management members from both sides.

Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah, Muscat is offering the first 50 women with 'Hiyya' Titanium Debit cards 50 complimentary vouchers for a one night stay with bed and breakfast in Al Bandar for two adults.

If the cardholder wishes to extend the stay for an additional night, they will get 20 per cent discount on the best available rate in addition to 20 per cent discount on food & beverage during the stay and 20% discount on treatments and massages (exclusively for women only) at Chi, The Spa during the stay.

Hiyya cardholders can also book a deluxe room in (Al Bandar or Al Husn), for two nights where they can get the second night with 50 per cent discount on the best available rate. The offer comes with a 20 per cent discount on food and beverage during the stay and 20 per cent discount on treatments and massages (exclusively for women only) at Chi, The Spa.

Alizz Islamic Bank's Hiyya cardholders can also book a 60-minute massage (exclusively for women only) and enjoy an instant upgrade to a 90-minute massage on selected spa treatments. Prior reservation is required on all the offers, and it will be subject to availability at the time of booking and discounts are only applicable by using a Hiyya Card.

'Hiyya' is designed to meet all the investment, health and financial needs of female customers and will provide customers with a tier-based savings account to enhance their profits. The Sharia-compliant account is based on the principle of Mudaraba where you will be Rabb–ul mal, and the Bank will be the Mudarib. Your funds will be invested in the common pool along with the other Mudaraba-based accounts. The generated profit will be shared between you and the bank according to a profit-sharing ratio specified earlier.

Profits will be shared between customers and the bank according to the previously agreed distribution ratios. Instant debit cards will be offered with exclusive benefits to ensure an open platform for women to enjoy a host of discounts and special offers at spas, beauty salons and beauty products while availing deals from health clubs, fitness centres and perfume stores. Exclusive stores and branded outlets for clothing and accessories, home décor, restaurants and flower shops are all pegged onto the account, which also includes priority express service at all Alizz Islamic Bank branches.

Women who opt for the Hiyya account will also get free Takaful insurance services -this is designed specifically for women, as it covers some of the most common cancers that affect women and will also include insurance cover to obtain a second medical opinion.

Additionally, it will also cover insurance on hand luggage and travel, the Takaful insurance provision also assures compensation for the loss of hand luggage while travelling anywhere in the world. It will also provide compensation for the loss of personal documents or keys on account of the loss of handbag; the onus will be on the insurance company to reimburse the customer for the expense incurred in obtaining new personal documents/keys.

The only condition for availing the Takaful insurance scheme, which has some of the best offers to meet all health needs of women and add value to their lifestyles, is that the woman must not be less than 18 years old and not more than 65 years old and that she be of Omani nationality or have a valid Omani residency visa.

Recently, Alizz Islamic Bank had held a ceremony to launch the 'Hiyya' card at Shangri La Barr Al Jissah, Muscat under the auspices of Asila Al Samsami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Investment Promotion for Investment Promotion and in the presence of Sulaiman Al Harthi, CEO of Alizz Islamic Bank and this was the start of a blossoming exclusive partnership between both entities.

SEVEN-DAY CAMPAIGN

# Qatar Airways launches Global Sales campaign in celebration of its 25th anniversary

**DOHA:** Qatar Airways celebrates its 25th anniversary by launching a Global Sales campaign for passengers in Oman, offering great savings of up to 25 per cent on flight tickets. This is in addition to special savings on seat selection, extra baggage allowance, hotel bookings and car rental, for a seven-day campaign starting from January 4, 2022.

Passengers joining the airline's award-winning loyalty programme, Privilege Club, using the enrolment promo code FLYQR22, will instantly earn an additional 2,500 bonus Qmiles in celebration of Qatar Airways 25th Anniversary.

Travellers can experience Qatar Airways' award-winning services and utilise the special promotion with guaranteed flexibility* on Business and Economy Class with savings of up to 25%* on an expanding network of more than 140 destinations across Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas.

The Global Sale 25th Anniversary Campaign is valid on all Qatar Airways flights for travel until 31 October 2022 To take advantage of this offer, passengers must book on qatarairways.com/25Years or visit any local Qatar Airways sales office or visit their preferred travel agents.

Qatar Airways marks its 25th Anniversary and celebrates its achievements by offering passengers around the world great savings on their next travel. The award-winning airline was established in 1997 by his Highness The Father Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, who outlined a vision to turn Qatar Airways into a leading international carrier with the highest standards of service and excellence. Since then, Qatar Airways has earned many awards and accolades and was recently announced as the 'Airline of the Year' by the international air transport rating organisation, Skytrax, for the sixth time.

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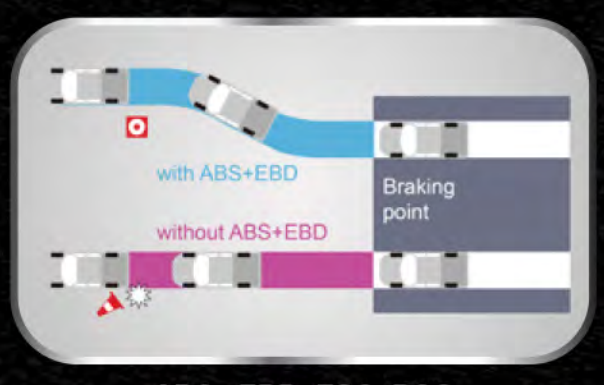

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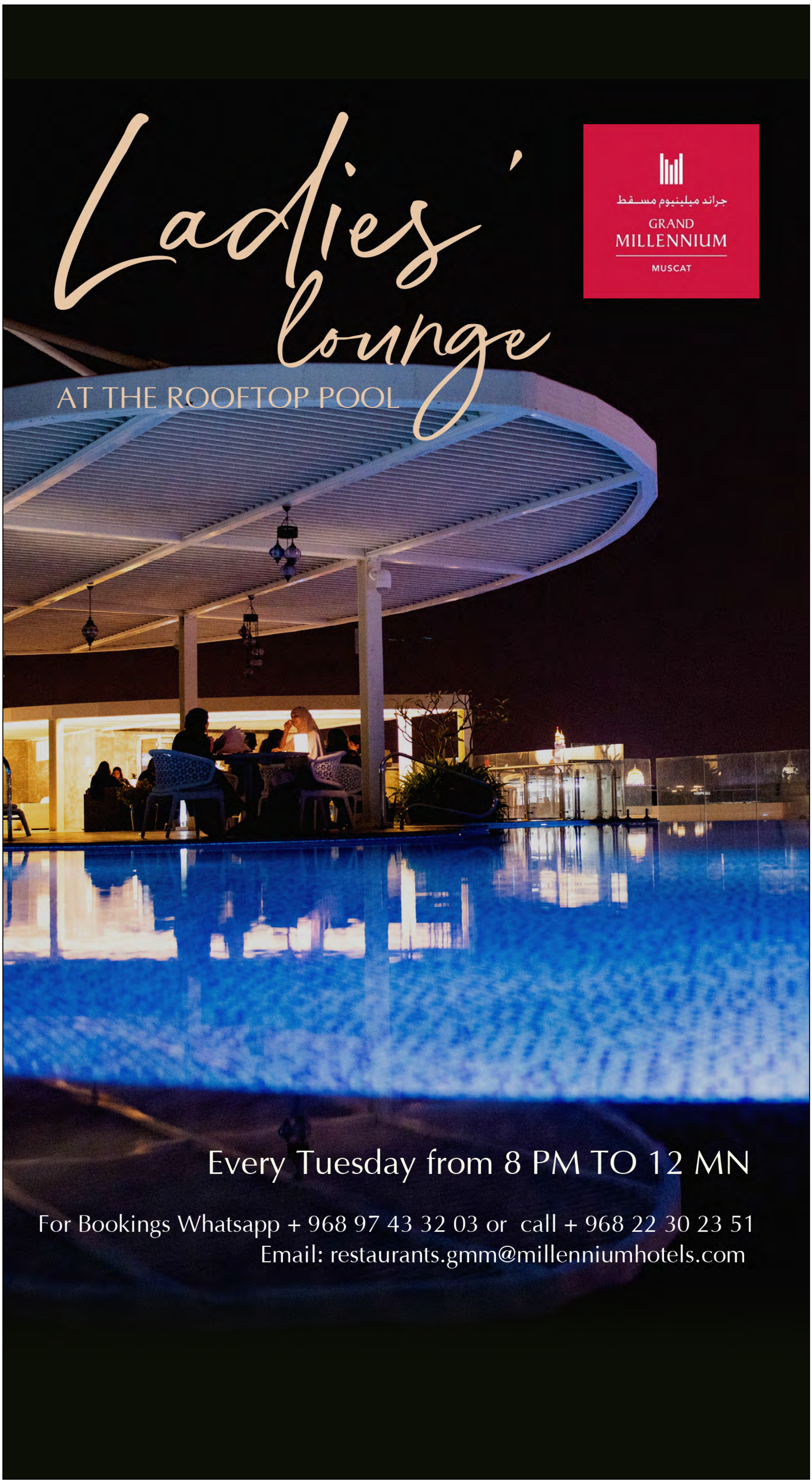
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